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

Board Meeting

Minutes-FINAL

July 19, 2023

9:30 am to

11:30

Diamond Springs / El Dorado Firefighters Association
Memorial Hall 3734 China Garden Road, Diamond Springs

1. Meeting Call to Order

9:31am

2. Roll Call: Sign In

In person: Ball, Barentson, Boal, Cantelow, Connelly, Council, Fine, Hess, Johnston, Lory, Payne, Pimlott, Pullin, Zelinsky Zoom: Willis, Wynia

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Ken Pimlott

4. Approval of Agenda: 07/19/2023 Board Action Item

Approved no opposition.

5. Consent Agenda: 06/21/2023 Board Meeting Minutes Board Action Item

Approved no opposition.

6. New Business

None on calendar

7. Old Business

None on calendar

8. Information Items:

a. Chairman's Report & Communication – Ken Pimlott

Ken thanked those that have submitted Title III information. We will need to be notified if any FSC's are planning to use that money. So far, we have received notification from 6 councils. The projects need to be completed by July 2024.

Recapped all our assistance programs and all the work we have done to date.
Updated everyone on the website revision.
Mentioned our work with our partners at the fair.
Treasurer duties are increasing, and Janet may need extra help.
Defensible space ordinance is coming along and should be going to the BOS in late summer or fall.

b. Vice Chair Report – Hugh Council

Attending all regular meetings. Johnny Valenzuela is here, and I would like him to become part of our outreach group. We are putting together an education committee with EDCFSC and the people that taught the defensible space class and any FSC that would like to be part of the group. Please contact me if you are interested in being a part of the committee. We will put together quarterly classes that are 1-2 hours in length and meet after the board meetings here in the hall. Alice will do the first one in September. We will be reporting on the defensible space assessments each fire safe council is doing. We will send out a form before each board meeting to be filled out by each council. Ken will put out an email with the board packet to have this form to the FSC's in time to report for each month's board meeting.

c. Secretary Report – Karen Pullin

Will be sending out an officer contact sheet for the FSC's. Please check for accuracy and let me know of any changes.

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

e. Janet thanked all the councils that submitted their profit and loss statements. In June we spent \$62k on chipping and \$33k on defensible space. This was the highest month of activity for invoicing since I've been here. We have a different treasurer's report this month in which I consolidated it and if you want further information contact me. This month's treasurer's report is final report for 2022-23 for expenditures. Will be starting with a new budget for the next reporting period. Spent 63% of our proposed budget in total. Projects page has a formula error on the bottom green line it says \$1.2M it should be \$1.4M.

Treasurer's Report approved no opposition.

f. Partners Reports:

1. BLM – Jason Schroeder
No Report

2. CAL FIRE – Megan Scheeline/Jeff Hoag

Finished prescribed burn last week. We are doing defensible space inspections throughout the county. Approved grants will come out next week.

3. EDC Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience – Tom Meyers

A lot of projects are in the works. Our office is now fully staffed. Richard Galvin, the new Sr. Defensible Space Inspector is here at the meeting and was introduced. When the Board of Supervisors (BOS) approves the defensible space ordinance they will go forward on working on defensible space. The final draft of wildfire

strategy will be out in late August, and we will present it to the BOS. We have a final draft of the defensible space ordinance for a final stakeholder's review. CWPP is drafted and will put out to bid and select consultant to start working on project. One year timeline on CWPP. Tentative award date CAL OES and FEMA will meet with them next week for pre-award meeting. Data online mapping tool really close to finishing should be ready to post on website in near future.

4. EDC Fire Chiefs Association – Tim Cordero

No Report - Ken will attend a meeting next week and will update the EDCFSC.

5. EDC FPO Association – TBA

No Report

6. ENF – Jacobie Waters/Nickie Johnny

No Report

7. RCD – Mark Egbert

Aggressively looking for 2 more positions for project management and they are posted on our website. Mark and Tamara are working closely together on projects. We've been working on the ROE phase and have been implementing archeological plans. We are hoping to get the construction project started soon. We have been working with BOR as well. Links Trail will be starting next week. We will be starting from Cable Road to Badger Road. We received \$1M from CAL FIRE complementing Fire Adapted 50. We will be starting Mosquito and Volcanoville and will be bringing at least \$1M to Volcanoville. We have done work in Grizzly Flats, and we tried to apply for funding, but we did not receive it. We will be opening Sierra at Tahoe by the end of year. Working on cooperative agreement with CAL TRANS and are almost finished so we can work on state and county roadways. Working on forest service roads. We have good reference material for the Placerville project, and we will be working with OWPR for this plan of vegetation management. Implementation should take approximately one year.

8. SMUD – Eric Brown

No Report

9. PG&E – Mike Webb

No Report

9. EDSO – Sgt Bare/Lt Morton

Sgt. Schlag starting for local hazard mitigation plan they are hiring a contractor to help with the plan to have evacuation routes listed everywhere for Eldorado County. We are live with RAVE. Go to ready.edso.org and check this site to make sure your information is correct and if you were on Code Red make sure your information is now on RAVE. We will possibly do a countywide alert to test the system. If you are not in town and an alert goes out for your area you should still get the alert for the area you signed up in. RAVE is secondary to deputies going door to door for evacuation. RAVE is a better program and is a free program for the State. The contact number for CAL OES is 530-621-5895 if

you have any questions regarding RAVE.

1. BOR – TBA

No Report

10. Program Reports

a. Grants & Funding– Tamara Johnston

i. Grants Committee

Mark and I are putting together a workshop for fuel reduction project and applying for a grant that will focus on what to do after you get the grant. We will do workshops later for how to write a grant. It will be done in August after the board meeting. Ken mentioned Tamara had put together a grant for additional funding for defensible space.

b. Chipping –Jessica Isabel

Chipping community event in Swansboro was extremely successful with 67 jobs done only 7 cancelled and it took approximately 6,000 minutes which was \$25k of work done. It took a month due to the number of applications. We had good feedback that the contractor did an excellent job. Talk to me after the meeting if you would like to organize an event with your community. The total for June, including Mosquito, is 123 jobs completed with an average of \$55k spent.

c. Defensible Space Services for Seniors, etc– Jessica Isabel

June \$33k spent we have 174 jobs processed in June 116 active 70 of them waiting evaluations 46 of them waiting to be contracted 39 jobs closed and completed 11 were closed for various reasons. The average job cost is \$810 per property and \$72,789.60 spent on defensible space since the beginning of the year.

d. Hazard Tree Removal – Jessica Isabel

We have 72 applications accepted, 22 have been evaluations, 7 closed because only 15 properties had eligible trees and of the 15 properties 39 trees identified for removal. The average is three weeks for evaluation to be completed. MBG is creating a package to put out an RFP for excavators and will do jobs in bulk. One more month before trees are starting to be removed. The process will take approximately two months from the time applications are accepted to the work being done.

e. Outreach & Education –Alice Cantelow

Thanked volunteers for fair. Summer newsletter due out soon. Disaster resource guide from Mountain Democrat was not right some things were left out but hope to get it right next year. Arts and culture Eldorado got a grant to help with arts to get fire safety information out. They will be working at 5 events in the county. August 5th fire safety at library in Placerville let me know if want to help. We will have a meeting focusing on vents and screening in September after our monthly board meeting. Arts and culture have an exhibit at their office next to ours on Main Street.

- f. Governance and New Council Formation & Orientation – Karen Pullin

No new councils. Governance - Reviewing policies & procedures and bylaws.

11. Community Council Reports

Lori Parlin, County Supervisor, thanked Jessica for being a great resource for her office.

Tamara Johnston-Georgetown FSC - We had to cancel a meeting for our fuel reduction project because the RCD representative was sick. She will keep everyone posted for the rescheduled meeting.

David Zelinsky- Placerville FSC - We did a presentation at Eskaton and handed out workbooks.

Michael Connelly – Auburn Lake Trails – We held a community green waste dumpster day last weekend with 3 ten-yard dumpsters that were filled in less than 4 hours.

Bob Hess Coloma/Lotus FSC - Thanked Mark at RCD. Had a meeting on roadside fuel project and we received 60% ROE's and we are looking for 90%. We have road ambassadors going door to door to get that number up. Gave a shout out for the Hazardous Tree program which he will be using to get a dead tree taken down.

Elizabeth Standeven – Sandridge FSC- We have been working through the defensible space assessments. We also applied for a small grant through the West Slope Foundation for \$4900 for road signage and screening mesh for retrofitting.

Rich Wade - Gold Ridge Forest FSC - We have an evacuation meeting this Saturday at 9am at the Gold Ridge Forest club house at 9am with presentations from County OES, the County Animal Services and neighborhood radio watch. Heather Campbell will have a presentation on changes on insurance ratings and potential to reduce premiums for home hardening.

12. Project Reports

- a. USFS SOFAR Project–David Zelinsky

They will have a meeting on August 9th at 1:30pm via Zoom.

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

July 25th WRAP will have Zoom meeting.

- c. County Biomass Working Group – Kris Payne

We have a BOS Biomass Ad Hoc committee with Supervisors Turnbo and Parlin are involved with Greg Stanton as a consultant lead on biomass cogeneration. Amador and El Dorado Forest forum they meet September through April on the 3rd Wednesday

of the month alternating between Amador and El Dorado County. In May the annual tour and the forest challenge are high school events over 4 days in Shasta, Santa Cruz, El Dorado County, and San Bernadino. Black Oak Mine School District will be resubmitting their CAL FIRE grant application in September, and they feel comfortable and hope to be successful. Also, there is RNB bio diesel to turn it into product from biomass cogeneration which supervisors Parlin and Turnboo are working with OWPR staff to make this happen. Trying to get projects going with all the green waste in the county.

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

Doug Standal presented his fire safety all natural epa approved fire suppressant. Brought flyers to share.

Shannon from Diamond Springs FSC is here representing Diamond Springs Fire to announce a July 29th fundraiser for a paramedic scholarship fund.

14. Good of the Order

11:40 am

Next EDCFSC Board Meeting – Aug 16th