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

Board Meeting Minutes-FINAL

November 20, 2024

9:30 am to 12:00

American Legion

4561 Greenstone Road, Placerville

1. Meeting Call to Order

9:31am

2. Roll Call: Sign In

In person: Ball, Barentson, Boal, Cantelow, Connelly, Council, Dwyer, Hess, Johnston, Lory, Payne, Penn, Pimlott, Willis, Zelinsky, Osgood. Zoom: Gilcrest, Hawk

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Ken Pimlott

4. Consent Calendar Board Action Item

- a. Meeting Agenda: 11/20/2024
- b. Board Meeting Minutes: 10/16/2024

Approved as presented - no opposition.

5. New Business

- a. Strategic Planning Task Group Update - Paul Penn

- Update on Strategic Planning Framework

PowerPoint presentation incorporated input and comments received. Discussion and comments incorporated how an Executive Coordinator will fit in our organization.

- Authorize the Chair to engage the staffing agency for an Executive Coordinator, based on the final job description– **Board Action Item**

Motion by Kris Payne to approve this position based on the final job description with a 2nd by Angel Ball. Motion carries as presented. No opposition.

6. Old Business

- a. Community Wildfire Protection Plan – Tamara Johnston

Thanked everyone for input on the CWPP process. Every FSC responded with input except for one.

7. Information Items:

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

Title III funding for green waste events deadline is November 30. The FSCs that sent their requests for funding were noted. There will be \$3k available for green waste events.

- b. Vice-Chair Report – Angel Ball on behalf of Dorothy Fine

Thanked everyone for their input regarding the Executive Coordinator and 10 Recommendations. The meetings attended by the vice chair were noted. Work continues with Streamline to update the website.

- c. Secretary Report – Angel Ball

No report

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

- November Treasurer's Report

Mentioned highlights of report everyone received in board packet. Vaughn Johnson will charge \$8k for our audit because of the number of grants we have. The aging of the current grants was also explained.

The treasurer's report was approved as presented with no opposition.

e. Partners Reports:

1. BLM – TBA

No report

2. CAL FIRE – Jeff Hoag

Introduced program called Land Tender for project coordination. Completed 5,026 defensible space inspections. The end of fire season is projected for December 15th. Burn season has begun and permits can be obtained at burnpermit.fire.ca.gov.

3. Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience – Tom Meyer/Tanya Harlow

Tom

Highlighted defensible space inspections and partnerships throughout the county. Provided status of the Weber Creek area project and will go to bid for a construction manager in a couple weeks.

Defensible Space Ordinance Plan to be in place by the beginning of 2025.

On December 10th at 9am OWPR will provide an update to the County Board of Supervisors highlighting all work being done.

Tanya

CWPP- Received very meaningful input from 31 FSCs and 1,652 public surveys returned. Noted defensible space ordinance progress/edits for getting it in place by beginning of next year and presenting it to EDCFSC.

Listed organizations that make up their steering committee.

December 10th presentation includes video of history of coordination group and how it got started.

Noted groups in public outreach committee and their work on getting information out to the public in the coming year.

4. EDC Fire Chiefs Association – Tim Cordero

No report

5. EDC FPO Association – Lucas Shepard

No report

6. ENF – Brad Stewart

No report

7. RCD – Courtney Jackson

Placerville's community wildfire resilience strategy committee has completed the risk assessment. We will have a meeting December 19th from 1 pm -3 pm to present a draft with proposed mitigation. Mentioned various projects they are continuing to work on.

8. SMUD – Eric Brown

No report

9. PG&E – Mike Webb

No report

10. EDSO – Chief Lilienthal-OES

Meeting with El Dorado County Office of Education on how to communicate emergency information to parents. Hazmat NCI training was completed to benefit with evacuations. Planning evacuation drills and town hall meetings in spring of 2025.

11. BOR – Elizabeth Dyer

No report

8. Program Reports

a. Grants & Funding/Grants Committee– Tamara Johnston

A request has been made for funding of the outreach and education grant. We will not be able to reimburse until we get funds from CA FSC. Noted current grants that are being submitted. Ken mentioned the SMUD MOU grant that we received for \$60k over 3 years.

b. Assistance Programs – Jessica Isabel

- Chipping

YTD - Completed 611 jobs, cleared 991 acres, chipped 107,476 cubic yards, and spent \$277,170.

- Defensible Space Services for Seniors, etc

228 new parcels were evaluated, cleared 225 parcels, average cost per parcel \$1,260.08, total cost spent \$289,198.06. We serviced 66 vets, 202 seniors, 56 low income, and 65 disabled persons.

- Hazard Tree Removal

Assessed 148 parcels, 189 parcels completed, identified 381 new trees, cut 461 trees, average tree cost \$807.29, total cost spent \$476,562.25.

c. Training Committee – Hugh Council

Hugh Council - Defensible space training classes are scheduled for April 16-17, 2025, and May 21-22, 2025, at this hall.

Elizabeth Standeven -The assessment form has been finalized. Finalizing list of supporting documents for assessors. The documents will be presented to the e-board on December 4th. Plan to get forms out to assessors by the end of year. Email Hugh Council or Elizabeth Standeven with any questions.

d. Outreach & Education –Alice Cantelow

Thanked the volunteers at the fall into gardening event. Home Hardening trailer has been selected, thanked those who have volunteered to help, and needs help with contest ideas for kids at County fair 2025. Contact Alice Cantelow if you are interested in these projects. Foothill Fire Flash Newsletter is expected to be out the first week of December.

e. Governance and New Council Formation & Orientation – Angel Ball

Boundary changes- send input to Angel Ball before February.

9. Community Council Reports

Hassan Ebrahimi-Nuyken, Sierra Springs FSC – Title III grant proposal was submitted and approved. Submitted renewal for Firewise. Newtown Road bridge will be shut down in the future.

David Zelinsky, Placerville FSC – Outreach education meeting is scheduled for April 26,2025 at the midtown mall in Placerville.

Gary Boal, Rancho del Sol FSC – Had a green waste event over the weekend and picked up 129 thirty-gallon bags for residents to make it easier to get the bags to the bins.

Pat Dwyer, Logtown FSC – We had a meeting this month and American River Conservancy spoke about El Dorado Ranch, a 7,000-acre parcel bordering Logtown. They will keep that land to preserve and graze it.

Janet Barentson, Aukum-Fairplay FSC - Submitted Firewise renewal and received timesheets from community this year documenting work completed by residents.

Bob Hess, Coloma-Lotus FSC - Added acres to our FSC as a result decentralized and recruited new board members in Luneman and Springvale areas. Had numerous requests for adding residents to Firewise. Got a Firewise team to meet with new communities. The secretary had a FSC meeting in Arrowbee had good engagement from the community.

Sherry Hawk, Gold Ridge Forest FSC - Sly Park Hills is interested in becoming a Firewise community on their own and possibly a FSC on their own. Submitted Firewise renewal. Planning on submitting request for Title III funds. We had our last meeting of the year and will restart when the snow goes away. The public will be informed via Facebook and emails.

Paul Gilchrest, Greater Cameron Park FSC - Added three Firewise communities and thanked Ritchie Galvin. Thanked Gina Posey for getting Carlson neighborhood up and running. Green Valley wanted Firewise community after they had a fire next to their neighborhood. CAL FIRE's Ponderosa hand crew started clearing in Cameron Woods neighborhood.

Doug Kniveton, Wrights Lake FSC – We had our study approved by the forest service and the project is shovel ready.

Jeanine Stiles, Greenstone FSC - Submitted request for Title III funds. Lori Parlin and OWPR gave a presentation. Will do Firewise renewal today. Had 2 banners made for fire safe council on their gates. Sleepy Hollow wanted to join our FSC and still need to reach out to them.

Melissa Gates Royal Equestrian FSC – Gave a shout out to Hugh Council and Ryan Nuttle for insurance, defensible space and CWPP presentation. Completed Firewise renewal. Had green waste day in summer and noted they have a community fire hydrant system and had it tested. Our next project is to make evacuation routes clear and will look at Title III funding to clear debris.

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

Hassan Ebrahimi-Nuyken - heard chatter online regarding Pollock Pines losing Firewise. Mark Almer confirmed it will be renewed due to work hours being turned in.

Kris Payne-Mentioned several areas of biomass projects and grants.

David Zelinsky mentioned getting stats of completed projects from Mike Webb at PG&E to help with Firewise.

Todd on behalf of Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil, introduced himself and mentioned the senator's interest with insurance issues and wildfire. Their office is in Town Center in El Dorado Hills.

11. Good of the Order

11:18 am Adjourned in memory of Supervisor Hidahl

- a. Grant Discussion hosted by Tamara Johnston @ **1 PM** at the American Legion following the Board Meeting.

- b. **No meeting in December – Happy Holidays**

- c. Next EDCFSC Board Meeting – January 15, 2025

Minutes typed by Carri Lueck, Administrative Assistant, EDCFSC