

## Item 2A



### **DRAFT - Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - DRAFT**

**Thursday, March 27, 2014**

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

Scott Hallett – Atascadero Focus Group	Martin Scott – Ranchita Focus Group
Jim Patterson – Eco-SLO	Mark Elliott - APCD
Dennis Javens – Oak Shores Focus Group	Skip Dyke – Range Improvement
Greg Saenz – Pacific Gas & Electric	Roy Parsons – Cattlemen’s Association
Jim McCallum – Los Osos Focus Group	Royce Larsen – UC Cooperative Extension
Robin Foreman – SLO Assoc. of Realtors	Bob Neumann – District 2 Representative
Jim Harrison – Citizen at Large	Leon Goldin – Citizen at Large
Chad Pankey – Citizen at Large	

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT:**

Frank Mecham – Co. Board of Supervisors	Dave Duran – District 4 Representative
Steve McMasters - Co. Planning & Building	Turko Semmes – Builders Community
Dan Dulitz – District 5 Representative	Ed Waage – Citizen at Large
Richard Gonzales – Farm Bureau	Johnathan Hurst – Fire Prevention Assn.
Mark Miller – Fire Chief’s Association	Rob Lewin – CAL FIRE/County Fire
Chris Dicus – Cal Poly	Steve Negro – District 1 Representative

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Jim Harrison at 9:00 A.M. followed by introductions. Paul Greiling shared a plaque recognizing the Baron Canyon Focus Group as a FireWise Community. Paul thanked the FireSafe Council Board of Directors as well as Cal Poly students for their support and assistance.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- Approve the January 23, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
- Approve February 2014 Executive Committee Meeting Notes

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### **PROGRAM**

Karen Brooks and Mark Elliott from the Air Pollution Control District gave a comprehensive presentation on prescribed fire use in San Luis Obispo County.

### **PROJECT REPORT: RANCHITA ESTATES PROJECT GOAL ACHIEVEMENT**

Martin Scott thanked the FireSafe Council for all their support over the years and thanked CAL FIRE staff Bill Fisher, Alan Peters, Jeff Elmore and Denny O'Neil for being helpful and supportive. Martin gave a detailed review of the focus group formation in 1995 and all the work done in the area up to today. With the help of many individuals the Ranchita Estates Wildfire Safety Plan was prepared with a focus on the life and health of firefighters.

### **SLOFSC 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 March 23, 2014. **It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the Financial Statements through March 23, 2014 for the San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council as presented.**

### **2014 WESTERN WUI GRANT PARTIAL AWARD**

Business Manager Dan Turner reported that the FireSafe Council submitted a grant application in September 2013 for the 2014 Western States WUI grant which was unsuccessful. The FireSafe Council has been advised that a partial award of \$85,000 is available. The money would have to be spent by the end of 2015. **It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the 2014 Western WUI grant partial award and discuss project proposals at a future FireSafe Council Board of Directors meeting.**

### **2014 CALENDAR YEAR PROJECT STATUS**

Dan Turner presented and reviewed a 2014 calendar year master grant allocation spreadsheet. CAL FIRE Captain Greg Alex and Cal Poly Intern Jon Gee presented a proposal as an alternative to county-wide chipping. The proposal is to issue 500 vouchers to targeted parcels in high and very high severity zones for up to one ton of green waste recycling. Homeowners would take their green waste to North County Recycling Center instead of chipping. **It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the pilot project to issue 500 vouchers to targeted areas of up to one ton of green waste recycling and re-direct \$14,000 from the countywide chipping allocation.** Dan Turner advised the Council that the Canyon Crest HOA has submitted a request for funds and Baron Canyon has requested the use of CCC crews in July; these were information items only.

### **ATASCADERO WUI WORKSHOP – APRIL 9<sup>th</sup> AND MAY 7<sup>th</sup>**

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Fire Captain Scott Hallett distributed a flyer announcing the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Fire Preparedness Community Workshop to be held April 9<sup>th</sup> and May 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:00 PM at the Atascadero Lake Pavilion. This is a public outreach program to involve the community and preview Ready-Set-Go.

### **EARTH DAY BOOTH**

Jim Patterson shared that the FireSafe Council will have a booth at the Earth Day Fair and Music Festival April 27<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 5 PM at the El Chorro Regional Park and SLO Botanical Gardens. Volunteers are needed to staff the booth.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

The Range Improvement Dinner is scheduled for May 2, 2014, 6:00 PM at the Portuguese Hall in Arroyo Grande. All are invited to attend.

Chief Alan Peters informed the Council that the Parkhill Grant is going very well.

Devin Best from the Upper Las Tablas Resource Conservation District introduced himself and stated he is looking for possible ways his group and the FireSafe Council can work together on projects.

Chip Langhorn, USFS, encouraged Council members to review and comment by April 4<sup>th</sup> on the Central Coast Wilderness Proposal introduced by Congresswoman Lois Capps.

It was announced that CAL FIRE has created a new battalion #5 which includes the Shandon, Creston and Meridian fire stations.

Next Meetings: Executive Committee – April 24, 2014  
Board of Directors – May 22, 2014

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jerilyn W. Moore*

Recording Secretary