



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 24, 2011

BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE:

James Patterson – Co. Board of Supervisors	Keith Aggson – City of Atascadero
Leon Goldin – Los Osos Focus Group	Richard Gonzales – Farm Bureau
Dan Dulitz – District 5 Representative	Rob Lewin – CAL FIRE/County Fire
Steve Negro – District 1 Representative	Roy Parsons – Cattlemen’s Association
Skip Dyke – Range Improvement	Jim Harrison – Citizen at Large
Johnathan Hurst – Fire Prevention Assn.	Warren Hoag - SLO County Planning
Martin Scott – Ranchita Focus Group	Turko Semmes – Builders Community
Ed Waage – Citizen at Large	Mark Elliott - APCD

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Bob Neumann – District 2 Representative	Joseph Cabassi – Insurance Industry
Chris Dicus – Cal Poly	Greg Saenz – Pacific Gas & Electric
Royce Larsen – UC Cooperative Extension	Paul Deis – American Red Cross
Mark Miller – Fire Chief’s Association	

CALL TO ORDER

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approve January 24, 2011 Annual Meeting Minutes
- Accept Business Manager’s Report for January-March, 2011
- Approve February 24, 2011 Executive Board Meeting Minutes

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TREASURER'S REPORT

In Bob Neumann's absence Dan Turner briefly reviewed the March 2011 Year to Date Financial Report for the SLO County Community FireSafe Council – Pismo Donations, Grant 383 ongoing, 2008 APCD Brush Disposal on-going. Current 2011 Operating Budget balance is \$11,392, 2011 Operating Actual \$21,467, Prudent Reserve \$5,000 and Maintenance Reserve \$4,000.

STATE FIRESAFE COUNCIL SITE VISIT

Cathy Brooke, State FireSafe Council Regional Grants Manager, spent two days in San Luis Obispo County recently. Cathy met with Council members, focus group members, toured projects, and reviewed SLO County Community FireSafe Council financial processes. She was pleased and impressed with our projects and focus groups. Cathy shared that this year's allocations will be \$200,000 and suggests getting applications in early before the June deadline and encouraged members to attend one of the upcoming Grant Writing Workshops being held throughout the state.

On behalf of the SLOCC FireSafe Council President Jim Patterson recently wrote letters to Senators and Representatives asking them to restore funding to the State Fire Safe Council. Cathy suggested writing similar letters to the Secretary of Agriculture and Secretary of the Interior. **It was moved, seconded and approved to authorize President Jim Patterson, on behalf of the SLOCCFSC, to write letters to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior encouraging them to restore funding to the State FireSafe Council.**

PRESENTATION: WALLY MCCALL - Cancelled due to illness

OLD BUSINESS

2011 See Canyon Project – Phase 2 – Dan Turner stated that this project has been approved for a \$110,000 grant with a match coming from community members. The project will focus on access issues, roadway clearance, chipping, creating safety zones and creating an escape route out the west side of the canyon.

Strategic Planning Committee Report – Jim Patterson reported that a Strategic Planning Committee was formed and has met once. Committee members include Steve Negro, Dan Turner, Dan Dulitz, Bob Neumann, and Jim Patterson. The Business Plan/Strategic Plan has not been updated since 2008. The Board of Directors were asked to review the DRAFT 2011 FireSafe Council Goals and Objectives and DRAFT 2011 FireSafe Council Business Plan and e-mail comments to any one of the committee members prior to the May 26, 2011 meeting. The 2011 Goals and Objectives and Business Plan will be on the May 26th meeting agenda for final review and adoption.

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2010 “383” Unallocated Fund Grant Requests – This grant is due to expire in October 2011 with \$50,000 remaining in the grant to be allocated to projects. Mary Bianchi, of the U.C. Cooperative Extension Service, gave a brief presentation for a proposed landscape demonstration garden. After lengthy discussion, **it was moved, seconded and approved to set aside \$4,000 from the 2010 “383” Grant for a U.C. Cooperative Extension Service landscape demonstration garden pending receipt of a written proposal and environmental review.** Roger Maggio, San Luis Obispo City Fire Department, gave a brief presentation for open space fuel reduction projects in the open spaces of San Luis Obispo. After considerable discussion, **it was moved, seconded and approved to set aside \$5,000 from the 2010 “383” Grant for fuel reduction in the open spaces of San Luis Obispo pending receipt of a written proposal and environmental review (Opposed - Roy Parsons).**

NEW BUSINESS

Earth Day 2011

Jim Patterson informed the committee that an Earth Day celebration in San Luis Obispo County is planned for Saturday, April 23rd at the botanical gardens located on Highway 1 across from Cuesta College. Jim has volunteered to set up and maintain the FireSafe Council table from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Because the FSC is a non-profit organization the \$100 registration fee is waived. **It was moved, seconded and approved that the FireSafe Council participate in the San Luis Obispo Earth Day celebration April 23, 2011 and make a \$100 donation from the 383 Grant.**

2012 FSC Grant Request Project Review

See Canyon Project – Phase 3 - \$110,000 suggested – Greg Alex gave a brief update on this project – continue 100 foot clearance, continue chipping, establish safe refuge, establish control lines for control burns, access and egress, transition maintenance from CAL FIRE and the FireSafe Council to the See Canyon citizens.

Oakshores Fire Plan –Request \$50,000 – Dr. Dicus and Cal Poly students to look at and recommend cattle grazing on the west and east sides of the area; Cuesta Camp mitigate downed fuel and trees; \$20,000 - \$25,000 to do weed abatement – one acre a day by Cuesta Camp.

West Atascadero Fuel Break Project – Not asking for money, work will be performed by CAL FIRE.

City of Atascadero – Request \$19,500 – Fuel reduction project to improve defensible

The meeting adjourned at 12:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilyn W. Moore