

Project Update for Chili Bar to Georgetown Work Group

August 2019

1. We submitted a grant request to the California State Fire Safe Council in June 12, 2019 for the **Kelsey Fuels Reduction Project** for \$99,316 and a supporting match from El Dorado FSC, EDCO DOT, CAL FIRE--Amador-El Dorado Unit, and El Dorado and Georgetown RCD. Tamara Johnston, Chair of the Georgetown FSC submitted the proposal contributing a huge amount of volunteer work to get the 18-page proposal in on time with logistical support from Mark Egbert from the El Dorado and Georgetown RCD.

Today (8-15-19) we received word from the CA FSC that our effort was successful. We were one of 21 projects awarded for work across 17 counties, treating 29,564 acres. **Go Team!!!**
CA FSC Grant Award

website: <https://secureservercdn.net/198.12.145.239/l40.06e.myftpupload.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/2019-Grant-Report.pdf>

2. We also submitted a Sierra Nevada Conservancy- Forest Health pre-application grant request for \$100,000 for pre-project activities in the SE section (**Phase 1 area**) of the larger **Chili Bar to Georgetown project**.

Craig Thomas wrote this proposal and Tamara submitted it as the Georgetown FSC. We may receive funds under this Forest Health program or from a larger block grant being considered for projects in the SOFAR Cohesive Strategy area . . . stay tuned.

3. We spent our **July Chili Bar-to-Georgetown work group meeting** on a road tour of the Phase 1 area with agency officials from the Forest Service, BLM, El Dorado RCD, District IV Supervisor, Lori Parlin, and two local residents (Craig Thomas and Tamara Johnston) The 3 hour tour included main roads and back roads in the Phase 1 area which is the target of our current grant proposals. We saw some pretty scary, fuel-chocked, narrow, one-lane roads in the area where the August 1994 Kelsey Fire burned 800 acres and consumed 14 homes. Something we want to avoid repeating. We are setting up community meetings in the field to explain the Chili Bar to Georgetown Project to local residents.
([Presentation Slides available here](#))

Our next meeting is August 26th at the Garden Valley Fire Station #51 at 9 AM.

--Craig Thomas, Co-Chair