



# El Dorado County Fire Safe Council

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## **Status Report to the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015**



# Mission Statement

**“Protect the people of El Dorado County and their property, from the effects of catastrophic wildfire through **education**, **cooperation**, **innovation**, and **action**.”**



# EDUCATION

## Events

Home & Garden Show

Wagon Train

Wildfire Preparedness Day

4<sup>th</sup> of July Event

## Mailings

Pollock Pines, Grizzly Flat, Logtown, Lakehills

**Meetings** – Multiple Locations, New council support

## Press & Media

Web Site : [www.edcfiresafe.org](http://www.edcfiresafe.org)

Social Media Facebook & Nextdoor

News: Mt. Democrat & KFOK Interview



# National Recognition

## **Pioneer Award**

Ken & Nancy Hasse

## **Wildfire Preparedness Day**

Pollock Pines FSC (Heather Campbell)



# COOPERATION - Partners

## STATE & LOCAL PARTNERS

CAL FIRE Amador El Dorado Unit

EDC Fire Prevention Officers Association

EDC Dept. of Transportation

California State Parks Gold Fields District

EDC Fire Chiefs Association

EDC Sheriff OES

California Conservation Corps (CCC)

El Dorado/Georgetown RCD

## FEDERAL PARTNERS

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

U.S. Forest Service, El Dorado National Forest

U.S. Bureau of Land Management

## INDUSTRY PARTNERS

Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI)

Pacific Gas & Electric Co. (PG&E)

El Dorado Irrigation District

Farmers Insurance

Sac. Muni Utilities District (SMUD)

El Dorado Disposal



# INNOVATION

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## All Volunteer Board

Most Counties have paid staff

Board Members devote thousands hours annually

Also contribute hundreds hours to their local Councils

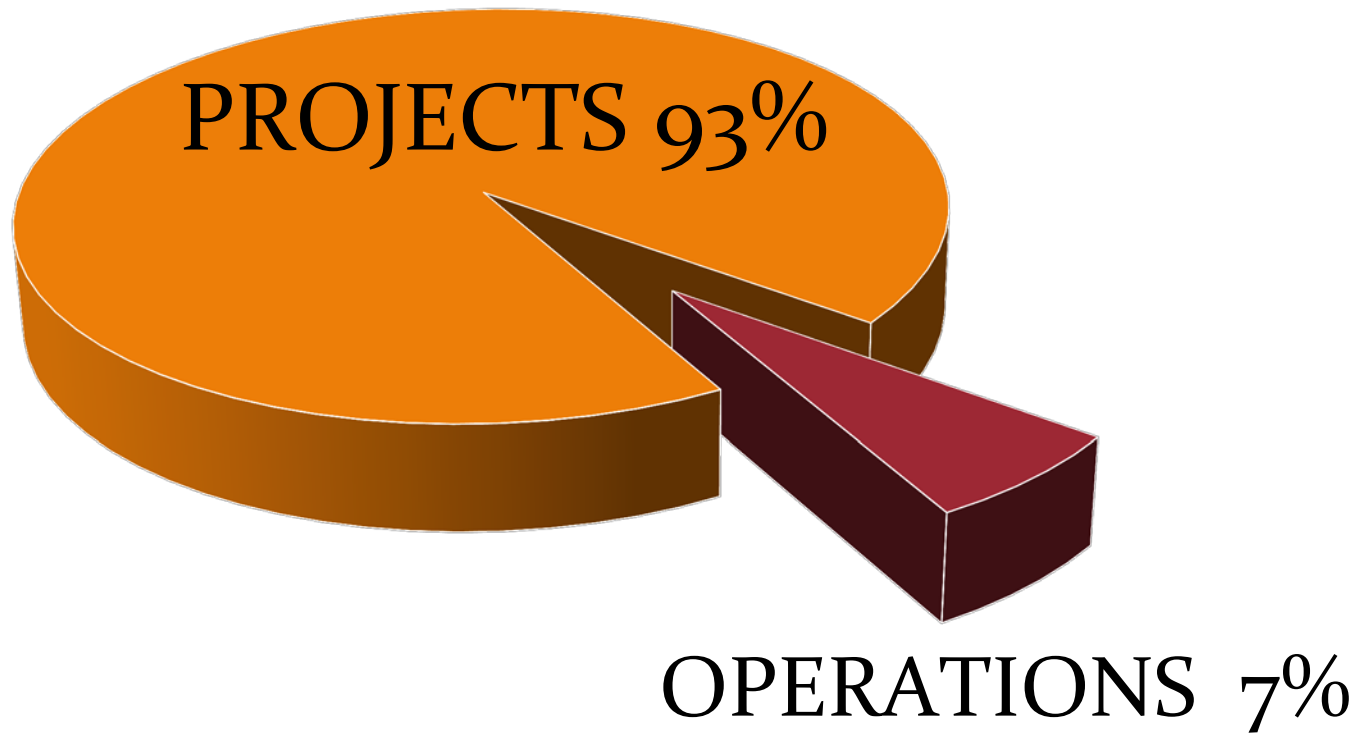
## Contract Project Management

Focused and dedicated to each project

Admin Support Agreement with Rescue FPD



# Volunteers Keep Overhead Costs Low



■ Projects ■ Operations ■ ■



# ACTION

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## Helping Residents Create Defensible Space

427 Chipping Jobs 66,506 Cubic Yards

## Helping Community Fire Safe Activities

24 Green Waste Dumpsters in 10 communities

Community Clean up days (Partner with EDD & Snowline)

## Helping Seniors (Partner with EDCFOS)

29 applications for evaluation and 24 work accomplished:

## Fuel Reduction Projects

CCC, CAL FIRE, USFS, PG&E, SMUD





# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Sponsored 5 new community councils
- Obtained over \$ 500,000 in grants
- Assisted residents to create defensible space
- Assisted Community clean up days
- Strengthened relationships and cooperation
- Increased public awareness and education
- Creating a comprehensive plan for the future



# Fire Safe Councils





# GRANT SUMMARY

YEAR	SUBMITTED	APPROVED	PERCENT (\$)
2013	6/ \$310,150	1/ \$95,000	30%
2014	7/ \$526,861	6/ \$430,113	82%
2015	8/ \$962,560	5/ \$539,894	56%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21/ \$1,799,571</b>	<b>12/ \$1,065,007</b>	<b>59%</b>



# County Wildfire Protection Plan

- ❑ SRA Grant and contracted with SIG
- ❑ Collaboration of Agencies and Community
- ❑ Computer fire modeling (SIG, CAL FIRE, USFS)
- ❑ Community Participation (FSC) Surveys
- ❑ Agency Participation (AEU and Districts)
- ❑ Risk Assessment
- ❑ Community Priorities & Recommendations
- ❑ Action Plan
- ❑ **Execution - Work on the Ground**



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## Challenges:

- Right of entry agreements
- Hazard Abatement
- Absentee Property Owners
- Insurance requirements
- Grant “match” requirements
- Apathy
- Volunteer “Burn Out”



# LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

- Develop a County CWPP that will become the new standard
- Maximize grant opportunities and funding
- Keep overhead costs to a minimum
- Expand our reach and support to communities
- Continued emphasis on individual homeowner and community responsibility
- **Make EDC the premier Fire Safe County**