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

Board Meeting Minutes

June 15, 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, Dwyer, Gilchrest, Payne, Willis, Wirt and Zelinsky attending in person. Connelly, Hawk, Johnston and Lory attending via ZOOM.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
Pledge led by Council
4. **Approval of Agenda: 06/15/2022 Board Action Item**
Motion by Payne to approve agenda. Second by Zelinsky. Motion carried.
5. **Consent Agenda: 05/18/2022 Board Meeting Minutes Board Action Item**
Motion by Julian to approve consent agenda. Second by Payne. Motion carried.
6. **Public Comment –Time limit is 3 minutes per person.**
 - Mosquito FSC brought lunch/snacks for everyone
7. **Community Council Reports**
 - Zelinsky-Placerville FSC: went to Placerville City Council Meeting, they approved a \$5,000 grant to Placerville FSC, also applied for \$500 grant for mitigation work for seniors, working on having entire Placerville FSC area split into four quadrants and have all for become Firewise Communities
 - Connelly-Auburn Lake Trails FSC: held meeting with presentations by OES, CAL FIRE and large animal rescue group, had over 100 attendees
 - Barentson-Aukum Fairplay FSC: held first green waste drop off event funded by Title III funds, had 57 loads dropped off, Hargo's donated their time and chipped material, also had DS evaluators who made personal contact with each vehicle and made appointments to do evaluations
 - Pullin-Mosquito FSC: thank you to EDCFSC board for Title III funds, used money to print brochures and banners, will be having a luau buffet in July
 - Hawk-Gold Ridge Forest FSC: will be holding an evacuation event on June 26 at 9:30 a.m. at Gold Ridge Forest Lodge, will have OES, large animal rescue, animal services, radio watch, also hope to have events/activities for kids, over 300 new residents in area
 - Payne-Patterson Ranch FSC: endorses Hargo's, has used their services and was very satisfied
 - Ball-Strawberry FSC: held first community meeting on May 21, used Title III funds for green waste dumpsters, have had three 40 yard dumpsters and a fourth is being delivered to day
 - Standeven: forming Sand Ridge FSC, first meeting will be June 20 at Pioneer Fire Department
 - Gilchrest-Greater Cameron Park FSC: FSC will be participating at Summer Spectacular at Cameron Park Lake along with Cameron Park Fire Department/CAL FIRE, have partnered with Cameron Park CSD to establish Firewise Communities throughout Cameron Park

8. Information Items:

a. Chairman's Report & Communication:

- EDC approved moving current Title III funds to EDCFSC, approximately \$121,000, for DS assistance program, still has to be approved by BOS
- Will begin building in periodic presentations at meetings, July will be animal rescue, will modify agenda to basic business to allow for presentation time
- Now at 27 associate councils, has increased workloads for all, county surveyor's office has been impacted, going forward all requests for maps must go through Willis while more formal process is developed

b. Vice Chair Report

- Attended all meetings as usual
- Met with Blue Ribbon Temporary Service about hiring administrative help
- Working on fair booths, see Alice Cantelow if you would like to help

c. Secretary Report:

- Has all council renewal forms

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

- Will be asking for chipping advance in July-planning for money to last for two years and possibly into third year

Motion by Payne to accept Treasurer's report. Second by Pullin. Motion carried.

- Discussed proposed budget for FY 2022-2023

Motion by Payne to approve budget. Second by Pullin. Motion carried.

e. Partners Reports:

1. ~~BLM – Jason Schroeder~~ Lee Helgeson

- Operations are status quo
- Increase in support requests
- Recently went into seasonal fire restrictions on BLM land
- DS program up and running, haven't been getting a lot of applications recently, can get permit to clear up to 200' onto BLM land, BLM does not fund work, only grants permission
- Zelinsky: status of Folsom Lake Veterans' Camp? still a work in progress, working on identifying parcels
- Will Harris - Central California District BLM - Chief 6101 - wharris@blm.gov 916-941-3119

2. CAL FIRE – Megan Scheeline/Erin Duprey/~~Diana Swart~~ Chief Blankenheim

- Steve Benedict is transition back to Forester
- Continuing to hire and train seasonal firefighters
- Prevention grants were awarded, EDC did well
- Megan Scheeline is new forester, will be primary contact

3. EDC Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience – Juliet Barwis

- Preparing for fair
- Getting ready to start on inspections for county emphasis area, Diamond Springs Union Mine area and Rescue, will have maps on website when finalized, starting early July
- Pimlott: State fire marshal DS collector app now called Field Mapper, this is the official form for doing inspections in EDC, information is aggregated, EDC GIS made their own app Survey 123, which may be available to FSCs, questions/concerns about how data is used/shared

4. EDC Fire Chiefs Association – ~~Tim Cordere~~ Marshall Cox

5. EDC FPO Association – ~~Ron Phillips~~ Marshall Cox

- Approved WUI protection plan standard, minimum regulations for state and county and local to match county general plan, is on EDH Fire website, clarifies when plan is required and who can prepare them
- 2023 fire code is being printed and will have six months to review and update for local needs, will tie into building code with building department
- Title 14-nothing finalized yet (ember resistant zone 0-5 feet around homes)
- Will be at fair also

6. ENF Updates – Nickie Johnny
 - Johnny is Fire Management Officer
 - Jecobie Waters is Teresa Riesenhuber's replacement and will start in July, jecobie.waters@usda.gov
 - Almost done with grants and agreements
 - Supporting New Mexico and Arizona and starting to support Southern California also
 - Will be at fair
7. RCD – ~~Mark Egbert~~ Maia Davis
 - Will be at fair
 - Working on Grizzly Flats and Sierra at Tahoe projects
 - Mark is only RCD employee at the moment, working to hire more staff
 - Will be at fair
8. SMUD – Eric Brown
 - No report
9. PG&E – Mike Webb
 - Unable to attend, is at company-wide exercise this week
10. EDSO – ~~Sgt Bare~~ Deputy Whitlock
 - Changing from Code Red notification system to RAVE
 - Code Red information will be migrated to RAVE
 - RAVE – will be marketed as EDC Emergency Alerts Powered By RAVE
 - Hawk: thankful that something better than Code Red has been adopted
 - Will be at fair

9. Old Business

None

10. New Business

- a. Elections – Hugh Council **Board Action Item**
 - Thanks to Pullin and Zelinsky for being on committee
 - All current Directors were emailed ballots, also have ballots available for anyone who didn't vote electronically
 - Slate of Director candidates for 2022-2023
 - ❖ Joseph Atencio
 - ❖ Sherry Hawk
 - ❖ Karen Pullin
 - ❖ Michael Connelly
 - ❖ Kris Payne
 - ❖ Angel Ball
 - ❖ Janet Barentson
 - ❖ Alice Cantlow
 - ❖ Dorothy Fine
 - ❖ Paul Penn

All candidates were voted in.

- Slate of E-Board candidates for 2022-2023
 - ❖ Chair – Ken Pimlott
 - ❖ Vice Chair – Hugh Council
 - ❖ Secretary – Karen Pullin
 - ❖ Treasurer – Janet Barentson
 - ❖ Parliamentarian – Paul Penn

All candidates were voted in.

b. Council Renewals – Karen Pullin **Board Action Item**

- All council renewal paperwork has been turned in
- Now have 27 councils
 1. Auburn Lake Trails FSC
 2. Aukum Fairplay FSC
 3. Camino FSC
 4. Coloma-Lotus FSC
 5. Cool-Pilot Hill FSC
 6. Diamond Springs FSC
 7. Gallagher Road Landowners Assoc. FSC
 8. Georgetown Divide FSC
 9. Gold Hill Estates FSC
 10. Gold Ridge Forest FSC
 11. Greater Cameron Park Area FSC
 12. Grizzly Flats FSC
 13. Lakehills FSC
 14. Logtown FSC
 15. Mosquito FSC
 16. Oak Hill Area FSC
 17. Omo Ranch FSC
 18. Patterson Ranch FSC
 19. Placerville FSC
 20. Rancho del Sol FSC
 21. Royal Equestrain Estates FSC
 22. Sand Ridge FSC
 23. Sierra Springs Regional FS
 24. Strawberry FSC
 25. Texas Hill Estates FSC
 26. Volcanoville Fire Safe and Firewise Council
 27. Wrights Lake / Dark Lake FSC

All Councils approved without opposition.

11. Program Reports

- a. Chipping – Jodi Martin
 - 57 jobs completed in May, including Logtown chipping day
- b. Defensible Space – Ernie Lory
 - 35% of applications have been evaluated, 20% of work has been completed

12. Project Reports

- a. Wildfire Resilience and Vegetation Management Working Group – Ken Pimlott
 - Will be meeting on Friday
- b. USFS SOFAR Project – ~~Heather Campbell~~ Zelinsky
 - Lubetkin will attend next meeting
- c. USFS SOFAR Project Chili Bar – Tamara Johnston
 - Received forest health grant, just under \$5 million, will cover 1,500 acres on private land and project planning for Garden Valley
- d. EDC Resource Advisory Committee Mtg WRAP (Wildfire Risk Reduction and Asset Protection Project)
 - Zelinsky will be joining the water resilient landscape group
 - July 14 and 15 will be post fire workshop including field trip, info can be found on SOFAR website
 - Will meet June 28th
- e. County Biomass Working Group – Kris Payne
 - There was a meeting in Camino to discuss potential biomass facility
 - Georgetown school district looking at biomass to power school

13. Committee Reports

- a. Grants & Funding– Pat Dwyer
 - Awarded three out of the six CAL FIRE grants, totaling \$4.1 million for tree removal, fuel reduction and roadside fuel reduction, hope to start work to early next year, received 63% of funds requested
 - Forest health grant for \$4.4 million
 - Stevens Authority agreement with USFS received \$800,000 increase, includes Volcanoville, Mosquito and Sierra Springs, total grant is \$1.7 million
 - Waiting to hear on PG&E grant
 - Title III money has allowed for community clean up days
 - CA FSC had forest service grants, Mosquito FSC is only applicant from EDC, waiting for response
 - In the past 15 years have had 34 grants totaling \$16 million, 20 have been completed, nine in works, five new ones
- b. Community Outreach & Public Speaking –Alice Cantelow
 - Has been coordinating fair participation
 - Have 9-10 FSCs helping, still needs help, volunteers will get ticket into fair
 - Speaker series continuing
- c. Governance Committee – Karen Pullin
 - No report
- d. New Council Formation & Orientation – Karen Pullin
 - Greenstone is still interested in forming
- e. Marketing & Communications
 - No report
- f. Defensible Space
 - No report

14. Good of the Order

- a. Next EDCFSC Board Meeting – July 20, 2022
 - Martin: send events to be included on EDCFSC website's event calendar
 - Wirt: thanks for grant help, had green waste day which was successful, putting four water tanks in area

Meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.