



## **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Thursday, July 28, 2011**

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

James Patterson – Co. Board of Supervisors	Keith Aggson – City of Atascadero
Dave Duran – District 4 Representative	Skip Dyke – Range Improvement
Dan Dulitz – District 5 Representative	Rob Lewin – CAL FIRE/County Fire
Ed Waage – Citizen at Large	Roy Parsons – Cattlemen’s Association
Bob Neumann – District 2 Representative	Jim Harrison – Citizen at Large
Leon Goldin – Los Osos Focus Group	Royce Larsen – UC Cooperative Extension
Warren Hoag - SLO County Planning	Turko Semmes – Builders Community

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

Johnathan Hurst – Fire Prevention Assn.	Richard Gonzales – Farm Bureau
Greg Saenz – Pacific Gas & Electric	Steve Negro – District 1 Representative
Mark Miller – Fire Chief’s Association	Paul Deis – American Red Cross
Mark Elliott - APCD	Martin Scott – Ranchita Focus Group
Chris Dicus – Cal Poly	Joseph Cabassi – Insurance Industry

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Patterson at 9:10 AM.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

***It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the March 24, 2011 and June 9, 2011 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes and the June 23, 2011 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes.***

### **TREASURER’S REPORT**

Bob Neumann presented the Treasurer’s Report in the absence of Dan Turner. The Accounting by Fund reports should state Through June 30, 2011 not Through May 31, 2011. There is a \$1,400 adjustment approved at the June Board of Directors meeting from Administrative

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Services to Supplies for cabinets in the FireSafe Demonstration Building. Bob informed the Board that Dan Turner has been working with Mission Community Bank on the bill paying process which has been progressing successfully. *It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the Financial Statements through June 30, 2011 for the SLO County Community FireSafe Council as presented.*

### PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Fire Captain Laurie Donnelley, in the absence of Fire Captain Greg Alex, distributed and highlighted CAL FIRE Projects – 2011 Summary – 07-26-11 which included:

2011 FSC Funded Projects – See Canyon Project Area Phase II; Nipomo Chipping Project Area; and FSCSLO.ORG

2011 FSC Proposed Projects from CAL FIRE – Parkhill Chipping Project Area; Meridian Chipping Project Area; Suey Creek Chipping Project Area

2011 FSC Proposed Projects from FSC Focus Groups – See Canyon Phase III; Oak Shores; Baron Canyon; Ranchita; Los Osos

President Patterson reminded the Board that the September meeting will be held at the PG&E Visitor Center on Ontario Road in Avila Valley with a tour of the See Canyon and Baron Canyon projects following the meeting.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### 1. 2010 “383” Grant Allocations

Bob Neumann informed the Board that \$20,000 additional dollars have been made available for redistribution after clarifying an allocation/accounting issue. At their June 23, 2011 meeting, the Executive Committee reviewed and recommends the remaining 2010 “383” Grant allocations for full Board consideration and adoption:

- i. \$ 7,326 Los Osos Tierra-Las Encinas Project.
- ii. \$ 1,142 Ready, Set, Go! Brochures
- iii. \$ 6,532 For Suey Canyon, Parkhill, Meridian, and Nipomo Chipping
- iv. \$ 5,000 CAL FIRE vegetation management demonstration project (See Canyon area)

*It was moved, seconded and approved to allocate from the remaining \$20,000 in the 2010 “383” Grant to the following projects: \$7,326 Los Osos Tierra-Las Encinas Project;*

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***\$1,142 Ready, Set, Go! Brochures; \$6,532 For Suey Canyon, Parkhill, Meridian, and Nipomo Chipping; and \$5,000 CAL FIRE vegetation management demonstration project (See Canyon area).***

### **2. 2012 FireSafe Grant Application Status**

President Patterson informed the Board that 2012 FireSafe Grant Application with all follow up material was electronically submitted on time and accepted by the State FireSafe Council. The State FireSafe Council cautioned that funding might not be available for projects as it has in past years.

### **3. Mid-State Fairgrounds FireSafe Demonstration Building Cabinet Project**

At the June 8<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors meeting the Board authorized \$1,400 to Bob Neumann for purchase and installation of cabinets in the Mid-State Fairgrounds FireSafe Demonstration Building. Bob has successfully installed the cabinets in the Demonstration Building. President Patterson encouraged members to stop by the Demonstration Building and CAL FIRE/County Fire exhibit at the Mid-State Fair. Es Berliner and volunteers are available there with fire prevention education materials. Board Member Turko Semmes was very instrumental in building the Demonstration Building at the Mid-State Fair and he is now involved with the San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden project.

### **4. 2011 Business Plan – Aligning Business Plan and FSC Policies**

Over the past few years former Business Manager Dave Mathe drafted several Operating Policies for the FireSafe Council. Jim Patterson and Dan Dulitz plan to review and update the operating plans for accuracy, conflicts, and redundancy. Please give your input to Jim Patterson or Dan Dulitz who will be updating the operating policies and aligning them with the Business Plan for presentation to the Board of Directors at a future meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Vince Cicero and Lisa Andreano, California State Parks and Recreation, made a presentation on fuel reduction and modification at Black Hill. They would like to partner with the FireSafe Council in the future if there's an opportunity.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire Chief Robert Lewin informed the Board that Governor Brown signed Assembly Bill 29 (July 7, 2011) establishing a fire protection and prevention fee in state responsibility areas to reduce General Fund costs, and ensure property owners in developed wildland areas pay for a portion of the fire and emergency response services they receive. Input from several board members followed. Chief Lewin will email a fact sheet and updates as they become available to the Board of Directors.

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Ed Waage reported that the Air Pollution Control District (APCD) voted yesterday to increase backyard burning fees from \$25 to \$50. Burn permits will not be issued at CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire Department fire stations any longer; APCD will be issuing permits and collecting fees.

Chief Robert Lewin and Sheriff Ian Parkinson are partnering together informing the community about "Reverse 911." SLO County Sheriff's dispatch facility has the capacity to inform the public directly by sending an emergency phone message to each land line phone in the county. Those residents who would like to be notified by cell phone may also sign up on the Sheriff's website or [calfireslo.org](http://calfireslo.org) self registration portal. A public service announcement with Chief Lewin and Sheriff Parkinson will air in the near future.

The September FSC Board of Directors meeting will be held at the PG&E Visitor Center on Ontario Road, Avila Valley. Site visits of See Canyon, Baron Canyon and/or Squire Canyon projects will be conducted immediately following the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilyn W. Moore