



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE:

Bob Neumann – District 2 Representative	Jim Harrison – Citizen at Large
Dan Dulitz – District 5 Representative	Chris Slate – District 3 Representative
Frank Mecham – Co. Board of Supervisors	Jim Patterson – Eco-SLO
Turko Semmes – Builders Community	Tom Wright – Member at Large
Ed Waage – Citizen at Large	Royce Larsen – UC Cooperative Extension
Justin Kephart – Pacific Gas & Electric	

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Steve McMasters - Co. Planning & Building	Steve Negro – District 1 Representative
Richard Gonzales – Farm Bureau	Johnathan Hurst – Fire Prevention Assn.
Gary Sage – Insurance Industry	Robin Foreman – SLO Assoc. of Realtors
Chris Dicus – Cal Poly	Jim McCallum – Los Osos Focus Group
Mark Elliott - APCD	Skip Dyke – Range Improvement
Scott Hallett – Atascadero Focus Group	Chad Pankey – Citizen at Large
Dennis Javens – Oak Shores Focus Group	Bill White – County Fire Chiefs’ Assn.
Martin Scott – Ranchita Focus Group	Robert Lewin – CAL FIRE/County Fire

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board President Frank Mecham at 9:00 A.M. followed by introductions of officers, directors, staff and guests.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approve July 2015 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

PRESENTATION ON CUESTA FIRE

Gary Hamling, United States Forest Service Assistant District Fire Management Officer, gave a very thorough and informative review of the Cuesta Fire:

- Started August 16, 2015
- Contained August 26, 2015
- Cause – Vehicle – Started three fires
- 2,446 total acres
- Well-coordinated response
- \$17 Million to suppress

CAMBRIA MONTEREY PINE FOREST ISSUE

Shirley Bianchi, Cambria Focus Group, gave an update on the focus group meetings and progress in Cambria on the Monterey pine forest issue.

- Congresswoman Lois Capps toured Cambria
- Office visit with Assemblyman Achadjian
- Invitation letter to Governor; Coastal Commission, Secretary of Natural Resources Agency to visit Cambria
- Supervisor Bruce Gibson considering item for Board of Supervisors asking Governor Brown to declare State of Emergency in San Luis Obispo County
- CCC's to clear portions along Highway 1 that haven't been cleared for years
- Focus group has been very busy on education and outreach
- Signage needed for dead-end roads in case of evacuations
- Supervisor Frank Mecham is trying to obtain a waiver on tree removal fee/replanting

CAL FIRE/ARB (Cap and Trade) – Greenhouse Gas Reduction Grant – decisions still pending

- Cambria Forest Health Project - \$498,736
- Hazardous Fuel Reduction - \$1,323,033

2015 Western States Forest Leadership Coalition WUI Grant – application submitted

- Monterey County FSC Request
- SLO FSC is minor partner in Monterey County's project

SLO FIRESAFE COUNCIL GRANT AND OPERATIONS BUDGET REPORT

- A. 2013-14 Countywide FSC Grant (13-051) – Tree removal/defensible space inspections
- B. 2014-15 Countywide FSC Grant - \$199,985 (14-014) – Well along
- C. 2014 Western WUI-Lake Nacimiento Grant - \$260,820 (14 WUI-004)
- D. 2015 Western WUI-Atascadero-Tassajera - \$243,516 (15 WUI-093)
- E. 2014-15 Parkhill CAL FIRE SRA Fee Grant - \$323,986 (5GS14125) – Now in environmental review process
- F. 2015 PG&E Drought Augmentation - \$75,000 – Thanks to PG&E

- 1) Pismo Heights, \$7,000 – Goats can be very expensive
- 2) Hazardous fuel and tree removal countywide - \$68,000 – Over 1,000 trees have been tagged in Cambria
- G. 2015 SLO FireSafe Internal Operations Budget – “Healthy”
- H. 2015 Master Grant Allocation
- I. SLO FireSafe Council Grants Timeline

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the budget reports through September 15, 2015 for the San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council as presented.

2015-16 GRANT PROJECT PROPOSALS

- A. 2015-16 CAL FIRE SRA Fee Grants 2nd year of grants– application period not open yet; \$10M down to \$5M this year; we received \$320,000 last year, we might get \$150,000 back to this county.
- B. 2015-16 CAL FIRE/ARB GREEN HOUSE GAS (Cap & Trade) GRANTS – application period not opened yet.

MORRO-TORO FOCUS GROUP UPDATE

Board Member Turko Semmes reported that the Morro-Toro group is “recalibrating”—they are undetermined yet if they want to be a focus group.

NEXT MEETINGS

Executive Committee – Wednesday, October 14, 2015 – Templeton

Board of Directors – **FRIDAY**, November 20, 2015 – 9:00 AM – TBD

Adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilyn W. Moore

Recording Secretary