



## Mosquito Fire Protection District

**MFPD Special Meeting**  
 Friday, February 21, 2020 – 2 PM  
 Mosquito Fire Station 75  
 8801 Rock Creek Road, Placerville, Ca 95667

### MINUTES

Item	Presenter
<b>1. Call to Order. 2 PM</b>	B. Mikel
<b>2. Roll Call &amp; Quorum announced.</b> <i>Present: Directors Barbara Mikel, Taffy Warner, Kathy Pico, William Buhnerkempe &amp; Charles Schnell. We have quorum.</i>	B. Mikel
<b>3. Pledge of Allegiance.</b>	B. Mikel
<b>4. Action Items.</b> <i>Motion to approve the agenda by Director Pico, second by Director Warner. Ayes: Directors Mikel, Schnell, Pico and Warner. Noes: Director Buhnerkempe Abstain: 0</i>	
<b>4.1</b> Approve or reject board approval of interim operational and administrative heads and updated organization chart. <i>Motion to approve with a correction to the picture of Brian Morris, by Director Pico, second by Director Warner. Ayes: Directors Mikel, Pico, Schnell and Warner. Noes: 0 Abstain: Director Buhnerkempe.</i>	B. Mikel
<b>4.2</b> Approve or reject press / public announcement of departure of Chief Dwyer and interim operational and administrative leadership. <i>Motion to approve by Director Schnell, second by Director Pico. Ayes: Directors Schnell, Pico, Mikel and Warner. Noes: 0 Abstain; Director Buhnerkempe.</i>	B. Mikel
<b>4.3</b> Approve or reject approval of timetable and plan for job notice and hiring procedure. <i>Motion to approve by Director Schnell, second by Director Buhnerkempe. Ayes: Directors Schnell, Pico, Mikel, Warner and Buhnerkempe. Noes: 0 Abstain: 0.</i>	B. Mikel
<b>4.4</b> Approve or reject Paramedic education support contracts for Ryan Purves and Evan Alexander. <i>Motion to approve subject to legal approval by Director Pico, second by Director Buhnerkempe. Ayes: Directors Mikel, Warner, Pico, Schnell and Buhnerkempe. Noes: 0 Abstain: 0</i>	B. Mikel

<p><b>5. Director's Comments.</b> Director Schnell: 1. Re: Grants AFG aid to Fire Grant is coming up. Need to work with Pat Johnson to apply.  2. Notes of the Fire Safe Council meeting of February 19, 2020 are attached.  3. Director Schnell submitted his resignation – in writing - as of March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 due to his relocation out of district.</p>	
<p><b>6. Adjourn 3:06 PM</b></p>	

***El Dorado County Fire Safe Council:***

***Highlights of the 19 February 2020 Board Meeting***

*C. E. Schnell, MFPD Board*

*El Dorado County Vegetation Management Ordinance.* The county has established an office to develop a program of outreach, inspection, and enforcement headed by Michelle Patterson, who spoke and answered questions. They are gearing up and building a staff, soon to include hiring field inspectors in consultation with local fire protection agencies (to ensure qualified candidates) and training them (by Cal Fire). Extensive outreach efforts will inform and engage the public and put to rest misconceptions; these include a hotline (530 621 4663), a website, social media platforms, and visits to community groups like fire safe councils. Priority “community emphasis areas” for initial efforts in 2020 are near Garden Valley and Sly Park (maps on website). The importance of local support for defensible space efforts was stressed; the EDC program will depend heavily on the outreach, evaluation activities, and information supplied by community groups, fire safe councils, and fire prevention districts.

*Fire insurance issues.* Solutions continue to be sought on multiple fronts at the local and state levels. In addition to changes in the FAIR Plan reported earlier, two bills (A.B. 2166 and A.B 2367) have been proposed to make insurance companies insure homes that have complied with home hardening rules, and to provide incentives to homeowners with good defensible space. The EDC Fire Chiefs and Fire Prevention Officers are working to get insurance companies to take into account home hardening and defensible space when setting rates.

*The EDCFSC chipping program* continues apace; community chipping days are encouraged. Further grant funding has been applied for.

*The senior and veterans defensible space program* currently has limited funding but is awaiting news on several grant proposals.

*El Dorado National Forest.* Teresa Riesenhuber reported that USFS grant funding is available for fuel reduction on non-federal lands adjacent to federal lands.

*(This may be relevant to Mosquito.) Contact her at <Teresa.riesenhuber@usda.gov>.*

*The Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) updating process is proceeding; three associate Fire Safe Councils were visited to date by Deer Creek, the consulting firm, to talk about their preliminary plan ideas based on fire risk modeling. Mosquito is scheduled for April.*

*EDCFSC Grants & Funding Committee. Upcoming opportunities include a new round of Cal Fire's Forest Resiliency grants, and on-going USDA / NRCS EQIP grants for Property Owners Associations (POAs) with common lands in need of fuel reduction or other management (Gold Ridge FSC is on the verge of getting funded in partnership with their local POA). Contact Pat Dwyer for details; Mark Egbert also knows.*