



**Board of Director's
Annual Membership Meeting
Thursday, January 29, 2009**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE:

James Patterson – Co. Board of Supervisors	Matt Jenkins – CAL FIRE / SLO County Fire
Royce Larsen – UC Cooperative Extension	Greg Saenz – Pacific Gas & Electric
Dan Turner – District 3 Representative	Bob Neumann – District 2 Representative
Rick Hawley - Greenspace	Mark Elliott – APCD
Warren Hoag - SLO County Planning	Jim Harrison – District 4 Representative
Roy Parsons – Cattlemen’s Association	Skip Dyke – Range Improvement
Elizabeth Merson – Red Cross	Joseph Cabassi – Insurance Industry
Keith Aggson – Atascadero City Fire	Mark Miller – Fire Chief’s Association
Johnathan Hurst – Fire Prevention Association	Rich Thompson – Cal Poly State University
Roland Snow	

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Dan Dulitz – District 5 Representative	Bob Putney
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STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Dave Mathe – Business Manager	
Denny O’Neil – CAL FIRE / SLO County Fire	
Jerilyn Moore – CAL FIRE / SLO County Fire	

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Patterson at 9:08 a.m.

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the December 4, 2008 meeting minutes.

FOCUS GROUP GRANT CHECK PRESENTATION & RECOGNITION AWARDS

The FireSafe Council presented a check in the amount of \$35,765 to the Avila Valley Focus Group for vegetation management and a check in the amount of \$23,000 to the Pismo Heights Focus Group for Phase II fuel reduction. Fire Captain Laurie Donnelly, CAL FIRE/San Luis Obispo County Fire, accepted the checks on behalf of the focus groups.

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Certificates of Appreciation from the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors were presented to:

Amber Gardner – California FireSafe Council
Fire Captain Felix Camacho – CAL FIRE / San Luis Obispo County Fire
Fire Captain Laurie Donnelly – CAL FIRE / San Luis Obispo County Fire
Celeste Whitlow – Nipomo Community Services District
Es Berliner – CAL FIRE / San Luis Obispo County Fire
Jerilyn Moore - CAL FIRE / San Luis Obispo County Fire
Bob Putney – Cambria Focus Group
Chuck Larsen – Pismo Heights Focus Group
Walt Musso – Avila Valley Focus Group
Candace Caswell – Home Depot

ELECTIONS

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the list of officers as presented with the addition of Johnathan Hurst representing the Central Coast Fire Prevention Association. It was moved, seconded and approved to accept Bob Putney as the FireSafe Council Secretary. It was moved, seconded and approved to accept Jim Harrison as the Executive Board Member-At-Large.

GOVERNANCE

It was moved, seconded and approved to reappoint Rob McCann, Accountant, and reappoint Century Small Business Systems as Tax Advisor.

2009 GOALS

Dave Mathe presented proposed goals for 2009:

- Create a web page
- Support design and construction of fire safe signs
- Prepare and distribute Homeowners Guide to Wildland Fire Safety
- Participate in the Mid-State Fair
- Attend and participate in the Central Coast Fire Prevention Association (CCFPA)
- Continue to participate in the San Luis Obispo County Fire Chief's Association
- Support the preparation of evacuation plans for communities within San Luis Obispo County
- Produce a Building or Firescape DVD
- Submit a grant for a regional specific fuels modification guideline
- Participate in Wildfire Preparedness Week with local fire agencies

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Council members suggested adding the following goals:

- Plant a fire safe demonstration garden at the Fire Safe Demonstration Building
- Chipping projects
- Focus groups
- Prepare and distribute “Living With Fire”

Dave Mathe listed project considerations for 2009:

- San Miguel Community Services District
- Templeton Community Services District
- Ranchita Focus Group
- Cambria Community Services District
- Parkhill
- City of Atascadero
- Los Osos Focus Group
- Arroyo Grande Focus Group

PUBLIC COMMENT

Royce Larsen – The National Drought Mitigation Center is sponsoring a free seminar on drought tools, February 24, 2009 at Harris Ranch. Contact Royce for the on-line registration site.

Roland Snow – Advised the Council that the County of San Luis Obispo maintains a native plant nursery at Lake Lopez.

Jim Patterson – Announced that there will be a Renewable Energy Forum February 6, 2009, 9 am – 3 pm, at the Veteran’s Memorial Building, \$10 admission fee.

Mark Elliott – Stated that APCD involvement in chipping events could be reduced as funding dwindles. Communities need to be self supporting and transfer chipping to private entities or look for other sources of funding.

Jim Patterson – Wanted to be sure that the FireSafe Council recognize Dave Mathe and Denny O’Neil for their dedication and hard work for the FireSafe Council.

GUEST PRESENTATION

The San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council welcomed Amber Gardner, Coast Region Grants Manager for the California State FireSafe Council. Amber presented the FireSafe Council with a check in the amount of \$192,445. She highlighted the mission of the State FireSafe Council and gave a brief update on some of the various 175 fire safe councils throughout California. Amber congratulated the San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council on a well run program.

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2009 BUDGET PRESENTATION

Dan Turner, Treasurer, reviewed the Accounting by Grant through December 31, 2008.

Grant Revenue Realized = \$359,273
Balance Remaining on Grants = \$229,424
Annual Operating Expense Budget Proposal = \$26,468
Revenue Summary (Administrative Fees) = \$28,417
Projected Surplus = \$1,949

<u>Projects Subject to Funding</u>	
Homeowners Guide to Wildfire Safety	\$20,000
Web Site Development and Annual Maintenance	<u>\$ 5,600</u>
Total Unfunded Projects	\$25,600

There was discussion on possible ways to spend the \$1,949 surplus; effective production and distribution of the “Living With Fire” insert; and, FireSafe Council website development. Website development and maintenance will be placed on a future agenda.

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the 2009 FireSafe Council Budget as presented.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the FireSafe Council Board of Director’s is scheduled for March 26, 2009, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, location to be determined.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilyn W. Moore