



Board of Directors Annual Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 23, 2014

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	Chris Dicus – Cal Poly
Dave Duran – District 4 Representative	Ed Waage – Citizen at Large
Jim Harrison – Citizen at Large	Mark Miller – Fire Chief’s Association
Rob Lewin – CAL FIRE/County Fire	Royce Larsen – UC Cooperative Extension
Steve Negro – District 1 Representative	Skip Dyke – Range Improvement
Robin Foreman – SLO Assoc. of Realtors	

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Frank Mecham – Co. Board of Supervisors	Greg Saenz – Pacific Gas & Electric
Steve McMasters - Co. Planning & Building	Mark Elliott - APCD
Leon Goldin – Citizen at Large	Bob Neumann – District 2 Representative
Richard Gonzales – Farm Bureau	Johnathan Hurst – Fire Prevention Assn.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Jim Harrison at 9:00 A.M. followed by introductions. A moment of silence was observed for charter member Joe Cabassi who passed away recently.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approve the November 21, 2013 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
- Approve 2014 FireSafe Council Meeting Calendar

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PROGRAM

CCC Supervisor Mike Anderson gave a comprehensive overview of the California Conservation Corps. Since 1976, the CCC has provided more than 67 million hours of conservation work throughout the state working with federal, state, local and nonprofit agencies on projects that provide public benefit. The CCC's have partnered with the FireSafe Council providing the labor force on fuel reduction projects. Currently SRA fees are helping to pay for their labor. The young women and men of the Corps work hard protecting and restoring California's environment and responding to disasters, becoming stronger workers, citizens and individuals through their service.

CAL FIRE/San Luis Obispo County Division Chief John Richardson gave a comprehensive overview of the CAL FIRE inmate crews – 39 camps statewide, 4300 inmates made up of juveniles, females and males – perform emergency work on fires, floods, earthquakes, search/rescue, salvage, medical aides. They also perform non-emergency work on fuel breaks, erosion control, trail maintenance, construction, prescribed burns, chipping and road maintenance. Crews are available seven days a week. The FireSafe Council pays \$200 a day for Cuesta Camp inmate crews. The program teaches good work habits and ethics.

2013 FIRESAFE COUNCIL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- A) The Bluffs fuel reduction project – crews had cleared around a critical communication site just days prior to a wildland fire caused by a sky lantern
- B) Suey Creek Road – First year SRA fees paid for CCC crews to perform defensible space work
- C) Oakshores – CCC crews performed defensible space work – Oakshores is first Fire Wise Community
- D) Los Osos/Cabrillo Estates fuel reduction project
- E) Los Osos/Monarch Grove Butterfly Habitat – win/win for butterflies and hazardous fuel reduction
- F) Baron Canyon Phase 2 fuel reduction
- G) Toro Creek Fuel Break – recently completed fuel break provided fire fighter access to the top of hill during a wildfire
- H) West Cuesta Ridge – Cuesta crews performing fuel reduction and road repair
- I) Cal Poly WUI class project – Eagle Ranch south west of Atascadero

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J) Chipping throughout the County – over 700 parcels

K) WUI Evacuation Plans prepared by CAL FIRE GIS

L) 2013 Grant Activities

- Completed \$200,000 CA FSC 2012 Grant
- Awarded \$199,997 CA FSC 2013 Grant
- Awarded \$199,985 CA FSC 2014 Grant
- Awarded \$260,000 Lake Nacimiento WUI Grant
- Awarded \$226,000 Parkhill CFAA Grant

Fire Captain Greg Alex gave an update on the FireSafe Council web page. Last year the web page received 40,000 hits and 33,000 hits this month to date. The cost to maintain the site last year was \$2,000. In addition to all the useful information, chipping program flyers and videos have been added to the site.

GIRL SCOUTS – SAFE REFUGE AREAS – GOT AN APP FOR THIS?

Girl Scout Troop 40-203 made a very enthusiastic and entertaining presentation on their “Cookie Bytes” project addressing community wildfire preparedness. The Troop entered into the “First Lego League” competition for robotics and computer programs to address the theme of “Nature’s Fury”. With the help of the Cambria Fire Department and CAL FIRE they came up with the idea of a smart phone application FEPA = Fire Emergency Preparedness Application. The concept computer app would have checklists for preparing for fire, contact lists, alerts for phone users, evacuation routes, emergency services, and refuge areas.

ELECTION OF 2014 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The list of FireSafe Council board members with terms expiring January 2014 was reviewed. Roy Parsons will now be representing the Cattleman’s Association and Anthony Stornetta will be the alternate director. To fill his vacated “Member at Large” position, Roy Parsons nominated Chad Panky. ***It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the Board Members for 2014 as presented with Roy Parsons representing the Cattleman’s Association, Anthony Stornetta as Cattleman’s Association alternate, and appoint Chad Panky as the “Member at Large.”***

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the slate of officers for 2014 as presented.

President	Frank Mecham
1 st Vice President	Jim Harrison
2 nd Vice President	Dan Dulitz
Secretary	Steve Negro

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Treasurer Bob Neumann

Director Leon Goldin

2014 PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS

Business Manager Dan Turner presented and highlighted the 2014 Calendar Year Master Grant Allocation. The new spreadsheet clearly lists the grants, funds, projects, requested/approved amount, expended to date, balance remaining.

13-051 Grant - \$199,997 – ends December 31, 2014

14-014 Grant - \$199,985 – ends December 31, 2015

Parkhill CFAA Grant - \$226,000 – ends December 31, 2014

Nacimiento WUI Grant - \$260,820 – ends September

CCC SRA Fees and Prop 40 - \$350,000

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the proposed projects and approved dollar amounts as recommended by the Executive Committee and listed on the 2014 Calendar Year Master Grant Allocation.

The board of directors reviewed the projects not funded:

2014 Pismo Beach Def. Space-multi - \$12,850

Las Ventannas - \$16,800

Fiscalini Rch Park stump removal - \$5,000

West Cuesta Road - \$10,500

RTA Bus Signs - \$16,000

Billboard Signs - \$28,420

Lengthy discussion followed regarding allocating \$7,108 remaining in the 13-051 Grant which must be spent by December 31, 2014. ***It was moved, seconded and approved to allocate the remaining \$7,108 in the 13-051 Grant to the 2014 Pismo Beach Defensible Space Multi project.***

2014 SLOFSC OPERATING BUDGET PRESENTATION

Business Manager Dan Turner presented and highlighted the Accounting by Fund for Grant Operating Funds and Internal Operating Funds through December 31, 2013. ***It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the Financial Statements through December 31, 2013 for the SLO County Community FireSafe Council as presented.***

Dan Turner also presented a PROPOSED Internal Operating Fund Budget highlighting the line item WORKING CAPITAL FUND. ***It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the Proposed Internal Operating Fund Budget as presented.*** The Executive Committee approved an Operating Policy “Working Capital Revolving Fund” Number 015. This operating policy establishes a Working Capital Revolving Fund to allow for temporary transfer of funds to a SLO FSC grant account in order to make vendor payments. ***It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the Operating Policy “Working Capital Revolving Fund” as presented.***

It was moved, seconded and approved to add Item 10D “Contract for Services and Purchasing Operating Policy Number 007” to the agenda for review and consideration. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and approved to accept the changes to the Operating Policy “Contract for Services and Purchasing” and change the last word of item 2 under Responsibility from “recommended” to “utilized.”

2014 GOALS DISCUSSION

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the 2014 FireSafe Council Goals and Objectives as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND GOOD OF THE ORDER

Suggested locations for future meetings – Cuesta Camp and Parkhill area

Kathleen Phelps, USFS, and Ex-officio member of the FireSafe Council, is retiring in February.

Keith Aggson is stepping down from the FireSafe Council and his replacement will be Fire Captain Scott Hallett.

Next Meetings: Executive Committee – February 27, 2014 – 9:00-11:00
Board of Directors – March 27, 2014 – 9:00 – 11:00

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilyn W. Moore

Recording Secretary