



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 24, 2009

BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE:

James Patterson – Co. Board of Supervisors	Skip Dyke – Range Improvement
Royce Larsen – UC Cooperative Extension	Bob Neumann – District 2 Representative
Dan Dulitz – District 5 Representative	Keith Aggson – City of Atascadero
Mark Miller – Fire Chief’s Association	Chris Dicus – Cal Poly
Elizabeth Merson – Red Cross	Jim Harrison – District 4 Representative
Roy Parsons – Cattlemen’s Association	Matt Jenkins – CAL FIRE / SLO County Fire
Mark Elliott – APCD	

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Kathleen Phelps – U.S. Forest Service	
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Rick Hawley - Greenspace	Warren Hoag - SLO County Planning
Johnathan Hurst – Fire Prevention Assn.	Joseph Cabassi – Insurance Industry
Dan Turner – District 3 Representative	Roland Snow
Greg Saenz – Pacific Gas & Electric	

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Patterson at 10:05 A.M.

President Patterson presented Captain Denny O’Neil with a plaque acknowledging the hard work and many contributions Denny has made to the FireSafe Council. Martin Scott, Ranchita Estates Focus Group, thanked Denny for all his work and effort put into the Ranchita Estates Focus Group and presented him with a plaque acknowledging his service. Denny thanked the Council for having the opportunity to be of service.

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CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the consent items:

- Financial Report through August 31, 2009
- Meeting Minutes – March 26, 2009
- Business Manager's Report
- Executive Board Meeting Minutes – August 20, 2009

CONSIDERATION OF CHANGING BANKS

Dave Mathe distributed and reviewed a matrix comparing services provided by Coast National Bank and Mission Community Bank. After a question and answer period, **it was moved, seconded and approved to move the FireSafe Council banking from Coast National Bank to Mission Community Bank.** (Roy Parsons opposed)

ELECTION OF SECRETARY

It was announced that Fire Chief Roland Snow has volunteered to assume the vacant FireSafe Council Secretary position. **It was moved, seconded and approved to appoint Fire Chief Roland Snow as Secretary of the FireSafe Council.**

PROJECT REPORT

Dave Mathe reviewed the CY2009 Project Status Report dated 9/13/09. Roy Parsons asked for clarification on the Laguna Lakes Project listed under "In Process". Roy expressed concern that FireSafe Council money is being used on a city project. Dave Mathe stated that this project will be put on hold pending further investigation. Clarification was requested regarding the Point San Luis Lighthouse project. This project is an inexpensive brush and tree trimming project which would improve access to the lighthouse in case of fire.

Highlights made by Dave Mathe regarding projects and/or financial sheet:

- On the financials – the 2009 Living with Fire project appears as a negative because the Council is waiting for the money
- Pismo Heights Project is complete
- Chipping Projects – every nickel is earmarked
- On the financials – posting error on South County Brush – there is no money
- \$30,000 Operating Funds is a solid number
- CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire Department Battalion Chiefs will be submitting projects for shaded fuel breaks
- Work at rodeo grounds in Cambria started this morning
- James Way Project will start in one month

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- Mid-State Fair - \$3,000 was spent on a firescape demonstration garden coordinated by Es Berliner. This project is a good example of the FireSafe Council's commitment to educating the public.
- Demonstration Garden at Botanical Gardens in Arroyo Grande – This will be a joint project to help educate the community on firescaping. The State FireSafe Council donated \$10,000 to this project.

SLOCCFSC WEB PAGE DEVELOPMENT

CAL FIRE/San Luis Obispo County Fire was requested at the June 25th Executive Board Meeting to provide a proposal of service to develop and refurbish the San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council website. Captain Greg Alex, CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire, distributed a "Summary of a Request for Proposal FSC Website" which he thoroughly reviewed with the Council. The website will bring continuity in the FireSafe Council prevention message, as well as provide the public with a great informational source as to what the FireSafe Council can do to help residents prepare for an incident in their community. After discussion, **it was moved, seconded and approved to move forward on development and maintenance of a FireSafe Council website by CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire Department.**

CALIFORNIA STATE FIRESAFE COUNCIL

Cathy Brooke, California State FireSafe Council Senior Grants Manager, thanked the Council for warmly welcoming her to San Luis Obispo County and the FireSafe Council meeting. Cathy toured parts of the county and viewed projects with CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire Captain Laurie Donnley and Captain Denny O'Neil. She briefly reviewed the grant application process for 2010 stating that competition for available monies will be strong. She suggested limiting submissions to five proposals per entity. Focus will mostly be on fuel reduction with more money being allocated to education. Cathy encouraged directors and interested community members attend the California State FireSafe Council Meeting in Santa Barbara on December 3, 2009.

OPEN DISCUSSION

All Council members were given time to share items of interest.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the FireSafe Council Board of Directors is scheduled for November 19, 2009, 10:00 – 12:00, at the Farm Bureau.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilyn W. Moore