



# 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

October 19, 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

9:35am

### 2. Roll Call: Sign In

In person: Atencio, Barentson, Cantelow, Council, Dwyer, Fine, Johnston, Lory, Payne, Pimlott, Pullin, Willis

Zoom: Gilcrest, Kruse, Wirt

### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

Hugh Council

### 4. Approval of Agenda: 10/19/2022 Board Action Item

Approved without opposition

### 5. Consent Agenda: 09/21/2022 Board Meeting Minutes Board Action Item

Approved without opposition

### 6. New Business

#### a. Cedar Grove FSC Formation – Karen Pullin - Board Action Item

- Mary Heider is here for the approval of Cedar Grove FSC and mentioned she already has 50 people in the group. Their FSC has a meeting scheduled in November. Ken clarified that the FSC is part of a reorganization of the Pollock Pines and Camino FSC areas. New map to show Cedar Grove and Camino which will be up in a week or two. Mary noted she has A-Z list of all streets from County Assessor's office in her area. Steve Willis is contact for County GIS mapping needs. Ken motion as presented to adopt Cedar Grove FSC. Cedar Grove Fire Safe Council has been accepted without opposition. It is now the 29<sup>th</sup> Council on the west slope of El Dorado County.

#### b. **Presentation** - Wildfire Resilience and Vegetation Management Advisory Committee

- Members of the committee: Ken Pimlott, Hugh Council, Mark Egbert, RCD, Tim Cordero-Fire Chiefs, Megan Scheeline-CAL FIRE, Mike Blankenheim-CAL FIRE. The presentation will be available on the EDCFSC website.

### 7. Information Items:

#### a. Chairman's Report & Communication:

- Defer to vice chair

#### b. Vice Chair Report

- Attending all working groups and committees. Making sure FSC has flag planted in all discussions. EDCFSC will be at the county fair next year. Alice will be FSC contact. Hugh to continue to coordinate with FPO's.

c. Secretary Report:

- Recently purchased audio visual equipment for meetings. Looked into insurance and it is \$365/yr to protect assets. Reminder that form is on website for equipment for FSCs to fill out form when check out equipment. Special event form on website needs to be filled out. Ernie Lory mentioned Grizzly Flats FSC has \$8000 worth of equipment & materials and wants to know if there is a possibility for them to get insurance. Karen P. will check if they can have their own insurance. Kris Payne had talked to Karen Brooks about equipment lending and they way it has been set up in Grizzly Flats. Follow up from E-Board – the FSC will not provide insurance for this equipment.

d. Treasurers Report: Janet Barentson **Board Action Item**

- Received first federal grant reimbursement checks. \$16,000 is recorded on report from Steven's Authority and \$94,000 from BLM grant. Federal funds will be in separate bank account. PG&E grant money is exhausted. Mark Egbert keeping track of new recording requirements. They are up to speed on training and online reporting requirements. Treasures report approved as presented.

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a. Partners Reports:

1. BLM – Jason Schroeder

- No one present
- 2. CAL FIRE – Megan Scheeline/Mike Blankenheim
- Fire protection grants will be announced at the end of the month or beginning of next month. Patrick reported there is no date for forest health grants.
- 3. EDC Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience
- No report
- 4. EDC Fire Chiefs Association – Tim Cordero
- Presentation from today will be available on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. CAL FIRE will present new fire hazard severity zone maps. Updated – this meeting has been moved to 1 pm on December 15<sup>th</sup> at fire station 85 in El Dorado Hills.
- 5. EDC FPO Association
- Luke Shephard – El Dorado County Fire - FPO group actively working on fire code adoption. They will have all local districts to have same ordinances and will be presenting to Board of Supervisors. Their goal is to have the new fire code to come into effect in January. Participating in some workshop groups. Can reach out to him for questions on fire codes.
- 6. ENF Updates – Jacobie Waters
- Forest service is growing their ability to get work done on the ground by getting more contacts out there such as the rangers to help with communication with the community. They are taking a hard look at forest land adjacent to homeowners and working on the fuel reduction. There will also be more forest service contacts coming to the fsc meetings to help answer questions.
- 7. RCD – Mark Egbert
- No report
- 8. SMUD – Eric Brown
- No report
- 9. PG&E – Mike Webb
- Mike not available. Ken mentioned PG&E is preparing for potential power shut offs in Northern California but not in El Dorado County. Mike is putting operational plans together. PG&E will have a power point presentation at the Board of Supervisors meeting.
- 10. EDSO – Sgt Bare
- No one present

**Jennifer McKim-Hibbard, Outreach Director - West slope Foundation** – the foundation has the tool storage shed in Grizzly Flats. They have a new program starting with a grant to create a resiliency program. They have long term recovery group set up for Caldor Fire citizens. Their website is WestslopeFoundation.org.

## **9. Committee Reports**

### a. Grants & Funding– Pat Dwyer

- Pat – hazardous tree mitigation grant - went over the draft RFP. We are having a pre-bid meeting with forest management companies to present concept and RFP to get feedback first before formal presentation. Anticipating opening applications on February 1, 2023. In order for each FSC to receive a grant they need an agreement with EDCFS if they want EDCFSC to be fiscal sponsor. Will put out an email to the FSC's as a reminder if they want to submit a grant to fill out the fiscal sponsor request. Need to submit application by the end of November. Proposal needs to come from the council and signed by the chair of the council. Take them to grants committee and bundle them to get their input.

### b. Governance Committee – Karen Pullin

- No report

## **10. Program Reports**

### a. Chipping – Pat Dwyer/Jessica Isabel

- Jessica – chipping program going well. Currently up to date on all job requests. Last month completed 22 jobs. Allowed opportunity to open program to accept 2 job requests per address per year. Hargo is new contractor to work in new chipping program. Email Jessica with any information you need for reporting.

### b. Defensible Space – Ernie Lory/Jessica Isabel

- Officially completed DS program. EDCFSC will discuss further plans about reopening it regarding left over funds for program. 167 completed projects. Ken mentioned additional grants and Title 3 money coming in next year that might be allocated to defensible space program.

### c. Outreach & Education –Alice Cantelow

- New email: outreach@edcfiresafe.onmicrosoft.com. There will be a newsletter coming out with articles from local FSCs.

### d. New Council Formation & Orientation – Karen Pullin

- No report

## **11. Community Council Reports**

- Janet – Akum Fairplay FSC - November 6th Green Waste Day at Pioneer Park Community Center from 9am-4pm.
- Karen Mosquito FSC - Halloween event on October 31<sup>st</sup> at 6pm.
- Ernie – Grizzly Flats FSC – Grizzly Flats has been a firewise community since 2007 and just got renewed.
- Paul Gilchrest - Greater Cameron Park Area FSC – Our FSC partnered with Cameron Park Community Services District to create a firewise community. They now have Sierra Loma firewise community meeting at 6pm tomorrow.
- Mary – Volcanoville FSC - recovering from Mosquito fire 20 homes destroyed. The fire chief activated phone tree and managed to save three people with phone tree. Continuing to educate community. Fire Chief came to talk at a chili feed about what they can do better next time and 122 people attended.
- Lester Oakhill Area FSC - South County firesafe co will have outreach meetings with public within the next month. Oakhill area just got their firewise community renewal.

## **12. Old Business**

- No report

## **13. Project Reports**

### a. USFS SOFAR Project– Tamara Johnston/David Zelinsky

- No report

### b. EDC Resource Advisory Committee Mtg WRAP (Wildfire Risk Reduction and Asset Protection Project) – David Zelinsky

- Lester - SOFAR website presentation by Scott Rogers on Caldor fire. Wildfire recovery field trip on November 10<sup>th</sup> to look at locations of Caldor fire.

### c. County Biomass Working Group – Kris Payne

- Black Oak Mine USD was not successful in CAL FIRE biomass grant proposal. Revising application for future. SPI decking logs in Camino to store for the winter before hauling to Lincoln sawmill.

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

Ken Payne - Executive Director of El Dorado Water Agency – There is a meeting scheduled at the El Dorado County Fairgrounds November 16th from 9am -1 pm and the subject will be water resiliency and nexus between wildfires and watershed management. The other meeting scheduled at the El Dorado County Fairgrounds will be November 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am to 12:30pm and the subject is putting a watershed plan together on the upper American River.

**15. Good of the Order**

- a. Next EDCFSC Board Meeting – November 16, 2022  
Meeting Adjourned at 11:48am