



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 20, 2014

BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jim Patterson – Eco-SLO	Jim McCallum – Los Osos Focus Group
Jim Harrison – Citizen at Large	Mark Elliott - APCD
Dan Dulitz – District 5 Representative	Skip Dyke – Range Improvement
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
Bob Neumann – District 2 Representative	

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Steve McMasters - Co. Planning & Building	Tom Wright – Member at Large
Rob Lewin – CAL FIRE/County Fire	Robin Foreman – SLO Assoc. of Realtors
Richard Gonzales – Farm Bureau	Johnathan Hurst – Fire Prevention Assn.
Mark Miller – Fire Chief’s Association	Royce Larsen – UC Cooperative Extension
Chris Dicus – Cal Poly	Frank Mecham – Co. Board of Supervisors

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Jim Harrison at 9:00 A.M. followed by introductions.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approve September 2014 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
- Approve October 2014 Executive Committee Meeting Notes

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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

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council Grant and Operations Budget Report as presented.

2014 CALENDAR YEAR IN PROGRESS PROJECT STATUS

- A. Projects allocation table and charts attached
- B. 13-051 Grant Report – Grant closing out the end of 2014 – in progress to close out chipping, sign contest, WUI plans, and botanical gardens
- C. 14-014 Grant Report – Grant closing out the end of 2015 – some projects are completed but most are in progress – Baron Canyon completed in 3 years (they are recognized as a FireWise Community); Atascadero, Templeton, Cambria chipping completed; Ranchita project in progress; Alan Peters is working with CAL TRANS on county right-of-way clearing
- D. 14-WUI-004 Nacimiento – CCC crews did the work
- E. 15-WUI-Atascadero-Tassajera – New grant - \$243,000 to be used in Atascadero area for fuel modification; cannot use Federal grant money on Federal land
- F. PG&E Drought Grant - \$163,500 – Work had to be completed by October 31st, CCC crews did defensible space work on West Cuesta communication sites
- G. Parkhill Area Projects – Volatile area of the county for fire, focus on fuel reduction, Behlman Road and Calf Canyon fuel breaks; use hand crews and mastication
- H. CFAA-Parkhill Grant – Grant ends at the end of 2014, working on non-Federal pieces of land; fuel removal; mastication research and demonstration 1) Oster Fuel Break, 2) Little Quail Fuel Break, 3) Scarff Fuel Break, 4) Seven Oaks Fuel Break

2015 GRANT PROJECT PROPOSALS

- A. CAL FIRE SRA Grant: 22 months 5/2015 – 3/2017 (Submitted)
 - 1. Complete Parkhill Fuel Break Projects - \$324,000
 - 2. Video production for mastication equipment - \$64,000
 - 3. Cambria Forest Hazardous Fuel Reduction - \$1,205,000

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B. CAL FIRE Green House Gas Reduction Grants (Cap and Trade): 60 months – next grants available – 5/2015 – 12/2019

1. Cambria Forest Hazardous Fuel Reduction - \$1,600,000
2. Cambria Forest Health – \$530,000

Dan Turner discussed the critical condition of the Monterey pine forest in Cambria; 30-40% of pines tree are dead and dying in the forest stand such as Covell Ranch and residential lots. This is a significant problem in Cambria; it will be important to partner with Cambria forest stakeholder groups, develop a long range fuel reduction plan, remove dead trees and replant with seedlings.

Next Meetings: Executive Committee – December 18, 2014 – Templeton
Board of Directors – January 22, 2015 – Location TBD

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 A.M. followed by site tour and mastication demonstration on Seven Oaks Ranch. Council members and guests will view a presentation/demonstration of nine different mastication machines.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilyn W. Moore

Recording Secretary