



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 10, 2013

BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE:

Frank Mecham – Co. Board of Supervisors	Martin Scott – Ranchita Focus Group
Mark Miller – Fire Chief’s Association	Steve Negro – District 1 Representative
Skip Dyke – Range Improvement	Turko Semmes – Builders Community
Dan Dulitz – District 5 Representative	Roy Parsons – Citizen at Large
Jim McCallum – Los Osos Focus Group	Mark Elliott - APCD
Bob Neumann – District 2 Representative	Leon Goldin – Citizen at Large
Jim Harrison – Citizen at Large	Ed Waage – Citizen at Large

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Chris Dicus – Cal Poly	Greg Saenz – Pacific Gas & Electric
Steve McMasters - Co. Planning & Building	Royce Larsen – UC Cooperative Extension
Anthony Stornetta – Cattlemen’s Assoc.	Joseph Cabassi – Insurance Industry
Rob Lewin – CAL FIRE/County Fire	Dave Duran – District 4 Representative
Johnathan Hurst – Fire Prevention Assn.	Robin Foreman – SLO Assoc. of Realtors
Richard Gonzales – Farm Bureau	Jim Patterson – Eco-SLO
Dennis Javens – Oak Shores Focus Group	Keith Aggson – Atascadero Focus Group

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Frank Mecham at 9:05 A.M. followed by introductions.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approve the July 25, 2013 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

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REVIEW OF BARON CANYON PROJECT

Paul Grieling welcomed board members and thanked them for their support of the fuel reduction projects in Baron Canyon. The FireSafe Council has awarded grant money to assist with the fuel reduction projects. Baron Canyon is a gated community in the Avila Valley area with one way in and one way out. Private property owners have done defensible space clearance and two companies have done mastication in the area. The Baron Canyon project has been very successful completing a five year project in three years. The Baron Canyon HOA is hosting a tour of their projects and lunch following this meeting.

2013 CALENDAR YEAR PROJECT STATUS

2012 Grant (Grant ended June 30, 2013)

Grant completed - it was very successful.

2013 Grant (January 2013-December 2014)

Dan Turner provided an update on the 2013 grant status. To date only \$50,000 has been received of the \$199,997 grant so expenditures have been kept to a minimum. Oak Shores has been recognized as a Fire Wise Community and Baron Canyon is applying for Fire Wise Community recognition.

2014 CA FireSafe Council Grant Application

Dan Turner reviewed the recommended list of projects for this grant proposal. He anticipates hearing later this month or early November whether or not the California State FireSafe Council awards this grant to the San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council.

GRANT AND OPERATIONS BUDGET REPORT

Business Manager Dan Turner presented and highlighted the Accounting by Fund for Grant Operating Funds and Internal Operating Funds through October 5, 2013. Dan stated that there has been a significant delay in receiving grant money from the State FireSafe Council resulting in bills not being paid on time or dipping into reserves to pay bills. There was discussion regarding increasing the prudent reserve; this topic will be discussed at the next FSC Board of Directors meeting. ***It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the Financial Statements through October 5, 2013 for the SLO County Community FireSafe Council as presented.***

LAKE NACIMIENTO GRANT (GRANTOR: WESTERN STATES WUI)

Dan Turner and Chief Alan Peters shared that a \$260,820 grant has been officially awarded to the SLOCC FireSafe Council. The grant has a three year performance period from 10/1/13 – 9/20/16 and focus will be on fuel reduction work around the Lake Nacimiento area.

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PARKHILL GRANT (GRANTOR: CAL FIRE)

Dan Turner and Chief Alan Peters shared that a \$226,000 grant has been officially awarded to the SLOCC FireSafe Council. The grant has a 15 month performance period from 10/2013 – 12/2014 and focus will be on fuel reduction, fuel breaks and roadside clearance in the Parkhill-Pozo area. Draft agreement documents are under review by Dan Turner and it is not known when work will start. As part of this grant CAL POLY students will be studying eight different fuel reduction methods measuring cost and effectiveness.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Dan Turner stated that the FireSafe Council is in receipt of a letter from Brian Tally requesting the formation and recognition of a Las Ventanas Focus Group. Las Ventanas Ranch is an approximately 4,000 acre agricultural cluster development located off of Lopez Drive, about five miles east of the City of Arroyo Grande. Fire safety is a paramount concern to the property owners. Fuel reduction has been done by property owners but there is too much to get it into a maintenance mode. In the future the Focus Group would plan to apply for grant money to reduce the fuel load in the oak woodlands and chaparral areas. The Executive Committee asked them for more detailed information at their next regularly scheduled meeting. Roy Parsons thinks the FireSafe Council should not be helping parcel owners clear their property. After a lengthy discussion and input from several Directors, this item will be placed on the November Board of Directors agenda.

Canyon Crest Homeowners Association of Arroyo Grande has requested formation and recognition as a FireSafe Council Focus Group. Canyon Crest is a planned unit development of 54 homes with 32 acres of open space/natural habitat surrounding the homes. They would like to request FireSafe Council assistance in the future to help reduce the risk of fire. This item will be reviewed at the November Board of Directors Meeting.

Next Meeting: November 21, 2013, 9:00-11:00 AM – Location TBD

The meeting adjourned at 10:47 A.M.; Baron Canyon tour and lunch followed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilyn W. Moore

Recording Secretary