



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

April 20, 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 9:33 a.m.**
2. **Roll Call: Sign In**
Pimlott, Council, Julian, Pullin, H. Campbell, Dwyer, Lory, Payne, Willis and Zelinsky attending in person. Atencio, Connelly, Hawk, Johnston and Kruse attending via ZOOM.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
Pledge led by Council
4. **Approval of Agenda: 04/20/2022 Board Action Item**
Agenda approved without opposition.
5. **Consent Agenda: 03/16/2022 Board Meeting Minutes Board Action Item**
Agenda approved without opposition.
6. **Public Comment – Time limit is 3 minutes per person.**
 - Rozenoff: thank you from REE FSC to EDCFSC for funding Title III request, contractor is working today
7. **Community Council Reports**
 - H Campbell-Pollock Pines-Camino FSC: will be hosting an event in June, has used up all Title III funding, is asking for any extra Title III monies from other councils in the Pollock Pines/Camino area so she can have green waste dumpster at event, has partnered with Sierra Springs FSC for clearing
 - Payne-Patterson Ranch FSC: partnerships are critically important, especially for grant requests
 - Dwyer-Logtown FSC: had monthly meeting on April 9th, had presentation from BC Josh Vickers with CAL FIRE, will be having a wildfire preparedness and community clean-up day on May 14th, household trash dumpster, green waste dumpster, chipper, has invited PG&E, CAL FIRE, OES
 - Hawk-Gold Ridge Forest FSC: April 30th, 9:00 a.m. at the Pollock Pines-Camino Community Center will be having Fire Prevention & Preparedness meeting including presentations by USFS and Neighborhood Radio Watch
8. **Information Items:**
 - a. Chairman's Report & Communication:
 - Still have a number of Red Flag Warning banners, contact Jodi Martin if you would like one or two
 - b. Vice Chair Report
 - Is attending FPOs meetings
 - Attended CA FSC Fire Safe Coordinator meeting on Monday
 - County made an offer for the Coordinator position which was accepted, Hope to have Coordinator at next meeting
 - Will be holding a New Council Formation workshop on April 25th.

- c. Secretary Report:
 - All FSCs should have received email with renewal information, need returned by June 1st or can't insure them
- d. Treasurers Report: Maureen **Board Action Item**
 - Nothing noteworthy, will be coming in under budget
 - Will be working on new budge, will go to Finance Committee in May and Board to approve in June *Treasurer's report accepted without opposition.*
- e. Partners Reports:
 1. BLM – ~~Jason Schroeder~~ Lee Helgeson
 - Out of Motherlode field office, contact info: dhelgeson@blm.gov 916-597-6631
 - Infrastructure bill increased BLM funding but will not increase capacity (employees) and will be relying on contractors to do work
 - Also have new categorical exception for certain NEPA requirements
 - Zelinsky: BLM Folsom Lake Veterans Center: has no barracks, needs to be rectified, Helgeson reported that someone is spearheading a resolution
 - Dwyer: EDCFSC is using Good Neighbor Authority with USFS, will discuss possibility of doing so with BLM
 2. CAL FIRE – ~~Steve DeBenedet~~ Josh Vickers
 - New BC for AEU Highway 50 corridor
 - Would like to meet with each FSC
 - Gave update on staffing
 - AB38 inspections (done at time of home sale) are done by Prevention Bureau
 - Duprey-CAL FIRE: grant requests are at regional office for review, hope to have decisions in mid-May with execution in June, forest health grants will be done at a later date
 - Swart-CAL FIRE: very involved in a lot of upcoming events, does not have any flyers as there is no prevention specialist or storage
 3. EDC Fire Chiefs Meeting – Tim Cordero
 - Fire agencies have received CWPP
 - Will be meeting with Congressman McClintock to discuss HR 6903 which directs USFS to try to extinguish forest fires within 24 hours of ignition
 - Annual cooperators meeting next week
 4. EDC FPO Meeting – Ron Phillips
 - Will email out report
 5. EDC Vegetation Management – ~~Juliet Barwis~~ Ken Pimlott
 - Have identified community emphasis areas as Rescue and Union Mine Road in Diamond Springs
 - Still do not have any inspectors and have contracted with EDH Fire to do inspections
 6. ENF Updates – Teresa Riesenhuber
 - Retiring this Friday after 30 years
 - Submitted projects for Steven's Authority funds two years ago, some were funded and some were not, now looking at funding some of the projects that were not originally funded
 - Soliciting projects for FY 2023
 7. RCD – Mark Egbert
 - No report
 8. SMUD – Eric Brown
 - No report
 9. PG&E – Mike Webb
 - Presentation on PG&E Vegetation Management
 - Will send out presentation
 10. EDSO – ~~Lt. Morten~~ Sgt. Bare
 - No report

9. Old Business

- a. Title III Projects Update – Ken Pimlott
 - Approved 14 projects, one pending
 - Must have volunteers sign work/waiver forms
 - EDCFSC insurance includes a limited number of projects, before you do project you need to contact Pullin for event insurance, needs to be done well in advance of project date
- b. Bylaws Update – David Zelinsky
 - Reviewed bylaws, suggests getting rid of history addendum, everything else is as expected
 - Payne: suggests keeping amendment history to track when changes are made

10. New Business

- a. Elections/Nominating Committee – Hugh Council
 - Nominating committee currently has two members need one more, Zelinsky volunteered
 - E-Board positions: Treasurer, Secretary and Parliamentarian incumbents will not be running, all E-board positions are open for election, Pimlott and Council have offered to run again
 - Directors positions up for re-election: H. Campbell (would like to be Director at Large), K. Campbell, Payne, Atencio, Hawk, Pullin and Connelly
 - Affiliate Councils without directors can also run for a Director position
 - Anyone interested in running for Director and/or E-Board can contact any E-Board member, Pullin has application paperwork
- b. Addition of second Board Clerk position and Grant Administrative Support position discussion – Ken Pimlott
 - E-Board is working on job descriptions and avenues to hire additional support
 - Workload has increased and is too much for one part time clerk
 - Dwyer has been managing grant administrative duties, needs administrative support
 - Will bring back to full Board with recommendations
- c. CAL FIRE Defensible Space Evaluator Training – Ken Pimlott
 - Deadline to register is May 6th
 - Attendance is not limited to established FSCs

11. Program Reports

- a. Chipping – Jodi Martin
 - 94 jobs in March, includes 15 RDS
 - Dwyer: first three months of grant planned for 240 jobs, did 226, right on target
- b. Defensible Space – Ernie Lory
 - Closed to new applications
 - Started evaluations
 - EDCFSC E-Board contributed \$75,000 from Title III funds

12. Project Reports

- a. Countywide CWPP – Pat Dwyer
Resolution 2022-09 **Board Action Item**
Motion by Zelinsky to approve Resolution 2022-009 adopting CWPP. Second by Payne. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Abstain. Motion carried.
- b. Wildfire Resilience and Vegetation Management Working Group – Ken Pimlott
 - BOS formalized working group including staffing through CAO office
 - \$1.3 million grant recommendation with match was approved and County submitted application to OES, will focus on 1,800 acres in the Placerville area
- c. USFS SOFAR Project – ~~Heather Campbell~~ Zelinsky
 - Nothing new to report
- d. USFS SOFAR Project Chili Bar – Tamara Johnston
 - No report
- e. EDC Resource Advisory Committee Mtg WRAP (Wildfire Risk Reduction and Asset Protection Project)
 - Had presentation from organization that advocates for homeowners regarding insurance
 - Have funds to award, will be meeting in May
- f. County Biomass Working Group – Kris Payne
 - County representative made report at BOS, ad hoc committee was formed

13. Committee Reports

- a. Grants & Funding (Opportunities) – Pat Dwyer
 - Waiting for answers on nine active grant submissions
- b. Community Outreach & Public Speaking – Heather Campbell
 - Will work on attending EDC Fair
 - April 23rd, 10:00 a.m. at Diamond Springs Firefighter Hall will be DS presentation, will also be streaming via ZOOM
- c. Governance Committee – Karen Pullin
 - No reports
- d. New Council Formation & Orientation – Karen Pullin
 1. Wrights Lake/Dark Lake FSC Formation **Board Action Item**
 - This is the first time a FSC has been formed that is entirely on leased Forest Service land *Wrights Lake/Dark Lake FSC application accepted without opposition.*
- e. Marketing & Communications
 - No report
- f. Defensible Space
 - No report

14. Good of the Order

- a. Next EDCFSC Board Meeting – May 18, 2022

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.