



# EL DORADO COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION MEETING

## MINUTES

Monday, November 16, 2020, 9:00 a.m.  
El Dorado Hills Fire Department Employee Development Center  
4640 Golden Foothill Parkway, Suite 10, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asst. Chief Kit Bailey, Cal OES                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Chief Mark Matthews, PIO Fire, <b>Treasurer</b> – Zoom  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asst. Chief Mike Blankenheim, CAL FIRE                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Division Chief Steve McNamara, NTF Fire                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Glenn Brown, Georgetown Fire                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Chief Jon Michaelson, GRV Fire                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Tim Cordero, ECF Fire <b>Vice Chair</b>                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asst. Chief Sherry Moranz, CAL FIRE CAM Fire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Division Chief Paul Dutch, ECF Fire                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Battalion Chief Brian Newman, CAL FIRE ECC AEU          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chief Eddie Dwyer, MQT Fire   | <input type="checkbox"/> Battalion Chief Dion Nugent, MQT Fire                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Chief Ken Earle, DSP Fire  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Bryan Ransdell, DSP Fire               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Battalion Chief Jed Gaines, CAL FIRE CAM Fire                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Chief Clive Savacool, SLT Fire                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chief Gary Gerren, FLL Fire   | <input type="checkbox"/> Chief Mike Schwartz, NTF Fire / MEK Fire                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deputy Chief Dustin Hall, EDH Fire                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Battalion Chief Mike Stutts, PIO Fire                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Division Chief Todd Hern, MQT Fire                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Asst. Chief Linda Szczepanik, GRV Fire                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Maurice Johnson, EDH Fire                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Chief Nickie Washington, USFS                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chief Jay Kurth, USFS   | <input type="checkbox"/> Chief David Whitt, Tribal Fire                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Division Chief Steve Leighton, NTF Fire                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Asst. Chief Corey Zander, Cal OES                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deputy Chief Mike Lilienthal, EDH Fire (Rescue) <b>Chair</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> Chief Brad Zlendick, LAV Fire                           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unit Chief Scott Lindgren, CAL FIRE AEU                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Jack Rosevear, Mosquito Fire           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Division Chief Paul Lohan, ECF Fire                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Bob Bement, GRV Fire                   |

### Pledge of Allegiance - Conducted

#### 1. Call to Order and Introductions - Meeting called to order at 9:00am

##### Others in Attendance:

- Cristy Jorgensen, JPA Deputy Director
- Ron Phillips, EDHFD
- Don Ashton, El Dorado County, CAO
- Sue Hennike, El Dorado County, Deputy CAO
- Todd Crawford, EDSO, OES

#### 2. Public Comments –

#### 3. Approval of Agenda – Chief Johnson motioned to adopt agenda with the following adjustments: Add closed session for potential litigation and push item 4.3 to December 2, 2020 FCA Meeting. Chief Cordero seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

#### 4. New Business

- 4.1 Review the County's proposed changes to the Vegetation Management Program and formulate an official position of the Fire Chief's Association

Sue Hennike gave the Board a brief overview on our last meeting conversation regarding the Vegetation Management program and the goal of this program which is to build something that will be sustainable into the future. The program this year was funded by the general fund and the result has been that we need more compliance and need to educate the public. The community wants to see more aggressive clearing on our

roadways, however funding is an issue. Sue Hennike reviewed the two spreadsheets provided and the differences in these. Lengthy discussion took place on how to come up with the necessary funds for Vegetation Management without taking away from the ambulance services we provide in the County.

**Vegetation Management:** County has been responding to many complaints, especially in the County service area and El Dorado Hills. The fire departments do not have the resources to field all these complaints, however they do not want the County to provide personnel to do this because the local fire districts want to control their own districts. County cannot provide money to each district county-wide they only have enough money to go the emphasis areas. Consistency and coordination among all the districts is going to be key. Weekly meetings take place where the County triages all the complaints, all the districts are invited to attend.

Review of the Master Report document line by line took place.

Wildfire Prevention Authority – Ron Phillips gave the group an overview explaining what this is, Marin County is a great example that shows how to bring everything under one umbrella.

LAFCO process would take 4-6 months. It is an application that describes the service we would provide and how we would fund it. LAFCO will identify the stakeholders that would be affected and then the commission would rule on it.

Chief Johnson stated that we need to keep the Ambulance service a separate component to Vegetation Management. Sue Hennike explained the reason for including this in the document. She also stated that we need to know exactly what it costs to run the ambulance department. This is more a of discussion for the JPA. The county is trying to provide both programs to the County, not one over the other.

#### 4.2 Nominations for Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurer 2021

Chief Lilienthal nominated Chief Matthews to continue as Treasurer.  
Chief Lilienthal nominated Chief Ransdell for Chair; Chief Ransdell declined.  
Chief Ransdell nominated Chief Lilienthal to continue as Chair.  
Chief Johnson nominated Chief Cordero for Chair; Chief Cordero declined.  
Chief Lindgren nominated Chief Brown for Vice-Chair.

The Board is in favor of Chief Lilienthal continuing as Chair, Chief Brown as Vice-Chair and Chief Matthews as Treasurer.

#### 4.3 SB35 Report from the FPO's – Moved to the December 2, 2020 FCA regular Board Meeting.

#### 4.4 Closed Session: Potential Litigation Moved to closed session at 11:03 am.

#### 4.5 Report on Closed Session Item: Potential Litigation

No report.

### 5. Good and Welfare

Chief Johnson asked if anyone interested in hosting Water Tender 41. It needs to be reassigned, currently Amador County (lone) is interested, but this would put it out of the County.

Chief Lindgren is retiring from Cal Fire on December 4, 2020. The Board thanks him for his service and wishes him well on his new venture. Hoping to have a new Cal Fire Chief in position by the first week of December.

**6. Executive Session –** Nothing to report.

**7. Adjournment**

Next meeting: 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 2, 2020

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