



## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 24, 2014

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE:

Frank Mecham – Co. Board of Supervisors	Royce Larsen – UC Cooperative Extension
Jim Patterson – Eco-SLO	Mark Elliott - APCD
Dan Dulitz – District 5 Representative	Rob Lewin – CAL FIRE/County Fire
Greg Saenz – Pacific Gas & Electric	Roy Parsons – Cattlemen’s Association
Jim McCallum – Los Osos Focus Group	Ed Waage – Citizen at Large
Chad Pankey – Citizen at Large	Dave Duran – District 4 Representative
Dennis Javens – Oak Shores Focus Group	Steve Negro – District 1 Representative
Scott Hallett – Atascadero Focus Group	

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Richard Gonzales – Farm Bureau	Skip Dyke – Range Improvement
Steve McMasters - Co. Planning & Building	Turko Semmes – Builders Community
Jim Harrison – Citizen at Large	Robin Foreman – SLO Assoc. of Realtors
Bob Neumann – District 2 Representative	Johnathan Hurst – Fire Prevention Assn.
Mark Miller – Fire Chief’s Association	Martin Scott – Ranchita Focus Group
Chris Dicus – Cal Poly	

### 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 2014 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
- Approve July 2014 Executive Committee Meeting Notes

### **ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER TO REPLACE LEON GOLDIN**

With the resignation of Leon Goldin from the Board of Directors/Executive Committee, **it was moved, seconded and approved to elect Ed Waage to the Executive Committee.**

### **VACANT MEMBER AT LARGE SEAT ON THE BOARD**

**It was moved, seconded and approved to elect Tom Wright from the Los Osos Focus Group to fill Leon Goldin's Member at Large vacant seat on the Board of Directors.**

### **SLOFSC GRANT AND OPERATIONS BUDGET REPORT**

Business Manager Dan Turner presented a new grant and budget reporting format for the Board of Directors to consider. Working with the accountant, the recommendation is to no longer use the two page grant and internal operations summary format that has been used for several years due to its complexity. Instead individual grant fund/project detail sheets will continue to be used to show project progress and expenditures by grants; the accountant will provide a one page typical asset and liability summary reflecting bank account balances by grant/program fund. **It was moved, seconded and approved to use the new financial reporting format as recommended by the accountant.**

Dan Turner presented and discussed the following projects

FSC Grant and Operations Budget Accountant Statement

2013-14 FSC Grant - \$199,997 (13-051)

2014-15 FSC Grant - \$199,985 (14-014)

2014 Western WUI-Lake Nacimiento Grant - \$260,820 (14 WUI-004)

2014 CFAA-Parkhill Grant - \$226,000

2015 Western WUI-Atascadero-Tassajera - \$72,210 (15 WUI-093)

2014 SLO FireSafe Internal Operations Budget

### **2014 CALENDAR YEAR IN PROGRESS PROJECT STATUS**

Project Allocation Table and Charts - Dan Turner presented and discussed the 2014 Calendar Year Master Grant Allocation table and charts. Green lines on the sheet indicate completed projects; it was suggested that these lines be removed and prepare a separate sheet for completed projects. CCC SRA FEES and Prop 40 column shows what projects the CCC's work on and where the SRA fees are going. For the Grant Allocation Charts it was suggested that they reflect the value of matching funds received. It was also suggested that the pie charts be added to the FireSafe Council website so that the public can easily see where money is being spent.

PG&E Proposal – Greg Saenz, PG&E (SLO FSC Director representing PG&E) and Justin Kephart, PG&E (SLO FSC Alternate Director for PG&E) made a presentation to the Executive

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Committee regarding a proposed funding opportunity from PG&E. The proposal is for PG&E to use private contract tree crews they employ to do work on behalf of the SLO FSC in furtherance of the 13-UFS-051 grant or other project goals. The crews would be paid for and work under the direction of PG&E to achieve SLO FSC project specifications. PG&E's corporate goal is to provide assistance in reducing fire threats and to free CAL FIRE crews for fire response. \$25,000 in value is allocated for use on SLO FSC projects. PG&E expects SLO FSC to define type and scope of work, project location, and secure landowner permission. The SLO FSC Executive Committee discussed the possibility of using the crews to do work on Cuesta Peak communication site on West Cuesta Ridge where federal grant funds cannot be used because it is federal land. There was lengthy discussion about this project – it appears to be a good project selection but the new U.S. Forest Service District Ranger would have to look at the area and make a final decision which might delay the work being accomplished during these extreme drought conditions. A suggested alternate project could be a fuel break in the Parkhill area on Bureau of Land Management land. A third project possibility could be a fuel break in Cherry Canyon. **It was moved, seconded and approved to request US Forest Service permission to conduct vegetation maintenance for previously established 100-foot defensible space around Cuesta Peak and Tassajera Peak communication sites on the Santa Lucia Ranger District in San Luis Obispo County.**

Chipping Projects – Chipping projects are moving along smoothly. Scott Hallett reported on the chipping project in West Atascadero – they received \$16,500 from the SLO FSC and the final bill came in at \$17,128, target area was in high and very high severity zones, 1,500 letters were mailed, 300 residents responded, 318 tons chipped.

Voucher Project – Only three out of the five hundred vouchers mailed in the green waste recycling test program have been used. The vouchers are good until December 2014 so hopefully usage will increase.

### **2015 GRANT PROJECT PROPOSALS**

Dan Turner summarized the funding sources readily available for SLO FSC projects:

CA Fire Safe Council – Grants Clearinghouse  
Western States WUI Grants  
Western States Forestry Landscape Grants  
Cooperative Forestry Assistance Agreements – CAL FIRE Administered  
State Responsibility Area (SRA) Fee  
CAP and TRADE Revenue Grants – CA Air Resources Control Board  
US Fire Administration – Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG)  
FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Grants

He also presented a table of the 2015 Grant Programs Potential Projects listing 30 potential projects. The question was posed and discussed “with lots of money coming to the SLO FSC can we deliver if we get grant money?” It was suggested that an additional column be added to the table indicating who is performing the work.

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### Proposed additional projects:

Complete evacuation plans  
Tree planting – urban forestry  
CEQA funding/NEPA  
Fire management plan for West Cuesta grade  
Pine mortality  
New equipment for Cuesta Camp  
Public relations  
Voucher program and advertising

Please send Dan Turner any additional projects you would like to have considered.

**It was moved, seconded and approved to allocate the remaining \$4,738 from the USFS Grant 13-051 to unfunded WUI Pre-fire Plans.**

### **WEST CUESTA RIDGE/CUESTA PEAK COMMUNICATIONS TOUR**

Following the meeting there will be a tour of the West Cuesta Ridge/Cuesta Peak critical communication sites. Transportation will be provided.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Ranchita Estates has been recognized as a new Firewise Community; the third Firewise community in San Luis Obispo County this year!

Next Meetings: Executive Committee – August 28, 2014 - Templeton  
Board of Directors – September 25, 2014 – CAL FIRE Airbase

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 A.M. followed by a tour of West Cuesta Ridge/Cuesta Peak communication sites.

Respectfully submitted,



Recording Secretary