



# El Dorado County Fire Safe Council

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## **Status Report to the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors February 14, 2017**



## BRIEFING OBJECTIVES

1. 2017 NATIONAL WILDFIRE MITIGATION AWARD
2. COMMUNITY COUNCIL VOLUNTEERS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS
3. PRESENT THE WESTERN SLOPE COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PREVENTION PLAN (CWPP)
4. DISCUSS THE RESIDENTIAL CHIPPING PROGRAM



# WHO WE ARE

- PRIVATE PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATION
  - NON-PROFIT 501(c)(3) IRS JULY 8, 2002
  - INCORPORATED IN CALIFORNIA APRIL 30, 2002
- NOT PART OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT
- **VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION + JODI**
- ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS



# Mission Statement

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



# 2017 WILDFIRE MITIGATION AWARD

## SPONSORED BY

- NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE FORESTERS (NASF)
- INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS (IAFC)
- NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (NFPA)

## HISTORY

- THIRD YEAR OF THE AWARDS – (KEN & NANCY HASSE 2015)
- 2017 14 WINNERS NATIONWIDE



# NATIONAL WILDFIRE MITIGATION AWARD

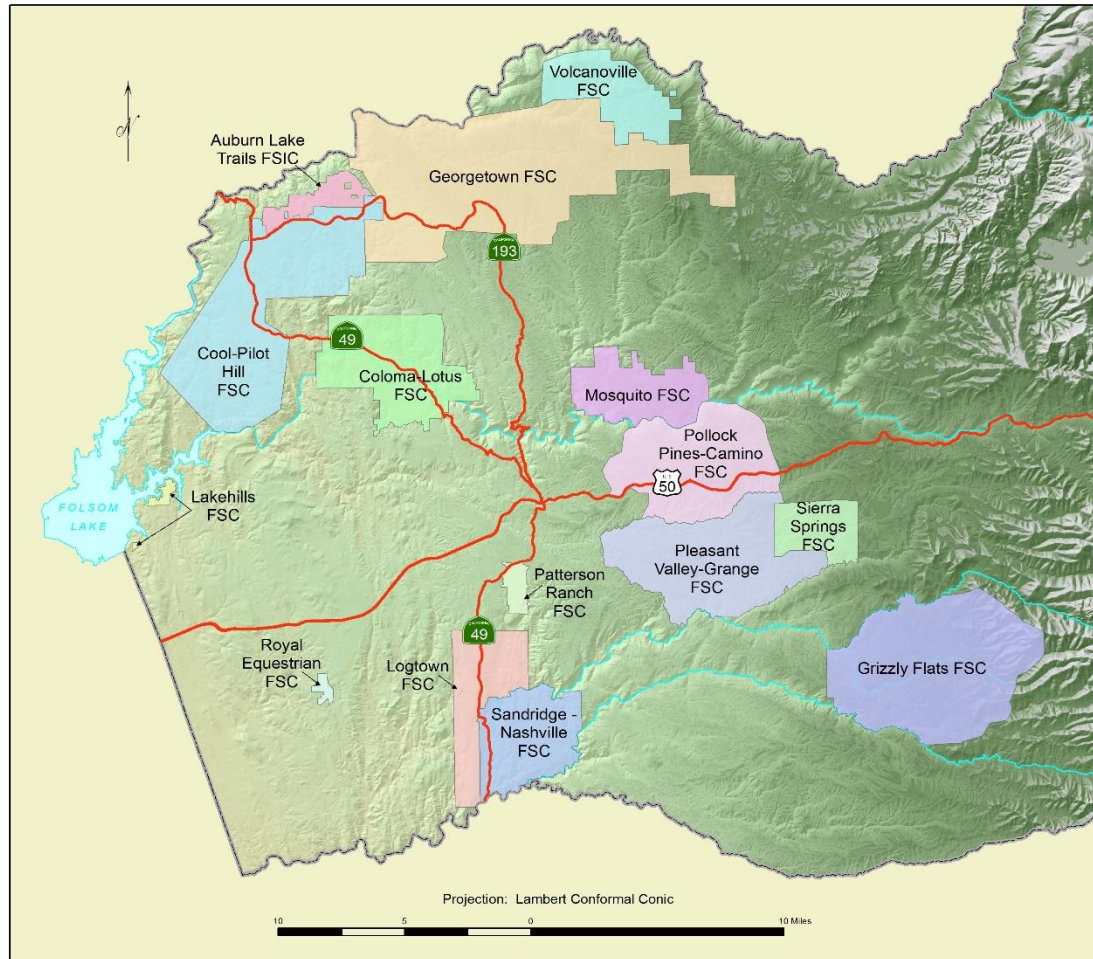
CONGRATULATIONS:

**HEATHER**

**CAMPBELL**



## El Dorado County Fire Safe Council Boundaries, 2016



### Fire Safe Council

- Auburn Lake Trails FSC
- Coloma-Lotus FSC
- Cool-Pilot Hill FSC
- Georgetown FSC
- Grizzly Flats FSC
- Lakehills FSC
- Logtown FSC
- Mosquito FSC
- Patterson Ranch FSC
- Pleasant Valley-Grange FSC
- Pollock Pines-Camino
- Royal Equestrian FSC
- Sandridge - Nashville FSC
- Sierra Springs FSC
- Volcanoville FSC

Data Source: El Dorado County Fire Safe Council



# POLLOCK PINES – CAMINO FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

- **HEATHER CAMPBELL**
- SPEARHEADED THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COUNCIL IN POLLOCK PINES (2014)
- PUBLIC EDUCATION & EVACUATION PLANNING
- COMMUNITY WILDFIRE AWARENESS DAYS
  - 2015 POLLOCK PINES
  - 2016 CAMINO
- FUEL REDUCTION GRANTS
  - PP-1 WEBER CREEK - 2014 SRA \$200,000 (RCD)
  - SP-1 SLY PARK – 2015 SRA 4 \$100,000

**CWPP - 11 PROJECTS, 878 ACRES, 4.8 MILES, \$1.8 MILLION**





# Auburn Lake Trails

- **JEFF TOLSON**
- ALT FIRE SAFETY AND IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL
  - LONG HISTORY OF WILDFIRE MITIGATION
  - AGGRESSIVE GRANT PROGRAM 10 YEARS \$1M
    - 3 GRANTS IN WORKS: USFS, SRA & TREE MORTALITY
  - STRICT DEFENSIBLE SPACE INSPECTIONS
  - IN HOUSE CHIPPING PROGRAM
- **CWPP – APPROVED 2/4/14**
  - **UNDER REVISION**
  - **3 PROJECTS, 52 ACRES, \$440K**



# PATTERSON RANCH-DIAMOND SPRINGS FSC

## KRIS PAYNE

- ESTABLISHED IN 2015
- PATTERSON HOME DESTROYED
  - UNION FIRE 2013
- 2 GRANTS SUBMITTED
  - 2015 SRA, 2016 SRA SOUTHEAST FUEL REDUCTION
- **CWPP**
  - **6 PROJECTS, 214 ACRES, 6 MILES, \$466K**



# GRIZZLY FLATS FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

## MARK ALMER, STEVE HUPNER, ERNIE LORY

- PRIME EXAMPLE OF A SUCCESSFUL FSC
- REGULAR FORMAL MEETINGS
  - QUASI GOVERNMENT OF GRIZZLY FLATS
  - STAKEHOLDERS INVOLVED
- OUTSTANDING TRACK RECORD
  - AGGRESSIVE PERSUIT OF GRANT FUNDS
  - SUCCESSFUL PROJECT MANAGEMENT
- CURRENT GRANTS – SRA TREE MORTALITY GF-32
- **CWPP 17 PROJECTS, 893 ACRES, \$1.8 MILLION**



# GEORGETOWN DIVIDE FIRE SAFE COUNCILS

## RAY GRIFFITHS, MARY CORNELISON, CHIEF SCHWAB

- CWPP COMPLETED 2-24-2015
- PROJECTS
  - PG&E WENTWORTH SPRINGS ROAD \$80K (RCD & CCC)
  - VOLCANOVILLE ROAD - CAL FIRE-GROWLERSBURG & DOT
- **CWPP (GEORGETOWN, GREENWOOD, QUINTETTE, VOLCANOVILLE)**
  - **25 PROJECTS, 1,095 ACRES, 34 MILES, \$2.2 MIL**



# MOSQUITO FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

## KAREN PULLEN, CONNELL PERSICO

- REINVIGERATED IN 2015
- EXCELLENT COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
  - BREAKFAST MEETINGS
  - COMMUNITY OUTREACH
- SUBMITTED A SRA GRANT IN 2016
- ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS TO HELP OTHER COUNCILS
- **CWPP 6 PROJECTS, 1286 ACRES, \$2.6 MILLION**



# COOL- PILOT HILL FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

## LINNEA MARENCO, LIRON GALLIANO

- FORMED IN 2015
- EXCELLENT OUTREACH & COMMUNITY SUPPORT
  - NORTHSIDE SCHOOL – LOGO CONTEST
  - HOLIDAY MARKET
  - COMMUNITY CENTER
- 2016 SRA GRANT SUBMITTED – EDUCATION
- **CWPP - 6 PROJECTS, 605 ACRES, 6 MILES, \$1.2 MIL**



# ROYAL EQUESTRIAN ESTATES FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

## RAY PINGLE

- HISTORY OF ORGANIZING COMMUNITY CHIPPING DAYS
- HANDS ON SELF HELP ROADSIDE CLEARANCE
- 2015 SRA GRANT WEST FUEL REDUCTION \$98K
  - MAY BE MODIFIED TO INCLUDE TRAIL
- **CWPP – 2 PROJECTS, 74 ACRES, 4 MILES \$138K**



# PLEASANT VALLEY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

## BRUCE DICKSON

- FORMED IN 2014 ORIGINALLY PV GRANGE
- GOOD MEETINGS - WELL ATTENDED
- LARGE GEOGRAPHIC AREA – SPARCE POPULATION
- **CWPP- 7 PROJECTS, 371 ACRES, 2 MILES, \$850K**





# COLOMA – LOTUS FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

## DEBORAH KRUSE, TIM KULTON

- FORMED IN 2015
- COORDINATION WITH PARKS
- 2015 SRA GRANT ROADSIDE CLEARANCE \$59K
  - CCC JOINT PROJECT
  - DOT COOPERATION
- CWPP – 11 PROJECTS, 808 ACRES, 47 MILES, \$1.7 MIL
  - DETAILED PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS
  - INCLUDES PARKS



# SIERRA SPRINGS FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

## KAY CAMPBELL, LES RICHARDS

- ESTABLISHED IN 2016
- SIERRA SPRINGS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
  - EMPHASIS ON PROPERTY INSPECTIONS
  - COMMUNITY CONCERNS ABOUT EVACUATION ROUTES
- COORDINATED WITH CCC AND DOT
  - PAID “SPIKE FEES” WITH COMMUNITY FUNDS
  - MT. DEMOCRAT ARTICLE
- **CWPP - 5 PROJECTS, 252 ACRES, 11 MILES, \$459K**



# LAKEHILLS FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

## STEVE WILLIS

- FORMED IN 2012
- EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF AGENCY COLLABORATION
- 2016 PG&E FUEL REDUCTION \$46K
- 2016 SRA GRANT - NEW YORK CREEK \$133K
- **CWPP: 8 PROJECTS, 266 ACRES, 2 MILES, \$756K**



# LOGTOWN FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

## PAT DWYER, MARC REGELBRUGGE & KEN HASSE

- TEN YEARS OF PROGRESS
  - “RING OF PROTECTION” 9 PROJECTS, \$700K
- CURRENT GRANTS
  - LT-10 EAST SIDE FUEL REDUCTION
    - \$100K SRA GRANT
    - \$100K USFS GRANT
- CWPP
  - 5 PROJECTS, 489 ACRES, 10 MILES, \$786K



## COUNTY WIDE (WS) ACTIVITIES

- CHIPPING – DEFENSIBLE SPACE
- HAZARDOUS TREE REMOVAL
- COMMUNITY OUTREACH & EDUCATION
- COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PREVENTION PLANS (CWPP)
- SENIOR & VETERANS ASSISTANCE
- ACTIVE COLLABORATION AND PARTICIPATION
- **CWPP – 6 PROJECTS, 460 ACRES, \$1.5 MIL**



# PROJECT SUMMARY

- ACTIVE & RECENTLY COMPLETED 2014-2016
  - 18 PROJECTS - \$1.6 MILLION
- GRANTS SUBMITTED AND NOT FUNDED 2015-2016
  - 12 PROJECTS - \$1.8 MILLION
- PROPOSED PROJECTS CWPP
  - 19 COMMUNITIES
  - 118 PROJECTS
  - 7972 ACRES
  - 129 MILES OF ROADSIDE CLEARANCE
  - \$17,210,178 OF POTENTIAL FUNDING NEEDS



# THE MANAGEMENT TEAM

PAT DWYER

CHAIR

STEVE WILLIS

VICE CHAIR

BRUCE DICKSON

SECRETARY

MAUREEN JULIAN

TREASURER

JIM STEWART

PARLIAMENTARIAN

JODI MARTIN

CLERK OF THE BOARD

DAVE CRESPO - SMUD

KEN HASSE - WEB AND IT

- PROCESS – TWO YEAR EFFORT - \$100,000
  - SELECTED SPATIAL INFORMATICS GROUP (SIG)
  - SUPPORT FROM WILDLAND Rx & WATKINS GIS
  - STAKEHOLDERS – CAL FIRE, USFS, FIRE DISTRICTS, UTILITIES
  - COUNTY WIDE SURVEY – (SURVEY MONKEY)
  - PRIORITIES & AREAS OF CONCERN
  - COMPUTER MODELS
  - FIREFIGHTER INPUT
  - COMMUNITY MEETINGS
  - PROJECTS DEFINED AND MAPPED
  - COORDINATE AND “PUBLISH” - ADDED DETAIL ON WEB
  - LIVING DOCUMENT – UPDATES REVIEWED YEARLY







# WE ARE NOT ALONE

**CAL FIRE** – FIRE ADAPTED 50/GROWLERSBURG/GOOD NEIGHBOR

**USFS** – COHESIVE STRATEGY

**CCC** – INCREASING ROLE

**EDC DOT** – ROADSIDE MAINT, TRAFFIC CONTROL, CEQA

**PG&E** – FUNDING, POWERLINE VEG MANAGEMENT

**SMUD** – FUNDING, IOWA HILL, ICE HOUSE, POWERLINES

**EID** – SLY PARK, VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

**SPI** – PRIVATE TIMBERLAND

**EL DORADO COUNTY FRIENDS OF SENIORS**

**CAMINO COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE**

**EL DORADO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION – VETERANS FUND**



# CHIPPING PROGRAM

SUSTAINING PROGRAM FOR SEVERAL YEARS

400 RESIDENTS SERVED EACH YEAR

312,000 CUBIC YARDS CHIPPED

IMPROVE WATERSHED – EROSION CONTROL

REDUCED BURN PILE IGNITIONS

FACILITATE DEFENSIBLE SPACE COMPLIANCE (PRC 4291)

IMPROVED AIR QUALITY (CARBON SEQUESTRATION ?)

PAST FUNDING USFS

APPLIED FOR USFS AND CAL FIRE GRANTS – NOT FUNDED

**OUT OF FUNDS – PROGRAM SUSPENDED**



## CONCLUSION

- **STRONG TEAM OF ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS**
  - **DONATING TIME, ENERGY AND TALENT**
- **BRINGING MONEY INTO THE COUNTY**
  - **HUGE RETURN ON INVESTMENT**
- **FULFILLING OUR MISSION**
- **NATIONAL RECOGNITION**
- **EL DORADO COUNTY HAS THE BEST FSC TEAM IN THE STATE !!!!**