



## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

**Thursday, September 23, 2010**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE:**

James Patterson – Co. Board of Supervisors	Skip Dyke – Range Improvement
Dan Dulitz – District 5 Representative	Warren Hoag - SLO County Planning
Roy Parsons – Cattlemen’s Association	Roland Snow - Secretary
Dan Turner – District 3 Representative	Matt Jenkins – CAL FIRE / SLO County Fire
Mark Miller – Fire Chief’s Association	Bill Tietje – UC Cooperative Extension

### **EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS (NON-VOTING) IN ATTENDANCE:**

Kathleen Phelps	USDA Forest Service
Jamie Cople (Alternate)	USDA Forest Service

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT:**

Bob Neumann – District 2 Representative	Mark Elliott – APCD
Rick Hawley - Greenspace	Greg Saenz – Pacific Gas & Electric
Johnathan Hurst – Fire Prevention Assn.	Joseph Cabassi – Insurance Industry
Keith Aggson – City of Atascadero	Elizabeth Merson – Red Cross
Jim Harrison – District 4 Representative	Chris Dicus – Cal Poly

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Patterson at 10:12 A.M.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- Meeting Minutes – July 22, 2010
- Executive Board Meeting Minutes – August 26, 2010

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Dan Turner, who has been out of town for several weeks, asked Dave Mathe to present the financial report. Dave reported that the FireSafe Council is in good shape financially through

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year 2011. Dave reviewed the *Accounting by Fund Through August 31, 2010* highlighting some of the accounts. The Coast National Bank account has been closed and \$25,000 will be deposited in Mission Bank. The \$25,000 will be spent on projects next year. 2010 Operating Funds = \$25,699, Prudent Reserve = \$5,000, and Maintenance Reserve = \$4,000. **It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the Accounting by Fund through August 31, 2010 as presented by Dave Mathe.**

### **FUELS MODIFICATION ON PRIVATE PROPERTY POLICY**

A rough draft of a Fuels Modification on Private Property Policy was presented to the Board of Directors for review and consideration. There was lengthy discussion on this agenda item. Joe Cabassi, Board of Director representing the insurance industry, will be consulted and asked for input and clarification. This item will be taken back to the E-Board for further review and then back to the Board of Directors for consideration at a future meeting.

### **CHIPPER REPORT**

Greg Alex, CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire Pre-fire Engineer, was asked by the FireSafe Council to research the type, number, ownership and location of chippers in the county. Greg distributed a one page "Summary of APCD Grant Funding for Portable Chippers" for review and discussion. Mark Elliott provided information and inventoried the chippers for this summary. Chippers are too expensive to purchase so as they "die" chippers will have to be leased for chipping events in the future. The FireSafe Council thanked Greg Alex for all his hard work and effort on this assignment.

### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Dan Turner gave an update on the grants he has been working on: (1) Cal Poly has been awarded a grant to create a California Research Consortium – this will be a combined project with Humboldt, Berkeley, UC Davis and Cal Poly; (2) A grant application will be submitted by 5 P.M. today for a Department of Homeland Security Grant between the USA and Australia using a Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Awareness Model; and (3) There is tentative approval on a County grant for a county-wide Wildfire Protection Plan. Dan also reported that the Fire Chiefs Association of San Luis Obispo County has given their endorsement of this year's fire message "Ready – Set – Go".

Cambria Fire Department Chief Mark Miller informed the Council that talks are progressing on the Covell Fuel Modification project with the property owner and the Nature Conservancy. They are at the point of putting grant requests together. This can be another topic for discussion at a future meeting of the FireSafe Council, possibly the November meeting.

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Bill Tietje announced two meetings: (1) September 28<sup>th</sup> – Resources Assessment Program of Ranching Enterprises being held at Varian Ranch, and (2) October 28<sup>th</sup> – Drought and Ranching to be held at the Culinary Arts Center. All are welcome to attend.

Deputy Chief Rob Lewin advised the Council that the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) in cooperation with local landowners will be conducting a 525-acre prescribed burn on Friday, October 8, 2010 in the Huasna area.

Council President Jim Patterson informed the Council that the Employment Agreement with Business Manager Dave Mathe will be finished in a month or so. This topic will be on the Executive Board agenda as well as the November FireSafe Council agenda. Jim also asked members to bring forth suggestions for the program portion of the annual meeting to be scheduled in January, 2011.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council Board of Directors is scheduled for November 18, 2010 at the Mid-State Fairgrounds. A tour of the Demonstration House will be conducted following the meeting.

### **PROGRAM**

The presentation on fire codes being given by Johnathan Hurst, City of Arroyo Grande Building Official, was postponed. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M., followed by an informal tour of the Fire Resistant Demonstration Garden.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilyn W. Moore