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

Board Meeting Minutes-FINAL

August 16, 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

Ball, Barentson, Boal, Cantelow, Connelly, Council, Dwyer, Fine, Hess, Johnston, Lory, Payne, Penn, Pimlott, Pullin, Zelinsky Zoom: Willis

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Ken Pimlott

4. Approval of Agenda: 08/16/2023 Board Action Item

Approved as presented.

5. Consent Agenda: 07/19/2023 Board Meeting Minutes Board Action Item

Approved as presented.

6. New Business

a. Grant Discussion – Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience Coordination Group

Several people from different agencies gave a presentation on the grant process from their prospective agencies.

- b. Proposed Bylaw Changes (Section 14.01) - **Board Action Item** – Ken Pimlott

The Executive Board approved the proposed Bylaws up for discussion.
Bylaws approved as presented no opposition.

7. Old Business

None

8. Information Items:

- a. Chairman's Report & Communication – Ken Pimlott

No additional information

- b. Vice Chair Report – Hugh Council

Continue to go to all meetings. FSC's conducted 89 defensible space assessments in July. We have more boxes of workbooks if you need them.

- c. Secretary Report – Karen Pullin

Thanked associate councils for their changes on the officer contact information. If anything changes throughout the year, please let me know.

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

The monthly project report is reformatted to the type of projects we have. It should be more user-friendly to what money we have and what it is dedicated to. Last month \$126,874 was spent. \$7,000 was to run council rest is grants and other activities. Treasurer's report approved as presented - no opposition.

9. Program Reports

- a. Grants & Funding/Grants Committee– Tamara Johnston

Working on quarterly reports. Still waiting for \$500,000 from CA FSC grant for defensible space. We're very hopeful and should hear something very soon. Encourage you to attend the grant workshop after our board meeting so you know what you are planning for after you get the grant. It will also be on Zoom if you can't attend.

- b. Chipping –Jessica Isabel

For the month of July 89 jobs were completed, which came out to be \$34,000. We are in the process of completing 2 community events, one was finished in Strawberry and also Wrights Lake/Dark Lake which just finished yesterday. A total of 34 applications for both communities.

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

Last month we processed 170 jobs in different stages. 43 jobs were completed, 9

were closed and 77 are waiting to be assigned to contractors, 3 awaiting evaluations 38 have been assigned to evaluators. We spent a little over \$40,000 last month. \$940.51 is the average job cost per property. Completed 58 evaluations at \$5,800 total. Spent \$119,135.70 which is the total for defensible space for the year so far.

d. Hazard Tree Removal – Jessica Isabel

Don't have numbers yet. Having access issues for pulling reports from the contractor with over 80,000 jobs that is all their data. I need to get my data separate from theirs. Mason, Bruce and Girard is putting out an RFP for contracting on Monday and hopefully we will get trees removed in the next couple weeks.

e. Outreach & Education –Alice Cantelow

Placerville library held an event which we participated in and had fun with the kids along with help from three Camino FSC volunteers. If any FSC's are having an event that's outdoors, we have a lot of wildfire related games. I'll show you things that can be borrowed from the storage closet. I might participate at the Kids Expo next year. If you have anything for the Foothill Fire Flash newsletter let me know. After the September 20th board meeting there will be a meeting regarding decks and vents at 1pm.

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

No new information

10. Community Council Reports

Kris Payne – Patterson Ranch FSC - Could Hugh post password for Wi-Fi for the Firemen's Hall? Ken will check with the hall. There was a House Natural Resources hearing in Yosemite last weekend and has been posted on Facebook. Supervisor Turnboo was a speaker at the hearing.

Janet Barentson- Aukum/Fairplay FSC - Today a new event is being put on at Pioneer Park by our community HUB project providing services to communities with information about resources and jobs in our area. Our FSC is providing the Wildfire Preparedness Workbook as well as signing homeowners up for defensible space evaluations. Tonight is our regular monthly FSC meeting and we will be having the Pioneer Fire Chief there to discuss the recent fire in our area.

Michael Connelly - Auburn Lake Trails FSC – We have been running a community chipping program for 15 years and do about 700 operations a year. We applied for a CAL FIRE grant and got the award for a new chipper. We are also working on a fuel reduction project with BLM on their land that borders us.

Karen Pullin – Mosquito FSC – On August 6th we had a presentation by CERA which was very successful and informative. We are having our first neighborhood block party on August 26th. OES will talk regarding evacuation and CERA will be there as well as CAL FIRE and El Dorado County Outreach. Went to OES community wild season meeting which was a very informative meeting with all the different agencies there from our county.

Doug Kniveton - Wrights Lake/Dark Lake FSC - July 15th we had an event with great success. President and Vice President of our homeowner's association was there. We

recently had a successful chipping event as well.

Bob Hess – Coloma/Lotus FSC - Still working on ROE's that are trickling in.

Hugh Texas Hill FSC – Last Saturday we had a community meeting at town hall regarding defensible space inspections and had over 45 people present El Dorado Hills brought a sand table to model burning in Texas Hill. Monday we had 12 requests for defensible space inspections.

Jeanine Stiles - Greenstone FSC – We attained Firewise status. A lot of people have become engaged after that status has been obtained. By having Firewise USA we are getting insurance discounts of up to 25% off with USAA.

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

Angel Ball – I met Mark Egbert after the Caldor Fire and realized how important he is to our community. At the July 25th Board of Supervisors' meeting Mark explained what the RCD does in our county, and I encourage people to watch it.

Kris Payne – The Biomass SoFar meeting will be held on August 24th at 11am via Zoom. August 29th there is a public Board of Supervisor's meeting. Recognized the tragedy in Maui and fire across the globe.

12. Good of the Order

Meeting Adjourned at 11:47am

a. Next EDCFSC Board Meeting – September 20, 2023