



Sierra Springs Regional Fire Safety Council Board Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2023 Meeting was held Live and via Zoom

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at **6:36 PM**
- 2. Roll Call:** FSC Board Members present: Kay Campbell, Les Richards, Lexa Mack, Roger DeGray
- 3. Approval of Agenda:** M/S/C – Campbell / Richards / All
- 4. Approval of 1/2/2023 and 2/6/2023 Minutes:** M/S/C – Campbell / DeGray / All
- 5. Public Comments:** N/A
- 6. Information Items:**
 - a. Chairperson’s Report – Kay Campbell**
~ Awaiting communication update from Mark Egbert
 - b. Vice Chairperson’s Report – Les Richards**
~ See attached report details from County FS meeting and CalFire Webinar
 - c. Treasurers Report – Lexa Mack**
~ March 1, 2023 bank balance was \$2,542.97 We had no Deposits/Additions
- 7. Old Business:**
 - a. SS2 ongoing / Mark Egbert overseeing progress
 - b. SS3– surveying underway – ROE’s will be needed – Board to vote on this soon
- 8. New Business:**
 - a. El Dorado Irrigation District – letter attached .
 - b. FS Evaluators Meeting Wed March 1 @2:00pm to be held at the Lodge
 - c. Fire Safety Evaluations to start Mid-May
- 9. Motion to adjourn** meeting at **6:28** pm - M/S/C – Campbell / Richards / All

Next SSRFSC Meeting to be held Monday **May 1, 2023**

Respectfully Submitted by, Roger DeGray, Secretary

Vice Chair Report 4/3/2023

1. EDC Fire Safe Council 2/15/2023
Defensible Space Presentation by Ron Phillips of the El Dorado County CAO
(video available at EDCfiresafe.org)

El Dorado County has 85,000 parcels w/structures
Less than 1% have been inspected
Of those inspected, 80% reached compliance

Ordinance 5101 found in Chapter 8.09 of El Dorado County Codes
Defensible Space Work Group comprised of 20 members started a review of the ordinance in 9/2022. They met 12 times and reviewed the following 5 areas:

- a. Administrative Provisions
 - b. Definitions/Terminology
 - c. Defensible Space Criteria
 - d. Critical Infrastructure Criteria - additional requirements
 - e. Ordinance Enforcement Procedures
- A. Administrative Provisions
Ordinance title change
 Original: Vegetation Management and Defensible Space
 New: Hazardous Vegetation and Defensible Space
Code conflicts with other codes
More restrictive local requirements
CEQA requirements
Legal Authority
Definitions
Prohibited conduct
 - B. Definitions
 9 new definitions
 6 definitions modified
 Who is a Responsible Person?
 Revised to include Local Government Agencies
 No Government Building requirements under 4291 PRC
 Ordinance does not apply to Federal or State owned lands
 Exception: Public Schools

 What is a Structure?
 Revised to include Government Buildings
 Accessory Buildings Barns, detached buildings clarified
 - C. Defensible Space
 12 subsections modified
 Section 8.09.70 revised to reflect compliance with 4291 PRC

“Good Neighbor” provisions remain with language change to say “Neighbor” (a good neighbor would have already done it!)

Defensible Space may be extended up to 300’ from structure when topographic conditions require it.

D. Critical Infrastructure

Essential services at risk to population

L.P.G. Distribution areas

Telecom sites - cell towers

Free Standing Solar Farms

Public/Private water distribution facilities

Hospitals

Hazardous Materials facilities

E. Enforcement Process

Refer to El Dorado County Code 9.02

In line with Code Enforcement process to abate problems

County owned facility is not exempt from ordinance.

Ordinance 11.02.19 Sale of Real Estate

Inspection by CalFire

FireSafeCouncil Assessment forms will not be valid

Roadways that may be used as Evacuation Routes to be maintained with minimum 10’ clearance on each side of roadway.

Evacuation Routes to be determined on public and private roads.

New revised Ordinance to be presented to BOS in March.

Additional Items from meeting:

Hazardous Tree Program

\$1.7 million dollar grant to remove hazardous trees from private property.

Program manager will be MB&G out of Auburn

What is a hazardous tree:

Trees that threaten habitable structures or ingress/egress

Application will be on EDC website much like chipping program

Will be opening end of March? Looking for 200-250 applications

Will require three visits to property.

1. To assess hazard

2. To meet with contractor to assign scope of work

3. Follow up to photograph improvement

New EDCfiresafe.org website (wholesale redesign of website)

Current website over loaded two administrators. Want to

consolidate to Lanatech going forward.

New Assessment (Evaluator) Classes

20-25 participants

Two - 8 hour classes scheduled for April 21/22 (Friday/Saturday)

Other classes to follow. Will include in field surveys

Lunch provided

Classes held at Diamond Springs Hall behind Fire Station

Grants

Currently \$14 million for 11 different communities

SS-2 still underway, funded till 9/2025

\$25 million awarded for Weber Creek including home hardening

Chipping Program

30 jobs completed in January

Community events encouraged

3 Fire Safe Councils applied. Each resident must apply separately

Biomass

El Dorado County approved a fatal flaw assessment for Camino CoGeneration

SMUD received a \$500,000 grant for site selection in El Dorado County. Looking at Black Oak School District

A mobile biomass contractor being looked at for 2024

Respectfully Submitted by Les Richards, Vice Chairperson



El Dorado Irrigation District

**NOTICE OF INTENT and NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
(Pursuant to CEQA Section 21092 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15072)
RIGHT-OF-WAY REINFORCEMENT PROGRAM**

The El Dorado Irrigation District (EID or District) proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (Section 15000 et seq., Title 14, California Code of Regulations) for the Right-of-way Reinforcement Program (program or proposed program). The program involves vegetation management within the existing utility corridors for seven of the District's approximately 88-mile water transmission pipeline system. Within the utility corridor, crews would remove trees less than 12 inches in diameter at breast height (DBH), and would clear brush, shrubs, and other woody material, with widths ranging up to 60-feet. Hazard trees greater than 12 inches DBH within the utility corridor would also be removed. Vegetation treatments consist of mechanical or manual removal of vegetation and then chipping and broadcasting or lopping and scattering material onsite, and occasionally pile burning material where terrain limits equipment access and onsite conditions allow. Initial treatment activities are expected to be completed in approximately 5-years with ongoing maintenance of vegetation ongoing into the future as needed.

The program area is not identified on the lists specified in Government Code section 65962.5. EID is the lead agency for the program under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and has directed the preparation of an Initial Study (IS) on the proposed program in accordance with CEQA requirements, the State CEQA Guidelines, and EID's guidelines. The IS covering the program describes treatment activities and assesses the proposed program's potentially significant adverse impacts on the physical environment. It concludes that the proposed program's potentially significant or significant adverse effects on the environment could be mitigated to less-than-significant levels; therefore, a proposed MND has been prepared.

Agencies and members of the public are invited to comment on the proposed IS/MND. **The comment period is from March 8, 2023 to April 6, 2023.** The proposed IS/MND can be reviewed at EID's Customer Service Building, 2890 Mosquito Road, Placerville, CA 95667 or on the EID web site at www.cid.org/ceqa. Comments can be sent to Michael Baron, EID Environmental Review Analyst, at the address above or by email at ROWRProgramMND@EID.org by 5:00 p.m. on April 6, 2023. **A public hearing to consider the IS/MND will be held on April 24, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.** or at a subsequent regularly scheduled meeting of the EID Board of Directors. The hearing will be in the EID Customer Service Building Board Room at the above address.

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