



# 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-FINAL

August 21, 2024

9:30 am to 11:30

American Legion

4561 Greenstone Road, Placerville

### 1. Meeting Call to Order

9:30 am

### 2. Roll Call: Sign In

In Person: Ball, Barentson, Boal, Brown, Cantelow, Connelly, Council, Dwyer, Fine, Hess, Johnston, Lory, Osgood, Penn, Pimlott, Pullin, Willis, Zelinsky ZOOM: Gilcrest, Hawk, Payne

### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

Ken Pimlott

### 4. Consent Calendar Board Action Item

a. Meeting Agenda: 08/21/2024

b. Board Meeting Minutes: 07/17/2024

Consent calendar approved with no opposition.

### 5. New Business

a. Bylaw Update -

Section 1.02 – Office Location Change – Ken Pimlott Board Action Item

Bylaws changed with no opposition - motion passed as presented.

b. Website Proposal – Dorothy Fine **Board Action Item**

Dorothy Fine and Paul Gilchrest presented results of the website vendor evaluation and recommended Streamline take over EDCFSC Website. Ken confirmed the proposed costs are within the website budget allocation which will be partially offset by a CA FSC grant. Ken made a motion to enter into an agreement with Streamline with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from David Zelinsky. Motion approved with no opposition.

**6. Old Business**

a. Community Wildfire Protection Plan – Tamara Johnston

Tamara provided an update on the status of the CWPP update, including the upcoming public workshops October 2-5.

**7. Information Items:**

a. Chairman’s Report & Communication – Ken Pimlott

Will defer and make comments with Dorothy and Angels’ presentations.

b. Vice Chair Report – Dorothy Fine

Discussed the equipment bag that will be provided to defensible space and home hardening assessors. Will be participating in the non-profit Volunteer Fair in Placerville Cinema parking lot August 29<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-8pm.

Secretary Report – Angel Ball

Submitted AFSC information to insurance company for policy renewal on September 29, 2024. Council contact list will be out by beginning of September.

c. Treasurers Report: Janet Barentson – **Board Action Item**

Final expense report for 23-24 fiscal year was presented.

Treasurers report approved as presented with no opposition.

d. Partners Reports:

1. BLM – TBA

No report

2. CAL FIRE –Jeff Hoag

Defensible space – 5,185 inspections done unit wide. Spike in requests for real estate inspections since ordinance was approved. Cozier fire details were explained.

3. Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience – Tanya Harlow

Provided an OWPR & Fire Safe Coordinator update  
Introduced Becky, Grant Manager, with CA FSC. Defensible space ordinance was effective August 16, 2024 and information will be on our website. Engaging in public outreach with different agencies and events, including National Night Out. Working on evacuation and defensible space videos with EDSO, CAL FIRE and EDCFSC.

4. EDC Fire Chiefs Association – Tim Cordero

No report

5. EDC FPO Association – Lucas Shepard

Working with firesafe plan authors related to developments to share and interpret updates to fire codes.

6. ENF – Brad Stewart

No report

7. RCD – Courtney Jackson

Working on Placerville community wildfire resilience strategy and explained the complimentary aspects with the CWPP. Working on the annual watershed education summit with various high schools in the county.

8. SMUD – Eric Brown

Annual maintenance patrols of electrical outlets and hydroelectric in county.

9. PG&E – Mike Webb

No report

10. EDSO – Lt Morton

Explained evacuations in Mosquito for Cozier fire. Perimeter had 1.3M views during Cozier fire. Working on West Slope evacuation plans which will be in draft form by early next year.

## 11. BOR – Elizabeth Dyer

No report

### 8. Program Reports

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

A \$100k education and outreach grant from CA FSC was approved. A list of projects and amounts requested will be provided to participating AFSC's. CAL FIRE has approved EDCFSC defensible space and hazardous tree removal grants. Looking into a potential Forest Service \$10M grant for disadvantaged communities.

#### b. Assistance Programs – Jessica Isabel

- Chipping

YTD - Completed 371 jobs, cleared 650 acres, chipped 70,980 cubic yards and spent \$165,809.

- Defensible Space Services for Seniors, etc

Evaluated 152 new parcels, cleared 104 parcels, average cost per parcel is \$1,189.93, total spent \$124,251.16. For the completed jobs we serviced 26 vets, 93 seniors, 26 low income and 29 disabled homeowners.

- Hazard Tree Removal

106 new trees assessed, identified 256 new trees, cut 378 trees, completed 154 new trees, average tree cost is \$822.01, total spent ytd is \$394,043. Explained the sponsorship request we received with El Dorado Disposal.

#### c. Training Committee – Hugh Council

Gave update on defensible space training classes and noted he is updating folks on code changes and new information on oak trees.

#### d. Outreach & Education –Alice Cantelow

Requested assistance building demo house. South County grant project group is meeting today at 3:30pm.

#### e. Governance and New Council Formation & Orientation – Angel Ball/Paul Penn

Paul Penn shared information on recommendations from the strategic planning working group and will have updates at the September and October meetings. Small FSC boundary changes will be put on the consent calendar on a periodic basis and any new council formation will be brought to the board as an

individual action item.

## 9. Community Council Reports

Pat Dwyer, Logtown FSC – October 12<sup>th</sup> is our hot dog social fundraiser. Insurance commissioner released sustainable insurance strategy open for public comment until September 17th. Go on California Insurance Commissioner's website.

Kris Payne, Patterson Ranch FSC- Would like red flag warnings listed on "latest news" section of website.

Paul Gilcrest, Greater Cameron Park FSC –Several requests were made to establish Firewise communities after the recent Silver Fire.

Bob Hess, Coloma/Lotus FSC – Our secretary started a Coloma/Lotus FSC Facebook page. We had a public meeting and had speakers from OWPR as well as Alice in attendance. We annexed Riverwood a year ago and we have another subdivision with 60 homes interested in creating a FSC and we had a meeting with them.

Mike Connelly, ALT FSC – We had a successful green waste day July 20th. Last year we received a CAL FIRE grant for new chipper which arrives in September. We also received a CAL FIRE wildfire prevention grant for a 350-acre fuel break.

Hassan Ebrahimi-Nuyken, Sierra Springs FSC – YTD we've had 252 properties evaluated and 151 have met net defensible space criteria. Shared information regarding insurance from the United Policy Holders meeting.

Jeanine Stiles, Greenstone FSC – We've had 28 home assessments. Supervisor Lori Parlin and California Fair Plan will also be speaking at upcoming meetings regarding insurance.

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

Kris Payne noted not to park in DA parking spots from 6am-6pm Monday-Friday at the 515 Main Street office address (EDCFSC office).

## 11. Good of the Order

11:45am

- a. CWPP workshop hosted by OWPR @ **12:30 – 3:00 PM** at the American Legion following the Board Meeting.
- b. Next EDCFSC Board Meeting – September 18, 2024