



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 25, 2014

BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE:

Frank Mecham – Co. Board of Supervisors	Royce Larsen – UC Cooperative Extension
Jim Harrison – Citizen at Large	Tom Wright – Member at Large
Dan Dulitz – District 5 Representative	Rob Lewin – CAL FIRE/County Fire
Greg Saenz – Pacific Gas & Electric	Roy Parsons – Cattlemen’s Association
Turko Semmes – Builders Community	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	Martin Scott – Ranchita Focus Group

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Richard Gonzales – Farm Bureau	Skip Dyke – Range Improvement
Steve McMasters - Co. Planning & Building	Mark Elliott - APCD
Jim McCallum – Los Osos Focus Group	Robin Foreman – SLO Assoc. of Realtors
Bob Neumann – District 2 Representative	Johnathan Hurst – Fire Prevention Assn.
Mark Miller – Fire Chief’s Association	Jim Patterson – Eco-SLO
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 July 2014 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
- Approve August 2014 Executive Committee Meeting Notes
- Accept the Business Manager’s Report – September 2014

SLOFSC GRANT AND OPERATIONS BUDGET REPORT

- A. FireSafe Council Master Grant Master Overview
- B. FSC Grant and Internal Operations Budget
- C. 2013-14 FSC Grant - \$199,997
- D. 2014-15 FSC Grant - \$199,985
- E. 2014 Western WUI-Lake Nacimiento Grant - \$260,820
- F. 2014 CFAA – Parkhill Grant - \$226,000
- G. 2015 Western WUI – ATA/Tassajera Grant - \$243,516

Fire Captain Greg Alex highlighted the Business Manager’s Report for September 2014 and the 2014 Calendar Year Master Grant Allocation as of September 15, 2014. **It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the 2014 Calendar Year Master Grant Allocation dated September 15, 2014 as presented.**

Atascadero-Tassajera Western Forestry Leadership Council (WFLC) WUI Grant

The CA FireSafe Council Executive Director contacted Dan Turner advising they have additional funding for this grant. The extra funding would bring the total to \$243,516. **It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the additional funding on this grant totaling \$243,516.**

PG&E Grants

At the July SLO FSC Board Meeting Justin Kephart and Greg Saenz of PG&E presented a \$25,000 grant opportunity from PG&E to reduce hazardous fuel during this fire season. Subsequently, Justin Kephart notified Dan Turner that an additional \$138,500 is available and the FSC should submit additional projects for consideration.

Grant Total = \$163,500

Performance Period – September 1, 2014 – October 31, 2014

Paso Robles Hacienda Heights = \$9,000

Parkhill Fuel Breaks = \$91,000

West Cuesta = \$33,500

Toro Creek – Hwy 41 W Chipping = \$9,000

Administrative Costs = \$21,000

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept funding from PG&E totaling \$163,500, which includes the original \$25,000 and the additional \$138,500, and enter into agreements to perform the work.

A media event bringing together PG&E, the Forest Service, CAL FIRE and County Board of Supervisors was discussed. The event would be planned to coincide with Fire Prevention Week

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and showcase the work to be accomplished near the communications site and the presentation of the \$163,500 check from PG&E for hazardous fuel reduction.

Western Forestry Leadership Council Forest Health Grant Program - Cambria

This grant program is sponsored by the Western Forestry Leadership Council and is focused on forest health with a fire prevention component. The Cambria project is important due to the deteriorating health of the rare native Monterey pine forest. Dan Turner submitted the grant application to CAL FIRE and the proposal did not make the final three. No action required.

2015 Grant Submission – Project and Funding Strategy

Since the application period for the CA FireSafe Council/Clearing House Grants may come and go prior to the next full SLO FSC Board of Directors meeting, Dan Turner's recommendation is that a SLO FSC subcommittee form to evaluate project proposals, potential funding sources, availability of providers to perform the work and prioritize application efforts. **It was moved, seconded and approved to appoint the Executive Committee and Dan Turner, Alan Peters and Greg Alex to serve on a FSC subcommittee to evaluate project proposals, potential funding sources, availability of providers to perform the work and prioritize application efforts.**

Hacienda Heights Request for Additional Funding

The Hacienda Heights project in the city of Paso Robles was started but not completed due to the complex and challenging location. CCC is requesting an additional 480 hours to complete the project. There is a double allocation for this project with \$9,000 from PG&E as well as money still on the books for 13-051 Hazard Fuel Reduction. The FireSafe Council will clean up the area and it will be up to the City of Paso Robles to maintain the area in the future. No action required.

Current Treatment Overview

14-014 FSC Grant received clearance to begin work – Ranchita, Hi Mountain Road, North ATA, Baywood/Los Osos and Baron Canyon. West Cuesta Communication Sites received environmental clearance from USFS. San Luis Obispo County "Communities at Risk" approved by the State Fire Marshal's Office (standing out were Parkhill, Pozo, Ranchita and Oakshores). Chipping events are escalating due to the drought; chipping events are listed on the FireSafe Council website.

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GOOD OF THE ORDER

Turko Semmes suggested that the FireSafe Council hire someone to manage all the grants. Alan Peters stated that a company like Dudek (CA Environmental Consultants) can provide contract management services to the FireSafe Council on a full-time, part-time or as-need basis. Directors stated that they would like this topic considered by the Executive Committee at a future meeting.

Next Meetings: Executive Committee – October 23, 2014 – Location TBD
Board of Directors – November 20, 2014 – Location TBD

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 A.M. followed by a tour of the CAL FIRE Airbase.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilyn W. Moore

Recording Secretary