

# RDS Fire Safe Council Meeting

## Minutes

March 26, 2024

Call to Order 6:05 PM

### Board Attendees

Gary, Bruce, Valerie, Erik and Robert

### Other Attendees

Glenda Dickson, Randy Hellesvig and Marty Soth

### Chairperson's Report

#### - **Accomplishments since last meeting (January 17, 2024):**

- Attended El Dorado Transportation Commission presentation on Greater Placerville Evacuation Study at Camino Church on 2/26/24.
- 4 RDSFSC members attended Cal Fire Field Maps training on 2/27/24 – new QE-100 Defensible Space Checklist was received and subsequently incorporated in our RDS Home Hardening & Defensible Space checklist.
- Updated Mailroom Display.
- Sent email blast on EDC Sheriff's new PerimeterMap.com evacuation tool.
- Resident Survey Sent! (Thanks to Steve Bernstein for the assist).
- Joined with Camino & Cedar Grove FSCs to submit an Education & Training Grant Application for \$8,000 (Award expected by early May 2024) – discussion about this being a quick turnaround effort that was not shared with other Board members due to time constraints. In the future every effort will be made to share grant applications with RDSFSC Board prior to submittal.
- Supported the Placerville Fire Safety event on 3/23/24:
  - Good discussion with Mark Egbert of the Resource Conservation District (RCD) & the Office of Wildfire Preparedness & Resiliency (OWPR) representative on potential future RDS Fuel Reduction projects.
  - Spoke to Mary Beth Bykowski of CA Dept of Insurance regarding being a guest speaker at an RDS event.

#### - **EL Dorado County Fire Safe Council (EDCFSC) - Monthly Meeting Highlights (from Feb 21 meeting):**

- Dan Bolster of El Dorado Transportation Commission presented a summary of the Greater Placerville Evacuation Study.
- EDC Sheriff OES Lt. Morton presented new Perimeter Map tool (Ken Pimlott emailed flyer on 2/22/24) – everyone in RDS is in the Camino Evacuation Zone.
- OWPR Community Wildfire Preparedness Plan (CWPP) consultant selected – expect to start in March.
- 4/19 -20 Home Hardening & Defensible Space class available.
- Board approved a Letter of Support for the EDC Defensible Space Ordinance.

- State adopted updated SRA (State Responsibility Area) Fire Hazard Severity Zone Maps, effective April 1, 2024 – available on OWPR website. RDS remains in the Very High Severity zone.
- **EL Dorado County Fire Safe Council (EDCFSC) - Monthly Meeting Highlights (from March 20 meeting):**
  - EDCFSC Defensible Space Assistance Program is ON-HOLD awaiting awarded grant funding to be received (60 jobs in backlog).
  - Previewed 3 awesome “mini videos” that EDCFSC Ken Pimlott made about joining/supporting your local FSC.
  - Alice Cantelow & Kit Veerkamp will present a training session on Landscaping to take your Defensible Space to the next level & social science data on engagement – 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM 4/17 (after next EDCFSC meeting).
  - Tamara Johnston will be the FSC representative on the OWPR CWPP Working Group.
  - Karen Pullen (EDCFSC Secretary) announced that new Associate FSC renewals are due to her in June identifying Board members for 6/24 – 6/25.
  - Learned there are 99 one way in / one way out communities identified in EDC (RDS is one of them).
  - OWPR: conducted three community workshops on Veg Mgt Ordinance – Working Group now evaluating feedback received - first reading with County Supervisors – maybe May.
- **Urgent Issues:**
  - Plan for May 2024 RDCFSC Board elections. Will issue email blast and website/mailroom posts recruiting potential volunteers. At May RDSFSC meeting the current Board will select most qualified candidates.
  - Spring Green Waste event – the Board set May 18 & 19 as the dates for the next Green Waste event. Glenda to prepare a flyer and have them available for distribution at next HOA Board meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Will also post in mailroom and on website. RDSFSC member to attend Board meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup> and speak about the event. Gary working with Jessica at EDCFSC to determine chipper funding and availability.
  - Discussion on holding an RDS community engagement event soon and how to get good attendance. Marty suggested we hold it at the upcoming annual HOA meeting on June 22<sup>nd</sup> because people aren’t interested in having too many meetings. He also suggested we focus on one subject. The Board fully agreed with both suggestions. After discussion the topic of emergency evacuation was selected as the topic. Gary to contact the EDC Sheriff’s Office of Emergency Services to determine if they can provide a speaker. We will begin to “advertise” this meeting at the April HOA meeting. Erik to investigate the possibility of filming RDS exit routes using a drone.
- **Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes** – approval of minutes for the January 23, 2024 FSC meeting was accidentally skipped during the meeting and approved via email after the meeting.

## **Project Leader Reports**

- **Education & Outreach - Glenda**
  - Glenda discussed plans to refresh the website with additional material including the new Perimeter Map tool information, the Green Waste event and Ken Pimlott videos when available.
- **Property Assessment Status/Plans - Gary**
  - One RDS assessments completed in March.
  - Eight RDS assessments pending and three external assessments pending.

- **Planning**
  - Grant activity – near term focus will be assuring that desired RDS fuel reduction areas are included in the CWPP update.
- **Special Projects (Resident Survey)**
  - Survey was sent out via email. Will review available results at the next RSFSC meeting in April.

**Roundtable Discussion (Resident's Comments)**

- Randy Hellesvig brought up the issue of AT&T attempting to end their landline telephone service in EDC. This is a major concern to any residents that live in areas with poor or no cellular service or internet connectivity.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM**

**NEXT RDSFSC meeting will be Tuesday April 26, 2024, at 6:00 PM in RDS Maintenance Building**