



## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

**Thursday, November 21, 2013**

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

Keith Aggson – Atascadero Focus Group	Martin Scott – Ranchita Focus Group
Jim Patterson – Eco-SLO	Justin Kephart – Pacific Gas & Electric
Dennis Javens – Oak Shores Focus Group	Turko Semmes – Builders Community
Dan Dulitz – District 5 Representative	Roy Parsons – Citizen at Large
Jim McCallum – Los Osos Focus Group	Mark Elliott - APCD
Dave Duran – District 4 Representative	Ed Waage – Citizen at Large
Jim Harrison – 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	Steve Negro – District 1 Representative
Johnathan Hurst – Fire Prevention Assn.	Robin Foreman – SLO Assoc. of Realtors
Richard Gonzales – Farm Bureau	Skip Dyke – Range Improvement
Bob Neumann – District 2 Representative	Leon Goldin – Citizen at Large
Frank Mecham – Co. Board of Supervisors	Mark Miller – Fire Chief’s Association

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- Approve the October 10, 2013 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
- Approve the October 21, 2013 Executive Committee Meeting Notes

## SLO FSC 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 November 17, 2013 (date on the financials should be Through November 17, not October 5). **It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the Financial Statements through November 17, 2013 for the SLO County Community FireSafe Council as presented.**

Dan Turner noted that the Executive Committee recommended establishing a “Working Capital Fund” line item on the Internal Operating Funds form. The funds in this account accumulate from the 15% administrative fees on grants. These funds have historically been used to temporarily pay for essential grant expenditures while the council waits for reimbursement payments from the granting agency. The fund currently has \$16,396. After discussion, **it was moved, seconded and approved to create and display a “Working Capital Fund” budget line item and use that line item to expend temporary payments to cover essential grant expenditures pending grant reimbursements.**

## LAS VENTANAS FOCUS GROUP FORMATION

FireSafe Council Director Martin Scott, along with Brian Talley and Brian Scott, provided a request and power point presentation to create a new FSC Focus Group at Las Ventanas. Some of the goals of the focus group would be community education, identify projects to reduce heavy fuel loads, and provide fire and life safety. After lengthy discussion, **it was moved, seconded and approved to add the Las Ventanas Focus Group as an official focus group of the San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council.** (Roy Parsons Opposed)

## 2013 CALENDAR YEAR PROJECT STATUS

### 2013 Grant (January 2013-December 2014)

Dan Turner provided an update on the 2013 grant status. Grant \$199,997, \$50,000 received, \$37,968 grant money expended, \$149,997 outstanding, required match exceeded. Work on the Cabrillo Estates Fuel Break is being done by the CCC’s funded by the SRA fee so not all of the projected \$31,700 will be spent in 2014. The Executive Committee recommended allocating \$17,500 to the Pismo Heights project. **It was moved, seconded and approved to allocate \$17,500 to Pismo Heights for 2014.** At the January meeting there will be a list of projects to vote on reallocating excess funds from this grant.

### 2014 CA FireSafe Council Grant Application

Because of the federal government shutdown grants review has been delayed. Dan Turner anticipates hearing by December 8, 2013 whether or not the San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council is awarded this grant.

**LAKE NACIMIENTO GRANT (GRANTOR: WESTERN STATES WUI)**

Dan Turner stated 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. Separate bank accounts will be maintained to avoid co-mingling of funds.

**PARKHILL GRANT (GRANTOR: CAL FIRE)**

Dan Turner 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. Agreement documents are under review by CAL FIRE in Sacramento. As part of this grant CAL POLY students will study fuel treatments and production rates.

**DEMONSTRATION OF NEW COMPUTERIZED WUI FIRE PREPLANS**

Fire Captain Greg Alex thanked the Board of Directors for their support of mapping projects. Two fires occurred this year in areas where pre-attack maps had been prepared aiding firefighters in their suppression efforts. Captain Alex gave an extensive demonstration of mapping capabilities including the following applications and websites: Monarch Dunes Butterfly website, Open Street Map building footprints, Pre-Attacks online, Mapbox Electronic Pre-Attack Plan, Live Incident from CAL FIRE, Forest Service Offline Maps, and PDF Maps offline mapping.

**CANYON CREST HOA PROJECT REQUEST**

Canyon Crest Homeowners Association of Arroyo Grande is not interested in forming a Focus Group at this time. They may ask for FireSafe Council assistance next year with fuel management as a project request.

**REVIEW OF LOS OSOS PROJECTS TOUR**

CAL FIRE Battalion Chief Phill Veneris gave a powerpoint presentation highlighting the fuel reduction work done in the Cabrillo Estates area and County-owned eucalyptus groves in Los Osos. Work has been completed in Los Osos in cooperation with the FireSafe Council, Los Osos Focus Group, California Conservation Corps, Los Osos Community Services District, CAL FIRE/San Luis Obispo County Fire, and private property owners. Grant requests were submitted and approved for new projects in 2014.

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Next Meeting: January 23, 2014, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM – San Luis Obispo Veterans Hall

The meeting adjourned at 11:33 A.M. A tour of the County-owned eucalyptus groves in Los Osos followed.

Respectfully submitted,

***Jerilyn W. Moore***

Recording Secretary