



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 25, 2013

BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE:

Frank Mecham – Co. Board of Supervisors	Dennis Javens – Oak Shores Focus Group
Dave Duran – District 4 Representative	Keith Aggson – Atascadero Focus Group
Robin Foreman – SLO Assoc. of Realtors	Steve Negro – District 1 Representative
Skip Dyke – Range Improvement	Turko Semmes – Builders Community
Rob Lewin – CAL FIRE/County Fire	Roy Parsons – Citizen at Large
Jim McCallum – Los Osos Focus Group	Royce Larsen – UC Cooperative Extension
Jim Patterson – Eco-SLO	Leon Goldin – Citizen at Large
Jim Harrison – Citizen at Large	Ed Waage – Citizen at Large
Richard Gonzales – Farm Bureau	Dan Dulitz – District 5 Representative

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Chris Dicus – Cal Poly	Greg Saenz – Pacific Gas & Electric
Steve McMasters - Co. Planning & Building	Mark Elliott - APCD
Anthony Stornetta – Cattlemen’s Assoc.	Joseph Cabassi – Insurance Industry
Martin Scott – Ranchita Focus Group	Mark Miller – Fire Chief’s Association
Johnathan Hurst – Fire Prevention Assn.	Bob Neumann – District 2 Representative

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Frank Mecham at 9:00 A.M. followed by introductions.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approve the May 23, 2013 Board of Director’s Meeting Minutes
- Notes from July 17, 2013 Executive Committee Meeting

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SAN LUIS OBISPO BOTANICAL GARDEN GRANT SCOPE CHANGE PROPOSAL

Jan Di Leo, Project Manager, SLO Botanical Garden, presented a request to redirect the previously authorized 2013 FSC grant of \$19,000. She presented a spreadsheet that showed the history of funding and expenses for completion of the garden project. She also requested permission to redirect the grant funding from pathway, irrigation and plant project and stated that the fencing proposal had been abandoned.

New Proposal

Design:	\$ 6,000
Materials	\$ 7,500
Construction:	\$ 3,000
Contingency:	<u>\$ 2,500</u>
 TOTAL	 \$19,000

After a lengthy discussion and input from several Board Members, ***it was moved, seconded and approved (Votes: 10 For/6 Against) to allow the San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden to redirect the previously authorized 2013 FSC grant of \$19,000 with CAL FIRE review and approval of the pergola construction and plantings.***

2013 CALENDAR YEAR PROJECT STATUS

2012 Grant (Grant ends June 30, 2013)

Dan Turner provided detail on project completion and expenditure budget for the 2012 grant that closed on June 30, 2013. The total expenditures for the \$200,000 grant were \$200,000.03. All project deliverables were completed. The State FireSafe Council still owes \$39,117 for this grant so payments to CAL FIRE, CCC and SLO County Fire will be delayed until those funds are received; all small business vendors have been paid. This grant was very successful. Dan Turner will draft a letter of thanks to the US Forest Service for this grant.

2013 Grant (January 2013-December 2014)

Dan Turner provided an update on the 2013 grant status. Work has begun on several projects for this grant (chipping, Cabrillo Estates and Baron Canyon). No revenue has been received from the State FireSafe Council on this grant so expenditures have been kept to a minimum. The Baron Canyon focus group has requested an increase in their funding from this grant for Phase 2 of their 5 year plan to partially pay for additional work done while contractors were on site in June. A portion of the work was paid from the 2012 grant and the balance is from the 2013 grant. This would increase the total funding for this phase from \$16,000 to \$20,500. With this extra help this could potentially allow them to complete their 5 year plan in 3 years. The Baron Canyon project has been very successful. The Baron Canyon HOA would like to host a full FSC Board of Directors tour of their project and lunch at the September meeting.

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BUDGET

Business Manager Dan Turner presented and highlighted the Accounting by Fund (Projects and Internal Operating Budget) through July 1, 2013. It was recommended and agreed that the two Accounting by Fund pages be differentiated by “Grant Operating” and “In-house Operating”. **It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the Financial Statements through July 1, 2013 for the SLO County Community FireSafe Council as presented.**

2014 GRANT APPLICATION GOALS DISCUSSION

During the May 2013 FSC Board of Directors meeting brainstorming session several projects were identified for consideration for the 2014 State FireSafe Council Grant.

Grant Criteria:

- 1.1 Funds will be focused on fuel treatment, maintenance, planning and education supporting the objectives of the 2010 Forests and Rangelands Strategy Report and the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy.
- 1.2 One proposal per organization with \$200,000 limit per organization
- 1.3 Match will be 1:1 (50%-50%)

The Executive Committee reviewed concept proposals totaling \$345,000 and selected \$200,000 in projects to recommend to the full Board of Directors (attachment 8A). The projects were listed by Hazardous Fuel Reduction Projects and Public Education & Outreach Projects. Each proposed project on the list was reviewed.

Hazardous Fuel Reduction Projects

- * County chipping, Los Osos chipping, Atascadero chipping
- * San Luis Obispo – Roger Maggio, San Luis City Fire Department, stated that a vegetation map will be coming out soon showing open space for hazard fuel reduction
- * Rat Trail Along Roadways – Use CAL FIRE and/or CCC crews to clear along roadsides to stop fires – Locations to be determined – Suggested starting with the Cuesta Grade
- * Wild Cherry Canyon – Avila fuel break, ongoing project
- * CAL TRANS/County PW mowing – clearing along roadsides
- * Communications and Infrastructure Sites – It was agreed to move this item to Public Education & Outreach Projects – Inventory communication/PG&E sites, inspect and require companies to maintain appropriate vegetation clearance – CAL FIRE staff has been working on this for several years with very little progress due to companies not releasing information – these sites are built on the top of mountains, locations that are prone to burn.
- * Baron Canyon Phase 3 – 5 year project will be completed in 3 years

Public Education & Outreach Projects

- * Fire Safety House Maintenance – Doors are in need of repair and signage needs updating
- * Speakers Bureau Presentation Material – Branding FireSafe Council name – prepare materials for council members to go out and speak in the community

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It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the 2014 San Luis Obispo Community FireSafe Council Grant Proposal as submitted with the change of moving Communications and Infrastructure Sites item from Hazardous Fuel Reduction Projects to Public Education and Outreach Projects.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The SLOCC FireSafe Council has been awarded a \$300,000 Western States WUI grant for fire hazard reduction work in the Lake Nacimiento area. The grant has a 36-month performance period.

Dennis Javens announced that Oak Shores has received official recognition as a Firewise Community. They are the first Firewise Community in San Luis Obispo County. Baron Canyon is applying for Firewise Community recognition.

Dan Dulitz commended Es Berliner, CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire Prevention Specialist, for her hard work and fire safety messages at the Mid-State Fair.

Next Meeting: September 26, 2013 – PG&E Visitor Center, Avila Valley

The meeting adjourned at 10:42 A.M.

A tour of the Firesafe Demonstration Garden was conducted by a UC Master Gardener.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilyn W. Moore

Recording Secretary