

MOSQUITO FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes: August 9, 2023 PM @ 6:00 PM

Dyer Lake Pavilion

6770 Sluice, Placerville, CA 95667

1. Meeting Called to Order: 6:00 pm
2. Roll Call/Verification of Quorum:
Present: Pullin K, Beacham, Gregson J, Pullin J, Gregson W. Present by phone: Joseph K, Joseph M.
3. Approval of Agenda: M – PullinK, 2nd – Gregson J, **Approved Unanimously**
4. Approval of Minutes – 7/1/23: M – Pullin K, 2nd Gregson W. **Approved Unanimously**
5. No action taken at prior executive session 8/6/23
6. Approval of Financial Report: M-Gregson W, 2nd Beacham. **Approved Unanimously**

Old Business:

- a. Update on Chipper Event provided by EDCFSC: Pullin K reported – 67 jobs completed, 7 jobs cancelled due to noncompliance or the requester no longer needed the service. Approximately \$30K spent in one month on the Mosquito /Swansboro Event. Reminded residents they can use the free service 2 x per year.
- b. Update on Evaluator/Assessor Program: EDCFSC, CalFire, El Dorado Hills FD, State Fire Marshall collectively presented the 2 day training course to FSCs to get certified to conduct voluntary evaluations and assessments to our community homeowners to assist them in understanding the defensible space and home hardening requirements. CalFire only had 5 people certified, there are now 70 people from various FSCs that are now certified. These voluntary evaluations/assessments are important and supported by the many Fire Chiefs who have spoken out for their communities and allows all evaluators/assessors to use the same protocols. This also gives our residents an opportunity to know and understand what they can do prior to any “official” inspections, allows them to get credit for the work they have completed and become aware of what further action they can take. MFSC has been conducting evaluations/assessments for our community residents. Please let us know if you would like this service. Resident address and information will not be turned over to any agency. We will turn in number of evaluations conducted each month to EDCFSC. There will be refresher course required in the near future.
Ca. Fair Plan is offering 2 additional discounts for DS and HH
- c. EDCFSC will be giving any associate council who applies, \$2500. towards a community Green Waste Dumpster Day. MFSC submitted their request and received approval.

Discussed waiting until spring, after possible winter storms. Discussed possible staging sites and possible using a chipper in order to more efficiently and effectively utilize the dumpsters.

- d. Block Party update for 8/26 at 9:00: EDSO OES, CalFire and CERA will be our guest. JV from EDCFSC/ Outreach will be our MC and presenter coordinator.
- e. Firewood update, Jerry, Wayne and David – Updated process and sales
- f. First aid/CPR training – still checking on programs for training a trainer
- g. Update on \$200K grant – will invite Mark Egbert to speak at a future meeting
- h. Ken Pimlott represented EDCFSC and OWPER speaking/presenting at the Sheriff OES Fire Season Community Meeting and Q/A. The EDCFSC had representation by 4 of 5 executive members, Ken Pimlott, Karen Pullin, Hugh Council and Paul Penn. It was an excellent meeting well attended; CalFire, US Forest, Placerville Police Chief, OES all partnered in this meeting. Discussions focused on Evacuations, Assessments by FSC, Partnerships, Incident Commands, who is in charge during these events. The new EDCFSC Wildfire Workbook was handed out. The EDCFSC workbook was contracted by Johnny Valenzuela who created the original Mosquito Wildfire Workbook. Based on its success, not only has EDCFSC been handing them out, but many of our partner agencies are now using it as well. It is extremely important that we get accurate information and education to our community prior to a critical event.

New Business:

- a. FireWise designation and renewal process. MFSC is preparing our application to request the renewal of our FireWise status. We will be using the hours and money spent for our chipper event, all the tracking sheets the community residents complete and turn into MFSC as well as all the events we are involved in. Our renewal is based on the work/events, information disseminated and grants. It is not possible without the hard work of all our neighbors.
- b. EDCFSC updated their Bylaws
- c. Addressed some of the misinformation that continues to float around.
 - 1. MFSC – Legal Name: El Dorado County FSC dba Mosquito FSC
 - 2. We are a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization. We can accept donations, whether money, services or material items. We are expected to be self supporting and can issue tax deductible receipts.
 - 3. We write our own grants, EDCFSC does not write grants for individual councils, they write grants to fund their programs that are offered to residents of EDC.
 - 4. MFSC did not “steal, take or cause to go missing” any equipment used for fundraising by MFA. MFSC received \$112.00 and some pots from MFA when they dissolved. All other equipment was owned by a private party who donated the use of the equipment. When a nonprofit dissolves they must legally turn assets over to another nonprofit. MFPD is not a nonprofit organization nor do they have or did they have an existing nonprofit.

5. Discussed the distribution of the new Wildfire Preparedness Workbook.

Open Forum: Questions about the Grant process, who and how are the grant projects determined.

Next meeting : TBD

Meeting adjourned