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"Public and Private Partners Working Together to Protect People, Homes, and Natural Resources"

Board Meeting Minutes-FINAL

January 19, 2022

9:30 am to 11:30 Business Meeting

Diamond Springs / El Dorado Firefighters Association Memorial Hall

3734 China Garden Road, Diamond Springs

1. **Meeting Call to Order:** 9:32 a.m.

2. **Roll Call: Sign In**

Pimlott, Council, Pullin, Dwyer, Lory, Willis, Zelinsky attending in person. Atencio, Brown, K Campbell, Connelly, Hawk, Johnston, Kruse, Payne and Wirt attending via ZOOM. Julian excused.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Pledge led by Council

4. **Approval of Agenda:** 01/19/2022 **Board Action Item**

Motion by Zelinsky to approve agenda moving Item 12(a) before Item 10 and to include Items 12(b) and 12(c) with Item 8(c). Second by Pullin. Motion carried.

- Zelinsky asked to have a discussion about the non-partisan endorsement policy added to next month's agenda.

5. **Consent Agenda:** 11/17/2021 Board Meeting Minutes **Board Action Item**

Motion by Council to approve consent agenda. Second by Lory. Motion carried.

6. **Public Comment** – *Time limit is 3 minutes per person.*

- Lory: lessons learned by GF FSC from the Caldor Fire-Almer was contacted by USFS and asked for GIS maps for Grizzly Flat roads and he referred them to EDC, Pioneer Fire District wanted aerial maps which Almer gave them, other FSCs should consider having these resources available to them
- Wirt: received requests during Caldor Fire from agencies looking for water sources: i.e. pools, ponds, hydrants
- Lubetkin: EDCFSC should consider having EDC GIS department provide presentation on how to get this type of information and how share it
- Dwyer: Logtown FSC had a sandbox exercise many years ago which was very valuable, brought to light the need for additional information
- Almos-EDSO OES: individual councils should contact their local fire districts as they are working on pre-attack plans as well as CAL FIRE, FSCs should be a part of the pre-attack process

7. **Community Council Reports**

- Zelinsky: having educational outreach program on March 19th from 10:00-3:00 at Placerville Town Hall, will have CAL FIRE, city police, fire department, etc., city police is pulling together maps and plans to divide city into four quadrants, hope to create four Firewise Communities
- Barenson: Aukum-Fairplay FSC have been holding meetings via ZOOM, will start holding hybrid meeting tonight, received their 2022 Firewise certificate
- Lubetkin: Oak Hill Area FSC is working to schedule a community clean-up day on March 12th at the Oak Hill fire station
- Payne: would be happy to help other FSCs with working through grant process
- Martin: send any meeting/event dates and she will put them on the EDCFSC website Events Calendar
- Wirt: looking for help getting grants-will connect with Payne, holding hybrid meetings

- Ball: Strawberry FSC has a community meeting planned for May, needs help finding a speaker for home hardening-will connect her with H Campbell
- Dwyer: Logtown FSC received 2022 Firewise certificate, will be meeting tomorrow, E-Board will be working on agenda and schedule for year, planning community clean-up day in May and hot dog social in October, all other months will have a speaker for their second Saturday meetings
- Hawk: Gold Ridge Forest FSC received 2022 Firewise certificate
- Council: Texas Hill Estates FSC received 2022 Firewise certificate, scheduled to start roadside clearance work in March
- Parlin: the Wildfire Resiliency group that BOS put together in the fall is due to report in March

8. Information Items:

a. Chairman's Report & Communication:

- No report

b. Vice Chair Report

- Meeting hall is still a work in progress, now have microphones for audience and high speed internet, planning on adding cameras and monitors
- EDC Fire Safe Coordinator position description is ready to go, waiting for BOS's ok, Egbert is ready to house Coordinator
- State Fire Marshall has a list of approved WUI products on its website, will add a link to EDCFSC website
- Met with Aurora Mullett, insurance broker, and she has agreed to start attending the EDCFSC meetings to be available to answer questions and give updates on insurance issues

c. Secretary Report:

- The insurance company charges a per event fee, current coverage includes 10 events at \$500,
- Need to be clear on event insurance applications as to if contractors are doing work (chain sawing, chipping, moving dumpsters, etc.) or if volunteers are doing the work, if volunteers are doing this kind of work request must be pre-approved by E-Board due to additional liability and cost
- There was a FSC that did a Go Fund Me fundraiser without pre-approval which may affect our non-profit status and reporting requirements, if an individual does a Go Fund Me donations are considered a gift, if a non-profit does one there may be liability, will bring back to Board when a resolution is reached
- Johnston: is familiar with reporting requirements for non-profits and will connect with Pullin

d. Treasurers Report: Maureen **Board Action Item** – Pimlott

- Full report was included in board packet
- Over budget in IT and computer supplies which is directly related to upgrading the meeting hall, all overages were approved by the E-Board
- Received CAL FIRE chipping grant advance of \$150,000 and \$5,000 for DS program
- Accountant is still working on taxes, hope to have them soon for the Finance Committee to review
- Zelinsky: appreciates expanded financial reports

Motion by Zelinsky to accept Treasurer's Report. Second by Lory. Motion carried.

e. Partners Reports:

1. Chiefs Meeting – ~~Mike Lilienthal~~ Phillips

- Chiefs will be meeting today, Tim Cordero, EDC Fire is chair
- Scheduled to discuss proposed regulatory changes at local level for campfires in March
- Chiefs and FPO are working on Rural Water Supply and Draft Hydrant standard update
- CAL OES announced a new grant called Prep California, \$15 million available state-wide, up to \$1 million per application for planning for preparedness, not eligible for CWPP or equipment purchases, due February 28th

2. FPO Meeting – Ron Phillips

- Marshall Cox will continue as chair
- Recommended to Chiefs that new developments be required to provide WUI fire safe plan and to develop a standard
- Payne: urgency rebuild permits are requiring fire sprinklers, this is difficult for rural areas with little water supply, Phillips: homeowners can use pressure tanks or water storage tanks
- Title 14 fire regulations updates are still under review, public comments closed yesterday, next step is public hearing

- Zelinsky: EDC Chamber of Commerce is concerned about road access regulations for agricultural or industrial uses for existing businesses, Phillips: no update needed for existing use, new construction will have to meet new standards
3. CAL FIRE – Patrick McDaniel
 - Send him scope of work and map for current grant cycle and he will forward to field battalions for comments to help with application, need soon-by end of week
 4. ENF Updates – Teresa Riesenhuber
 - No report
 5. BLM – ~~Jason Schroeder~~ Lee Helgeson
 - Still working with Georgetown FSC on Shoo Fly area project,
 - Working with Bureau of Reclamation to partner for a management plan for land on EDC/Placer County border
 - Not anticipating much prescribed burning in EDC this year, maybe some in Pine Hill Reserve near Salmon Falls Road
 - Can be reached at dhelgeson@blm.gov (yes, his email is Dhelgeson not Lhelgeson)
 - Lubetkin: EDC Resource Advisor Committee has grant coming up for money to use on federal lands
 - Parlin: working with partners on grazing project
 - Connelly: Auburn Lake Trails FSC has been meeting with Bureau of Reclamation to maintain shaded fuel break
 - Johnston: BLM has defensible space permissions to allow for neighboring properties to treat federal lands
 6. EDC Vegetation Management – Juliet Barwis/Kristine Oase-Guth
 - Nothing to report
 7. RCD – Mark Egbert
 - No report
 8. SMUD – Eric Brown
 - No report
 9. PG&E – Mike Webb
 - New CEO started last January, has reorganized company for better responsiveness
 - EOC is relocated weekly
 - Established three incident management teams
 - New risk model monitors all activity
 - New stand by CEO “will stop catastrophic wildfires”
 - New stand by CEO “everyone and everything will be safe”
 - Taking action with system hardening projects, enhanced vegetation management, enhanced power line safety settings
 - Starting work on project in Cool
 - Working on remote grid for rural customers, hope to have 250 in place in the next ten years
 - Report It app allows for downloading photos
 - Set up notifications in app, don’t need to be a PG&E customer to use
 - New cameras in north end of county in partnership with CAL FIRE
 - Can be contacted at mike.webb@pge.com
 - Payne: Diamond Springs parkway project is an underground district
 - Zelinsky: what is the difference between a remote grid and a micro grid? a remote grid is free standing, a micro grid is generated during PSPS
 10. Tribal Fire-Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians – John Tayabe
 - Has resources available and wants to help in the community, he can be reached at 530-417-6973

9. Old Business

None

10. New Business

- a. Grant Fiscal Sponsor Resolutions Board Action Item
 1. Resolution 2022-01: EDCFSC - Residential Hazard Tree Removal
Motion by Dwyer to approve Resolution 2022-01. Second by Zelinsky. Ayes-15, Noes-0, Abstain-0 Motion carried.
 2. Resolution 2022-02: Oak Hill FSC - South El Dorado Co. Fuel Reduction
Motion by Dwyer to approve Resolution 2022-02. Second by Zelinsky. Ayes-15, Noes-0, Abstain-0 Motion carried.
 3. Resolution 2022-03: Gallagher LOA FSC - GRLA Hazardous Fuels Reduction
Motion by Dwyer to approve Resolution 2023-01. Second by Zelinsky. Ayes-15, Noes-0, Abstain-0 Motion carried.
 4. Resolution 2022-04: Coloma-Lotus FSC - Fuel Reduction for Critical Roads
Motion by Dwyer to approve Resolution 2024-01. Second by Zelinsky. Ayes-15, Noes-0, Abstain-0 Motion carried.
 5. Resolution 2022-05: Grizzly Flat FSC - Caldor GF Recovery Phase 1
Motion by Dwyer to approve Resolution 2022-05. Second by Zelinsky. Ayes-15, Noes-0, Abstain-0 Motion carried.
 6. Resolution 2022-06: Georgetown Divide FSC - Georgetown Marshall Road Fuels Reduction Project
Motion by Dwyer to approve Resolution 2022-06. Second by Zelinsky. Ayes-15, Noes-0, Abstain-0 Motion carried.
- b. Bylaws Amendment
 - Any amendment to the bylaws requires 30 day notice before voting on change
 - Current bylaws allow for no less than five with a maximum of 21 directors
 - Proposed change will be for no less than five and a maximum as determined by the Board of Directors
 - Will bring back for a vote next month
 - E-Board will be working on full examination of the bylaws and will bring back updates as needed

11. Program Reports

- a. Chipping – Pat/Jodi
 - Up and running
 - Contractors are responsive, only delays have been due to weather and power outages
- b. Defensible Space – Ernie/Jodi
 - Looking at opening program to applications in March and starting evaluations in April
 - Considering hiring contractor to do evaluations
 - Mainly funded by \$100,000 PG&E grant through CA FSC, funding runs until the end of October, calling it 100 Safer Seniors
 - Question as to if individual councils need additional insurance to do one-on-one evaluations, will have Pullin check with insurance agent

12. Committee Reports

- a. Grants & Funding – Pat
 - 15 grants currently on the books, nearly \$4 million dollars
 - Four are coming to the end of the grant period and will need to be closed out: Weber Creek, old chipping grant, CWPP and Patterson Ranch
 - Grants Committee has met and has six proposals for EDCFSC to be fiscal sponsor, Auburn Lake Trails FSC and Placerville/Texas Hill Estates FSCs will be applying with other fiscal sponsors
 - Strawberry FSC will use EDCFSC start-up monies for initial outreach
 - Looking a community clean-up grant from PG&E for next year
 - Discussion on road clearance guidelines, would like to use PG&E guidelines and remove potential hazards even if they are not directly in the right of way
 - Wildfire is the single biggest threat to the county but EDC does not have a single point of contact for addressing this

- Parlin: agrees that there needs to be a single point of contact at EDC, hopes that the Wildfire Resiliency group will take this role
 - Schnell: EDC doesn't qualify for FEMA grant due to the government combining census area
- b. Governance Committee – Karen
 - No report
 - c. New Council Formation & Orientation – Karen
 - Nothing new
 - d. Community Outreach & Public Speaking – Heather
 - No report
 - e. Defensible Space – Ernie
 - Covered under Item 11 (b)
 - f. Marketing & Communications – Open.
 - No report

13. Project Reports

- a. Countywide CWPP – Pat
 - Will close grant before it is approved by BOS
 - Received all responses back, finalizing report
 - Hope to be on BOS agenda in February
- b. USFS SOFAR Project – ~~Heather~~ Zelinsky
 - Efforts going into biomass
 - Looking at reforestation project in Caldor Fire area
- c. USFS SOFAR Project Chili Bar – Tamara
 - Moving along on scoping of BLM grant in Kelsey area
 - Will be applying for CAL FIRE forest health grant
 - Adding planning money for Garden Valley project
- d. EDC Resource Advisory Committee Mtg WRAP (Wildfire Risk Reduction and Asset Protection Project) – Lubetkin
 - Legislation and authorization for funds was recently approved
 - Will be working on upcoming grant for federal lands within EDC
 - Zelinsky takes notes at these meetings and forwards them to the E-Board
- e. EDC Biomass Working Group – Kris Payne
 - EDC had talked about hiring an individual to coordinate biomass efforts
 - Biomass is being discussed by many different committees/groups/organizations

14. Good of the Order

- a. Next EDCFSC Board Meeting – February 16, 2022
 - Will continue with hybrid meetings
 - Dwyer had hoped to be able to have a hybrid meeting today with the Grants Committee but will have to reschedule

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.