



## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

**Thursday, May 27, 2010**

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE:

James Patterson – Co. Board of Supervisors	Chris Dicus – Cal Poly
Keith Aggson – City of Atascadero	Mark Elliott – APCD
Dan Turner – District 3 Representative	Matt Jenkins – CAL FIRE / SLO County Fire
Mark Miller – Fire Chief’s Association	Roy Parsons – Cattlemen’s Association
Bill Tietje – UC Cooperative Extension	Warren Hoag - SLO County Planning

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Rick Hawley - Greenspace	Johnathan Hurst – Fire Prevention Assn.
Dan Dulitz – District 5 Representative	Joseph Cabassi – Insurance Industry
Roland Snow - Secretary	Elizabeth Merson – Red Cross
Greg Saenz – Pacific Gas & Electric	Jim Harrison – District 4 Representative
Bob Neumann – District 2 Representative	Skip Dyke – Range Improvement

### CALL TO ORDER

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

### CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Meeting Minutes – March 25, 2010
- Business Manager’s Report – March 11, 2010 – May 16, 2010
- Executive Board Meeting Minutes – April 21, 2010

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Dan Turner, Treasurer, reviewed the Accounting by Fund through April 30, 2010. ***It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the Accounting by Fund through April 30, 2010 as presented by Treasurer Dan Turner.***

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS DISCUSSION AND VOTE**

Equipment Maintenance and Replacement Reserve Account – The revised draft operating policy was presented to the Board again for their review and approval. Item 5 was added stating “The responsibility of repairs to chippers used on chipping project provided by vendors shall be the responsibility of the vendor.” and item 6 stating “Equipment Maintenance and Replacement Reserve funds shall be used only on Fire Safe Council Equipment.” ***It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the Equipment Maintenance and Replacement Reserve Account Operating Policy as submitted.***

Electronic Invoice Payment Limitations – At the March 25, 2010 meeting of the FireSafe Council the Board adopted the following banking procedures:

- 1) **\$10,000 per item maximum**
- 2) **\$20,000 per day maximum**
- 3) **Specific exemptions with Executive Board approval on anything greater than \$10,000**

An Electronic Invoice Payment Limitations Operating Procedure with the language above was presented for review and discussion. ***It was moved, seconded and approved to adopt the Electronic Invoice Payment Limitations Operating Procedure as presented.***

### **BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT**

40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Earth Day – Jim Patterson coordinated a FireSafe Council booth at the Earth Day celebration in Atascadero on April 18<sup>th</sup> and San Luis Obispo on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Both events were very well attended with a lot of information given out. President Patterson thanked Es Berliner, Greg Alex and Nate Wright for their hard work on these two projects. Photos taken at the events will be posted on the FireSafe Council web site in the future. President Patterson would like to see the FireSafe Council involved in more community outreach and education events.

Dave Mathe coordinated a FireSafe Council booth at the Paso Robles Home Show held April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 250-300 came by the FireSafe Council booth and literature provided by CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire was disseminated. Dave stated that it was a very worthwhile event and he recommends participating in more events like this. He also recommends the FireSafe Council make signs and a photo display for the booth. Special thanks to Es Berliner and Nate Wright of CAL FIRE/ SLO County Fire for their hard work at this event.

### **MASTICATION ALTERNATIVE FOR FUELS MODIFICATION**

CAL FIRE / SLO County Fire Division Chief Alan Peters presented two projects for Board review and consideration for funding:

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1. Bridge Street Shaded Fuel Break
  - o 75 acres on the east edge of Cambria
  - o Potential funding source - HFT II grant sponsored by CAL FIRE
  - o Suitable for mastication. Estimated cost ~ \$100k.
  - o Cooperators: Covell Ranch/Nature Conservancy (landowners), Cambria Fire, CAL FIRE, State Parks
  - o Issues: fencing/trespassing, environmental clearances, coastal zone
2. Coon Creek Control Line Preparation
  - o Perimeter control lines for expansion of North Ranch VMP prescribed burn.
  - o 2.5 miles of control line preparation needed to add additional 718 acres of prescribed burn area.
  - o 18 acres of mastication. Estimated cost ~ \$44k.
  - o 1.2 miles of hand-line construction. Cost ~ \$15k
  - o FSC has agreed to sponsor this project to utilize private contractors.
  - o Access is through DCNPP north gate security. Project mostly on MDO Park.
  - o Total estimated cost following burn ~ \$83/acre.

These two projects will be placed on the Executive Board agenda for discussion and brought back to the full Board at the July meeting.

### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Dan Turner gave an update on his work with Cal Poly: (1) Cal Poly is partnering with U.C. Berkeley applying for a grant relating to WUI fire management issues. They have been successful in the first round of grant review and moving forward. (2) Cal Poly is partnering with Humboldt to establish an institute to share forestry resources – this would be a Congressional request for funds. (3) Cal Poly and Homeland Security held a symposium at Cal Poly. Chris Dicus will be travelling to Australia in two weeks to collaborate with the Australians on the “Bush Project”. Dr. Dicus thanked Dan Turner for all his effort and hard work on this project.

Bill Tietje shared that the Oak Symposium will probably be held again in 2012. This three day symposium generally has a fire component. Last year Roy Parsons received an award from the Native Tree Committee for planting several oak trees on his property.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council Board of Directors is scheduled for July 22, 2010, 10:00 – 12:00, at a location to be determined in Pismo Beach.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 A.M. Following adjournment, Fire Chief Mark Miller conducted a tour of the Rodeo Grounds Project in Cambria.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilyn W. Moore