



# El Dorado County Fire Safe Council

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

## Board Meeting Minutes

March 16, 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 9:34

### 2. Roll Call: Sign In

K. Campbell, Council, Dwyer, Gilchrest, Julian, Lory, Payne, Pimlott, Pullin, Willis and Zelinsky attending in person. Atencio, H. Campbell, Connelly, Hawk, and Johnston attending via ZOOM.

### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge led by Council

### 4. Approval of Agenda: 03/16/2022 Board Action Item

*Agenda approved without opposition.*

### 5. Consent Agenda: 02/16/2022 Board Meeting Minutes Board Action Item

*Agenda approved without opposition amending the time of the Placerville FSC event on March 19<sup>th</sup> to 10:00-3:00.*

### 6. Special Presentation:

El Dorado County Wildfire Resiliency and Vegetation Management Working Group

- BOS was commissioned by BOS on September 21, 2021
- County has applied for OES grant for \$10.2 million with a \$3.3 million match
- BOS wants to have a program at CAO level to bring together partners
- Workgroup will present proposal to BOS on March 22 at 2:00 to form Office of Wildfire Resilience
- Long-term goal is to build a wildfire plan for El Dorado County

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

- None

### 8. Community Council Reports

- Zelinsky: Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> Placerville FSC will be hosting Wildfire Awareness event at town hall
- Payne: Sierra Nevada Conservancy and Sierra Institute held a joint summit last week, SNC website may have transcript or recording of meeting
- Hawk: Gold Ridge Forest FSC, Sierra Springs Regional FSC, and Pollock Pines-Camino FSC will be having a joint meeting with presentation from USFS, tentative dates April 30<sup>th</sup> or May 1<sup>st</sup>, will send out invite when date is finalized, all are welcome
- Barentson: Aukum Fairplay FSC held first volunteer fuel reduction project last weekend, cleared between Pioneer elementary and middle schools, had two arborists helping with removal, chipping and hauling of trees
- Lubetkin: Oak Hill Area FSC had first community event last weekend, hope to have examples of what they did and activities to share at April EDCFSC board meeting
- Dwyer: Logtown FSC has begun monthly meetings, February had presentation by OES on evacuations, March meeting will focus on defensible space and home hardening

## 9. Information Items:

- a. Chairman's Report & Communication:
  - No report
- b. Vice Chair Report
  - Received four applications for Executive Coordinator position, will be sent to group to evaluate tomorrow, will meet as a group next Tuesday to evaluate
  - Will be attending FPO meeting tomorrow
  - Will be attending Placerville FSC event on Saturday and share a table with RCD
  - Received a request from the Greenstone area for information on forming a FSC
  - Almost done with technology update to meeting hall, any comments or suggestions are welcome
- c. Secretary Report:
  - Reminder that insurance is renewed in June
  - Will be reaching out to all councils in April to annual renewal documents, will need all documents returned by end of June
- d. Treasurer's Report: Maureen **Board Action Item**
  - Will send out QuickBooks report this evening
  - Nothing of note

*Treasurer's report approved without opposition.*
- e. Partners Reports:
  - Parlin: looking forward to Wildfire group's meeting
  - 1. BLM – Jason Schroeder
    - No report
  - 2. CAL FIRE – Steve DeBenedet
    - DeBenedet is Acting Unit Forester for AEU
    - Grant applications are being reviewed
  - 3. EDC Fire Chiefs Meeting – ~~Mike Lilienthal~~ Cordero
    - Had presentation from Wildfire Resiliency group last week
    - EDCFSC will bring final version of CWPP to distribute at next meeting
  - 4. EDC FPO Meeting – Ron Phillips
    - County general plan has safety element which includes fire safety, FPOs are reviewing proposed changes
    - Board of Forestry Title 14 regulations update is stalled
    - State Department of Insurance proposed rulemaking effort to establish wildfire mitigation plan for risk modeling
    - BOS authorized agreement with EDH Fire to do DS inspections on counties behalf, will be focusing on Union Mine Road area-approximately 150 parcels and Rescue area-approximately 350 parcels, will also be doing complaint investigations
    - Will be hosting two county-wide workshops for homeowners to prepare for inspections
  - 5. EDC Vegetation Management – Juliet Barwis
    - No report
  - 6. ENF Updates – Teresa Riesenhuber
    - Riesenhuber will be retiring soon
    - No report
  - 7. RCD – Mark Egbert
    - No report
  - 8. SMUD – Eric Brown
    - No report
  - 9. PG&E – Mike Webb
    - Presentation on Enhanced Powerline Safety Settings
  - 10. EDSO – Lt Morton
    - No report

## 10. Old Business

- a. Title III Projects Update – Ken Pimlott
  - Deadline is Friday March 18<sup>th</sup>, let Pimlott know if extra time is needed

## 11. New Business

- a. Elections
  - Next month will be formalizing nomination committee
  - Will have several vacancies on E-Board, Treasurer and Secretary for sure
  - Jim Stewart, Parliamentarian, resigned as of yesterday, Willis will fill roll until elections in June  
*Motion by Zelinsky to approve the appointment of Willis to the position of Parliamentarian. Second by Payne. Motion carried.*
- b. Bylaws Update
  - Zelinsky will be reviewing bylaws for any needed changes/clean-up

## 12. Program Reports

- a. Chipping – Jodi
  - 59 jobs done in January
  - 73 jobs done in February
  - RDS is having second neighborhood chipping day on March 28<sup>th</sup>
  - REE is having neighborhood chipping day on April 6<sup>th</sup>
- b. Defensible Space - Ernie
  - Will be opening program up for new applications tomorrow
  - Will be accepting 120 applications
  - Will be hiring evaluators to do evaluations
  - Work must be completed by end of October

## 13. Project Reports

- a. Countywide CWPP – Pat
  - Received three hard copies
  - Will give digital copies to fire chiefs
  - Working through approvals with partners
- b. USFS SOFAR Project – Heather
  - No report
- c. USFS SOFAR Project Chili Bar – Tamara
  - Applied for a \$5 million forest health grant for work in Kelsey area and pre-work Garden Valley
- d. Other: EDC Resource Advisory Committee Mtg WRAP (Wildfire Risk Reduction and Asset Protection Project)
  - Over \$100,000 available, will be looking at projects to fund soon
  - Have one vacancy on committee
- e. County Biomass Working Group – Kris Payne
  - County hired point person to represent County

## 14. Committee Reports

- a. Community Outreach & Public Speaking – Heather
  - Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> will be first educational presentation, will be held at Diamond Springs hall from 10:00-12:00, will have a master gardener and landscape architect
- b. Defensible Space – Ernie
  - Covered under 12(b)
- c. Governance Committee – Karen
  - Covered under 9(c)
- d. New Council Formation & Orientation – Karen
  - Received request from Greenstone community for assistance in forming FSC
- e. Grants & Funding (Opportunities) – Pat
  - RCD agreement with Stevens Authority is waiting for signature then will be good to go on Gold Ridge Forest portion of work
- f. Marketing & Communications – Open.

**15. Good of the Order**

- a. Next EDCFSC Board Meeting – April 20, 2022

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.