



# El Dorado County Fire Safe Council

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

## Board Meeting Minutes

August 17, 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: 9:34am**
2. **Roll Call: Sign In**  
Pimlott, Council, Pullin, Penn, Atencio, Ball, Dwyer, Fine, Gilcrest, Johnston, Lory, Payne, Willis, Zelinsky attending in person. Barentson, Cantelow, Hawk attending via zoom.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**  
Led by Hugh Council
4. **Approval of Agenda 8/17/2022 Board Action Item**  
Agenda approved without opposition
5. **Consent Agenda: 7/20/2022 Board Meeting Minutes Board Action Item**  
Corrections made by Alice Cantelow: pg. 3 #7b the leaders are the ones getting the newsletter then they will send to the board. Pg. 3 #9 Diamond Springs report was made by Paul not Alice.
6. **Information Items:**
  - a. **Chairman's Report and Communication:**
    - \*Jodi will continue to work with us as she transitions out and will work to close out Defensible Space.
    - \*Ken, Hugh and Jodi visited the storage space and assessed belongings at Rescue Fire.
    - \*Putting office space together in Placerville. Should be room to store belongings. Keeping old address and continue business as usual until future notification.
    - \*Continue to work with Blue Ribbon. Two interviews set up.
  - b. **Vice Chair Report:**
    - \*Working on new office space at 515 Main Street
    - \*8/4 Attended meeting with County Coordinator
    - \*8/12 Attended Fire Resilience Meeting
    - \*8/18 Attended FPO Meeting
  - c. **Secretary Report:**
    - \*No report
  - d. **Treasurer's Report: Janet Barentson Board Action Item**
    - \*First month of fiscal year won't show up until end of August.
    - \*Report for full year last year: Doing lots of work in chipping and defensible space.
    - \*Exhausted our first advance on our CalFire chipping grant. Met with Maureen and walked through how to invoice and close out Dec.-June period and get advance for the July-Dec. Program and hope to have that out in the next week or so.Treasure Report approved without opposition
  - e. **Partners Reports:**
    1. BLM – Jason Schroeder
      - \*Most of their resources are out on fires, many at Six Rivers fire.
      - \*Will Harris, Chief II, accepted a new job at PG&E

2. CalFire – Megan Scheeline

- \*Fire Severity Update: State Layers that classify different fire hazard severity with the SRA. Updating and vetting new layers in comparison to old layers on the ground. Giving feedback to the state. Hoping to have out to the public for distribution in the fall.
- \*Patrick McDaniels Vegetation Management Program Forester from AEU attended today's meeting with Megan to give an update:
- \*All El Dorado grants have been signed.
- \*DOT has a map showing difference between South El Dorado County grants to improve the vegetation clearance along the roads vs. where county grant is working as there was some overlapping.
- \*Update on Lotus-Coloma and Marshall Rd. area grant work.
- \*Gave DOT contact info for ELDCFSC.

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

- \*Had a retreat last Friday. Information from the State. Was a great meeting.
- \*County's Vegetation/Defensible Space Inspection Program has been initiated in the two emphasis areas around Union Mine Rd. into Diamond Springs FPD and also Rescue.
- \*Ken Pimlott – El Dorado Hills has been providing these inspections under contract with the county and have hosted several community meetings.
- \*Top Discussions: Fire Hazard Severity Zones, AB 38 expectations and how that is being implemented. Defensible Space, State working with CA Fire Chief's Association to develop a DS curriculum for fire agencies to be certified thru Fire Marshall's course and a secondary course to certify non-agencies such as FSC's and RCD's. Trying to standardize across jurisdictions and agencies across the state what is being taught.
- \*Wildfire protection grants and opportunities

4. EDC Fire Chief's Association – Tim Cordero

- \*Agencies are busy with strike team and overhead assignments.
- \*8/2 was National Night Out. Many agencies worked side by side with FSCs. Great opportunity for good conversation and to share and communicate with community members.
- \*Continue to work with US Forest Service on local agreements. Meet needs of USFS and local agencies.

5. EDC FPO Association – Ron Phillips

- \*Updated on Title 14 Fire Safe Regs from Board of Forestry – focus on strategic ridge line development as well as defining what a greenbelt and open space area might include.
- \*State of CA Fire Marshalls published 2022 Building Codes. Changes will go into effect 1/2023.

6. ENF – no report

- \*Ken Pimlott welcomed Jacobie Waters – Representative to El Dorado County Fire Safe Council

7. RCD – Mark Egbert

- \*Sharing a request for proposal for vegetation contracts for vegetation fuel breaks in Georgetown with Georgetown FSC by Friday.
- \*Update on SS2 Stevens Authority Project and Sierra Springs
- \*Update on agreements sent to Pat for Volcanoville and Mosquito
- \*Moving along, Links Trail, Moon Lane, Forebay, Fleming Meadows within the next two weeks
- \*Discussed need for right of entry forms to be consistent. Multiple ROE forms from different agencies. Work with OES to come up with better branding and forms.
- \*Grizzly Flats update for hazardous tree removal, site prep and reforestation. 700 acres covered under first phase and additional 750 acres within the next two weeks. Already ordered new trees.

8. SMUD – Eric Brown

No Report

9. PG&E – Mike Webb

No Report

10. EDSO – Sgt. Bare

No Report

Added as guest – Ken Payne – El Dorado Water Agency reported:

\*Engaged in some watershed projects. Fuels management maintenance projects at Cool-Pilot Hill with US Bureau of Reclamation.

\*Signed agreement with Grizzly Flats Community Service District. Water agency will begin restoration and recovery activities on behalf of CSD.

\*Working with FEMA to protect watershed.

\*Press release on American River Basin Study coming on August 31<sup>st</sup>.

**7. Committee Reports**

a. Grants and Funding – Pat Dwyer

\*CalFire grants were awarded and signed. Next, will complete agreements with Mark & RCD.

\*Update hazard tree process with Heather C.

\*New grant opportunities with FEMA. 1. CWPP Activities and Mapping and 2. To implement 1.

\*CalFire grant opportunities may be opening up later this fall. Councils should start thinking about applying and preparing.

b. Community Outreach & Public Safety Speaking – Alice Cantelow

\*Develop newsletter to go out quarterly to leaders only. The leaders will then send to the board. To be reviewed by Ken prior to distributing the newsletter.

c. Governance Committee – Karen Pullin

No report

d. Marketing & Communications

No report

**8. Program Reports**

a. Chipping – Pat Dwyer

\*Chipper is operating and going well. May need to review and edit application.

\*In the first six months, 400 people received chipping

b. Defensible Space – Ernie Lory

\*191 applications for defensible space for seniors, veterans, and low income. 172 of those property evaluations have been completed with 120 developments done already.

c. New Council Formation and Orientation – Karen Pullin

No new councils

**9. Community Council Reports**

1. Georgetown Divide – Tamara J. – update on trying to get ROE to 65-70 parcels. Garden Valley FD assisted by going to homes in uniform and talking with the homeowners. Was very successful in acquiring ROE.

2. Strawberry FSC – Angel B. received 40 yard dumpsters for community and had a guest speaker from PG&E

3. Diamond Springs – Paul – had event with multiple speakers including Sgt. Bare, large animal home hardening speaker.

4. Sherry Hawk reported they have dumpster day scheduled for 9/10 and green waste pick up. 50 acres to be cleared with grant.

5. City of Placerville – David Zelinsky – City of Placerville gave \$10,000 in grants to Placerville FSC to help residents with health and age issues take care of their property.

6. Camino FSC – Dorothy Fine – welcomed Chuck Schnell to their FSC Board. Looking into tiered plans with CA Fair Plan for people who are doing work on their property to be fire safe then taking it to Insurance Commissioner's office.

7. Sandridge FSC – Elizabeth – had approximately 50 people attend their meeting in the middle of the community. This location allowed community members to familiarize themselves with the road condition and route.

8. Omo Ranch – Julie – reported Omo Ranch project with Pioneer FD and SPI and FSC got 4 water tanks installed and plumbed. Just waiting for water tender to fill.

9. Wrights Lake/Dark Lake FSC – Doug – had a successful chipping day followed with education.
10. Mosquito FSC – Karen Pullin – reported they had their Annual Summer Safety Event, with many vendors including CalFire, Red Cross, Air/Med and many others.

**10. New Business - None**

**11. Old Business – None**

**12. Project Reports**

- a. Wildfire Resilience and Vegetation Working Group – Ken Pimlott  
\*Continues to meet and refine the governance structure and how it's all coming together
- b. USFS SOFAR Project – No report, dark until September
- c. EDC Resource Advisory Committee Mtg. WRAP (Wildfire Risk Reduction and Asset Protection Project) – David Zelinsky – Discussed FireWise.
- d. County Biomass Working Group – Kris Payne – reported Greg Stantan County Manager for Biomass Co-generation effort. SPI talking to them about a co-gen in Camino. Next step would be to seek grant funding to do initial feasibility and flaw study.

**13. Public Comment**

\*Nacona from Hargo Land Management acknowledged all that the FSCs are doing and how it is working. Education is making the communities safer.

\*Kris Payne reiterated the importance for the need to do after project work in order to continue to be safe.

**14. Good of the Order**

Hugh invited all to attend a lunch after the meeting to thank Maureen for all her years of service to EDCFSC.

**Meeting Adjourned: 11:44am**