



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 22, 2012

BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE:

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| Bob Neumann – District 2 Representative | John Nall - SLO County Planning/Building |
| Richard Gonzales – Farm Bureau | Leon Goldin – Los Osos Focus Group |
| Dan Dulitz – District 5 Representative | Martin Scott – Ranchita Focus Group |
| Ed Waage – Citizen at Large | Roy Parsons – Cattlemen’s Association |
| David Duran – District 4 Representative | Jim Harrison – Citizen at Large |
| Royce Larsen – UC Cooperative Extension | |

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT:

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| James Patterson – Co. Board of Supervisors | Chris Dicus – Cal Poly |
| Johnathan Hurst – Fire Prevention Assn. | Joseph Cabassi – Insurance Industry |
| Keith Aggson – City of Atascadero | Greg Saenz – Pacific Gas & Electric |
| Skip Dyke – Range Improvement | Mark Miller – Fire Chief’s Association |
| Paul Deis – American Red Cross | Turko Semmes – Builders Community |
| Robert Lewin – CAL FIRE/County Fire | Steve Negro – District 1 Representative |
| Mark Elliott – APCD | Dennis Javens – Oak Shores Focus Group |

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Jim Harrison at 9:05 A.M.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approve January 22, 2012 Board of Director’s Meeting Minutes
- Approve February 23, 2012 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

BUSINES MANAGER’S REPORT

Dan Turner recapped the 2012 Grant Pre-Award Workshop he attended February 16, 2012 in Santa Barbara. Current 2012 grant cycle \$200,000 – chipping. Procedural changes – strongly recommend SLOFSC carry Workers Compensation Insurance for volunteers, carry Fidelity Bonding insurance, and add to policies that volunteers will not text while driving.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Business Manager Dan Turner presented the Accounting by Fund through February 29, 2012.

Grant 11-182 = \$35,000 Allocated to See Canyon #2, \$10,000 balance on the grant to go to CAL FIRE crews for mastication.

Grant 2012-197 – County-wide Fuel Management = no expenditures

Operating Budget = no expenditures

Western State Forester's Grant = Dan shared that CAL FIRE has been awarded a \$180,000 grant for fuel break development and maintenance in the Parkhill area; the FireSafe Council will be the fiscal sponsors for the grant. Administrative fees generated from this grant can be allocated as the FireSafe Council deems appropriate.

UC CO-OP EXTENSION CHECK PRESENTATION

Vice President Harrison presented Mary Bianchi and the UC Master Gardeners with a \$4,000 donation to the Master Gardeners Program for the demonstration garden. Focus of the garden is on non-flammable vegetation, non-flammable mulching materials and educating the public on better understanding landscaping and vegetation. Mary will conduct a tour of the garden after the meeting for those interested in a tour.

PRESENTATION

Michael Huff and Scott Eckardt from DUDEK Corporation made a comprehensive presentation on the Countywide Community Wildfire Protection Plan for San Luis Obispo County (CWPP). The CWPP will cover all areas, all jurisdictions, city, county, state, federal and private.

PROJECT STATUS REPORT

2011 See Canyon Grant (11-0182) – Mastication Project on Davis Peak – Dan Turner stated that as of March 21st approval was received for SLO MOW to proceed on environmental clearance. Deadline for completion is May. CAL FIRE received a grant for fuel treatments using Cuesta Crews to do the work. Combining efforts in the Irish Hills area is getting fuel reduction and mastication projects done. \$10,000 remaining in the Grant will be used for 3,000 to 4,000 pre-attack maps and creation of a back road out of the area. Funds from the grant were also used to put mobile units into CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire Department Chief Officer vehicles.

2012 Countywide Fuel Management Grant (12-0197) – The Grant was just approved for SLO FireSafe Council specific projects in Oak Shores, Baron Canyon, Ranchita Estates, and Atascadero totaling \$104,000. The Executive Committee reviewed proposals for use of \$96,000 in chipping funds - Nipomo (\$24,250), Parkhill (\$20,650) and Los Osos (\$3,550) plus matching

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requirement. The Executive Committee recommends \$49,000 to CAL FIRE for chipping and \$2,000 to Templeton for chipping.

It was moved, seconded and approved to allocate \$49,000 to CAL FIRE for chipping and \$2,000 to Templeton for chipping and affirm that each agency will meet the 50/50 match requirement.

OLD BUSINESS

SRA Fee Issue Update – CAL FIRE Deputy Chief Alan Peters stated that there's nothing much new to update the council. Legislation has been introduced to "kill Assembly Bill X1 29". Members of the council suggested this item not be placed on future agendas unless there are changes or updates to report.

2012 Goals and Priorities – There was discussion on the eight goals presented at the Annual Meeting in January. Suggestions included removing and/or changing wording, eliminating goals and combining goals. It was decided that the Executive Committee would discuss the goals further and bring back their recommendations to the full Council in May. At the May meeting the State FireSafe Council will make a "Firewise Community" presentation. It was suggested that every FireSafe Council focus group be encouraged attend the May meeting.

Status of Cambria Bridge Street Mastication Project – Chief Peters shared that the Coastal Commission has ruled in agreement with the Board of Supervisors that the Bridge Street Mastication Project will go forward.

NEW BUSINESS

2013 FSC Grant – Dan Turner stated that the 2013 grant cycle will open April – July, 2012 with the State FireSafe Council award around October. Grant award will be for \$150,000 instead of \$200,000. The grant would begin January 2013 and last for 18 months. Dan asked the Council to think about possible projects to be discussed and prioritized at a future meeting.

Cattlemen's Association Representative – Roy Parsons announced his retirement as the Cattlemen's Association representative from the FireSafe Council. He recommends Anthony Stornetta replacement him on the Council. Roy would be available to serve on the Board if a position is available. **It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the resignation of Roy Parsons as the Cattlemen's Association Representative, approve Anthony Stornetta as the Cattlemen's Association Representative on the San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council and appoint Roy Parsons to serve as a Member-at Large on the Council.**

Earth Day 2012 – Again this year Jim Patterson has volunteered to set up and staff a FireSafe Council booth at the Earth Day festivities scheduled for Sunday, April 22 at the Botanical Gardens/El Chorro Regional Park. He requests Board approval for the \$100 registration fee and encourages volunteer participation. Set up will begin at 9:30 A.M. and end at 5:00 P.M. **It was moved, seconded and approved that the FireSafe Council provide an information booth at**

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Earth Day 2012 to be held April 22, 2012 at the Botanical Gardens/El Chorro Regional Park and authorize payment of the \$100 registration fee.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Dan Turner introduced Mr. Robin Foreman of San Luis Bay Realty who is interested in serving on the FireSafe Council Board of Directors representing the real estate community. Mr. Foreman's nomination will be placed on the May Board Meeting agenda.

Leon Goldin shared that CAL FIRE Battalion Chief Phill Veneris is featured in a video on the FireSafe Council website making a fuel reduction presentation at the Los Osos Community Services District Board of Director's Meeting. (Thank you Greg Alex for adding the video to the website.)

Royce Larsen announced that the SLO Range Improvement Annual Dinner will be held April 20, 2012 at the Portuguese Hall in Arroyo Grande. Guest speakers will include Katcho Achadjian, Robert Lewin, Lew Killin, Bill Weitkamp and an update from APCD.

It was announced that Board of Director Skip Dyke is doing very well after recent surgery.

NEXT MEETING

Executive Committee:

April 26, 2012 – 3:30 PM - Board of Supervisor's Conference Room

Board of Directors:

May 24, 2012 – 9:00 AM – CAL FIRE Training Center in Los Osos

The meeting adjourned at 10:56 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilyn W. Moore