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

Board Meeting Minutes

May 18, 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, Julian, Pullin, Atencio, K. Campbell, Dwyer, Lory, Payne, Willis and Zelinsky attending in person. Connelly, Hawk, Johnston, Kruse and Wirt attending via ZOOM.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Pledge led by Council

4. **Approval of Agenda: 05/18/2022 Board Action Item**

Agenda approved without opposition.

5. **Consent Agenda: 04/20/2022 Board Meeting Minutes Board Action Item**

Agenda approved without opposition.

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

- Andy Nevis: attending to check out ZOOM set up for other organizations, serves on county planning commission and encourages FSCs to get involved with projects in their areas
- Alan Carrozza: lives in Garden Valley, thank you to Tamara Johnston for her leadership, had a meeting in April and it was determined that Travis Creek Road is the designated evacuation route- road is not suitable it is overgrown and damaged shoulder reduced width to 10', has made requests to multiple EDC offices for help to revitalize road, is getting no help

7. **Community Council Reports**

- Dwyer-Logtown FSC: had successful Wildfire Preparedness Clean Up day last Saturday, had green waste dumpster, two trash bins, chipping and metal recycle bin, EDCFSC has pop-up tents and Go Bags and brochures available for events
- K. Campbell-Sierra Springs Regional FSC: SS2 project crew will be mobilized by the end of the week
- Payne-Patterson Ranch FSC: re Travis Creek Road mentioned during public comment, county does not recognize evacuation routes due to liability issues
- Barentson-Aukum-Fairplay FSC: will be using Title III funds for June 11th green waste day
- Ball-Strawberry FSC: appreciates all the support while starting Strawberry FSC, will have meeting on Saturday at 10:30, will have presentation by PP FSC on home hardening, Egbert, and Chief and Captain of EDC Fire will be attending
- Wirt-Omo Ranch FSC: working with SPI to renovate a large unused water tank, working on other grant submissions, collaborating with other FSCs for fundraising
- Hawk-Gold Ridge Forest FSC: thank you to Sgt Bare for his participation at June 6th evacuation resources meeting, will have dumpster event June 18th, June 26th will have FSC meeting at Gold Ridge Forest club house
- Connelly-Auburn Lake Trails FSC: starting DS evaluations on June 1st had three evaluators trained, June 7th will be evacuation presentation

- Kruse-Coloma-Lotus FSC: held officers meeting last night, planning for community meeting at Grange next week which will be a hybrid meeting, will be planning on how to spend donation funds
- Penn-Diamond Springs FSC: had four members attend DS evaluator training
- Kniveton-Wrights Lake-Dark Lake FSC: will have in-person DS presentation on June 4th
- Cornelison-Volcanoville FSC: received a \$132,000 grant for vegetation management on Volcanoville Road, updating address list and need ROE to reach out to homeowners to do road work, putting together a list of speakers for July 9th fire safety meeting, quite a bit of logging going on to make properties fire safe
- Cantelow-Oak Hill Area FSC: doesn't think 4291 goes far enough and is doing home visits with more suggestions for people that ask

8. Information Items:

- a. Chairman's Report & Communication:
 - Will start scheduling periodic presentations, large animal rescue will be first topic, scheduled for July meeting, will reduce agenda to allow for presentation
 - 4291 evaluator training: thanks to CAL FIRE, Council and Martin for work putting together training, trained a total of 73 people representing 14 FSCs and 6 partner organizations
- b. Vice Chair Report
 - Attended April FPO meeting, they are looking at new building and fire codes effective January 1, 2023
 - Attended April 23rd DS class put on by Alice Cantelow, was excellent
 - Attended April 25th workshop on how to become FSC
 - Attended May 4th webinar put on by Board of Forestry and Fire Protection about 5' clearance zone
 - Attended May 10th fair planning meeting for partners to coordinate booths, will meet again June 7th
 - Attended both May 11th and May 12th 4291 training, thank you CAL FIRE
 - Attended county fire safe coordinator meeting talked about wildfire protection program, hired new fire safe coordinator, Maia Davis
 - Will attend FPO meeting tomorrow
 - June 11th, 10:00-12:00 is fire resistant landscape class put on by Kit Veerkamp
 - Smoke Chaser event will be May 21st and 22nd at Amador County fairgrounds
- c. Secretary Report:
 - Everyone on board should have received draft ballots, election is in June
 - Has most council paperwork, still need 5-6 for ones that are having their elections in May
- d. Treasurers Report: Maureen **Board Action Item**
 - Moved to Item 10
- e. Partners Reports:
 1. BLM – ~~Jason Schroeder~~ Jerry Martinez
 - Martinez is Fire Management Officer for Motherlode Field Office among others, gmartin@blm.gov, 916-941-3108 but Jason Schroeder is main contact person
 - Fully staffed for the first time in a decade
 - Motherlode Unit covers 990 parcels over eight counties
 - Grants are open and has updated grant requirements/regulations
 - Fire restriction will probably go into place first of June
 - Folsom Lake veterans camp, working on housing, is a five-year plan, will not happen this year
 - Having a hard time filling positions
 2. CAL FIRE – Steve DeBenedet/Erin Duprey/Diana Swart
 - Working on VMPs, dependent on conditions and resources
 - CAL FIRE academy in Lone is hosting HFEO training, will be bringing in large equipment
 - Forest health grants were awarded, EDC did well, fire prevention grants still going through decision process, announcement will be in June
 - April 1st and May 1st fire prevention rules went into effect for industrial tools

3. EDC Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience – Juliet Barwis
 - Her position is Administrative Analyst, working with collaborators on county wildfire resilience plan
 - Clarifying scope of working group which is now Wildfire Preparedness and Resiliency advisory group
 - Submitted application for grant for work in Texas Hill area, awaiting decision
 - VM program has transitioned to this office out of EMS/Emergency Preparedness
 - EDH Fire is doing complaint reviews (20-30 month) and county emphasis area inspections
 - Hired Fire Safe Coordinator, Maia Davis, she is working through RCD
 - Phillips- EDH Fire hiring three more DS inspectors
4. EDC Fire Chiefs Association – ~~Tim Cordero~~ Phillips
5. EDC FPO Association – Ron Phillips
 - Looking at approving regulations for Fire Safe Plans for new developments which have to be approved by local fire departments and CAL FIRE, scheduled to go to Chiefs next week
 - CP and EDH Fire are working through their annual weed abatement inspections
6. ENF Updates – Nickie Johnny
 - No report
7. RCD – Mark Egbert
 - Moving forward with the Caldor community recovery program
 - Expecting to go out for construction contracts this week for GF and Sierra at Tahoe
 - Moving forward with Kelsey work
 - Crews on ground at Sierra Springs for work under Steven's Authority
 - Appreciates coordination with county for planning of strategic goals
 - Status of Steven's Authority agreement for three new projects: grantor requested additional project information and it should be sent to Forest Service
 - Received preliminary agreement for Placerville wildfire resilience plan
8. SMUD – Eric Brown
 - No Report
9. PG&E – Mike Webb
 - Will be implementing enhanced safety program
 - Working on generation procurement and installation for microgrids
 - Gave suggestions for notification apps to download, will send out list
10. EDSO – Sgt Bare
 - No report

9. Old Business

- a. Title III Projects Update – Ken Pimlott
 - Received 15 projects requests, have responded to all of them

10. New Business

- a. Elections/Nominating Committee – Hugh Council
 - Thanks to Pullin, Zelinsky and Willis for being on committee
 - Draft ballots were sent to board members
 - Can accept nominations from the floor for director or E-Board up until June meeting
- b. Updated Board Clerk duties
 - Martin will be moving, need to hire someone before she leaves
 - Sent out duties to board, using same model going through temporary agency, approx. \$40/hour, includes agency overhead

Treasurers Report: Maureen Board Action Item

- Expect \$150,000 left in operations at end of this FY (this all comes from fiscal sponsor fees)
- Expect to be able to fund operations for next two years, Budget Committee will discuss income projection for following years
- Lory: consider increasing outreach costs, E-Board will discuss possibility
- Will be requesting advance for chipping soon
- Presented draft budget

Draft budget and Treasurer's report approved without opposition.

- c. Addition of Grant Administrative Support position – Ken Pimlott **Board Action Item**
 - Dwyer has been doing all grant administration
 - Need a dedicated employee to handle admin duties, \$40/hour through temp agency includes agency overhead
 - New yearly estimate for both positions is \$63,000, currently have money to cover positions but future income is never certain

Moving forward with hiring for two administrative positions approved without opposition.

11. Program Reports

- a. Chipping – Jodi Martin
 - 60 jobs in April
 - Logtown FSC had chipping day on May 16th
- b. Defensible Space – Ernie Lory
 - 190 applications, 36 evaluations completed, 18 homes DS work completed
 - Evaluations ongoing
 - Over the last nine years with 11 different grantors the DS Assistance Program received over \$531,000 and will have completed approximately 620 jobs by the end of this year

12. Project Reports

- a. Wildfire Resilience and Vegetation Management Working Group – Ken Pimlott
 - Covered Item 8(a)(3)
- b. USFS SOFAR Project – ~~Heather Campbell~~ Zelinsky
 - Pimlott will be sitting on committee
 - Discussed water resiliency
 - Have buildings that will be able to run on biomass fuels
- c. USFS SOFAR Project Chili Bar – ~~Tamara Johnston~~
 - No report
- d. EDC Resource Advisory Committee Mtg WRAP (Wildfire Risk Reduction and Asset Protection Project)
 - Voted to approve \$138,000 in new projects
 - Hazard tree removal associated with Caldor Fire in Sierra Pines area was one project approved
- e. County Biomass Working Group – Kris Payne
 - Have identified potential biomass sites
 - Met with State Representative McClintock on a different subject but McClintock said he is working on supporting EDC and specifically Camino

13. Committee Reports

- a. Grants & Funding (Opportunities) – Pat Dwyer
 - Seven grants currently in works totaling about \$3 million
 - Eight grant submissions waiting for decisions
 - Four grants approved and finalizing paperwork
 - One grant being prepared to submit
- b. Community Outreach & Public Speaking –Alice Cantelow
 - Fair coming up: thanks to H. Campbell for help
 - Need volunteers for booth, hoping that individual FSCs will take spots, still working on time commitments, booth will be open from 12:00-6:00
 - Kit Veerkamp will be holding meeting on June 11 with additional ideas for DS evaluators
- c. Governance Committee – Karen Pullin
 - No report
- d. New Council Formation & Orientation – Karen Pullin
 1. Camino FSC Formation **Board Action Item**
 - Introduced Dorothy Fine from Camino FSC

Motion by Payne to accept Camino FSC. Second by Pullin. Motion carried.
- e. Marketing & Communications
 - No report
- f. Defensible Space
 - No report

14. Good of the Order

a. Next EDCFSC Board Meeting – June 15, 2022

- Hawk: CAL FIRE is still working on process for AB38 implementation, would like to form a working group to look into assisting those without transportation during evacuations
- Jerry Martinez: BLM rolled out DS program that allows homeowners to clear up to 200' onto BLM land but BLM will not pay for it
- Kenneth Payne: gave update on state and federal legislation

Meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.