FireSafe Building Construction Demonstration Building

The San Luis Obispo County FireSafe Council

Fires impact an array of agencies, organizations and citizens known as stakeholders. The San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council (SLOCCFSC) was formed in 1998 to bring these stakeholders together. The SLOCCFSC is a nonprofit organization made up of a board of directors. The purpose of the council is to provide education, exchange of information and foster fire prevention and safety in the County of San Luis Obispo.

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In 2001 the SLOCCFSC in cooperation with the California Mid State Fair, initiated the FireSafe Building Construction Demonstration Building. This project was funded by a USDI Bureau of Land Management grant and through donations from businesses and citizens from San Luis Obispo County. The goal of this project is to demonstrate several types of building materials and different techniques you can use to make your home and yard safer in a wildfire. The building has displays focusing on roofing materials, exterior wall siding, windows and shutters, eave soffits, roof ventilation and landscaping techniques.

Construction and Design Team

Architect- Jennifer Rennick

Contractor- Semmes and Co. Builders Inc

Landscape Design- Stratton Semmes

Sign Development- Jill Evans, USDA Forest Service & Terri Dunivant, Gia Graphics

FireSafe Building Materials- Steve Quarles, UC Berkeley Richmond Field Station
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Bell, Robert  Program Manager, Vegetation Management Dept., PG&E
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Hawley, Rick  Greenspace-the Cambria Land Trust
Hoag, Warren  San Luis Obispo County Planning & Building Department
Larsen, Royce  UC Cooperative Extension
Neumann, Bob  Fire Chief, City of San Luis Obispo (Retired)
Osborn, Elizabeth  Red Cross
Parsons, Roy  Cattlemen’s Association
Phelps, Kathleen  USDA, Forest Service
Santiago, Debbie  USDI, Bureau of Land Management
Snow, Roland  Fire Chief, San Miguel Fire District
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Teitje, Bill  UC Cooperative Extension
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Retired board members who were instrumental with this project:

Carr, Robert  Air Pollution Control District
Igleheart, Gil  Realtor
Nunes, Patty  Farm Bureau
Ryan, Mike  Former County of San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors
Waage, Ed  Red Cross
Waddell, Ted  Fire Chief, CDF (Retired)
The following individuals and businesses donated money, material or services to the construction of this building:

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