

Item 2A



Annual Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 20, 2016

BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE:

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| Bob Neumann – District 2 Representative | Richard Gonzales – Farm Bureau |
| Dan Dulitz – District 5 Representative | Chris Slate – District 3 Representative |
| Frank Mecham – Co. Board of Supervisors | Jim Patterson – Eco-SLO |
| Dennis Javens – Oak Shores Focus Group | Martin Scott – Ranchita Focus Group |
| Ed Waage – Citizen at Large | Jim Harrison – Citizen at Large |
| Steve Negro – District 1 Representative | Mark Elliott - APCD |
| Justin Kephart – Pacific Gas & Electric | Skip Dyke – Range Improvement |
| Chad Pankey – Citizen at Large | Turko Semmes – Builders Community |
| Tom Wright – Citizen at Large | Royce Larsen – UC Cooperative Extension |

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT:

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| Steve McMasters - Co. Planning & Building | Bill White – County Fire Chiefs’ Assn. |
| Scott Hallett – Atascadero Focus Group | 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 |

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board President Frank Mecham at 12:30 P.M. followed by introductions of directors, staff and guests.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approve December 2015 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
- 2016 FireSafe Council Meeting Calendar

RECOGNITIONS

President Mecham and Dan Turner presented plaques of special recognition:

Shirley Bianchi – Cambria FireSafe Focus Group – *Excellence Award*

Greg Alex – CAL FIRE staff to the FireSafe Council

Robert Lewin - Retiring Board Member & FSC Co-Founder (not present)

2015 FIRESAFE COUNCIL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Grants applied for:

- **Successful**
 - Greenhouse Gas Grant: Cambria \$498,000
 - Parkhill SRA Fee Grant: \$323,000
 - Western States WUI-Cambria: \$260,000
 - PG&E Drought Augmentation: \$75,000

- **Unsuccessful**
 - CA Fire Safe Clearinghouse: \$199,000
 - Western States Landscape Forestry:
 - Bryson-Hesperia, San Antonio Lake area (partner with Monterey FSC)
 - Greenhouse Gas Grant Cambria: \$1.3 million
 - Harvest grant for 1,100 acres of forest

- **Goal: Raise awareness about Cambria forest health**
 - SLO FSC townhall meeting with expert panel
 - CAL FIRE Director in Cambria for Wildfire Awareness Week
 - Cambria Focus Group re-formed
 - Congress member Capps visited
 - US Senator Feinstein's staff visited
 - State Senator Monning visited
 - Met with Assembly member Achadjian
 - 2 Successful grant applications
 - Governor's State of Emergency declaration

Dan Turner reviewed the Grant Timetable.

FIRESAFE COUNCIL WEBSITE REPORT

Fire Captain Greg Alex reviewed the FireSafe Council website activity for 2015, including Google Plus, U-Tube and the FireSafe Council new Twitter account. Website viewers were very active in 2014, 2015 dropped some to 93,068 and to date in 2016 4,047 viewers. Highest trend viewers are looking at the agendas and minutes.

2015 YEAR END GRANT FINANCIAL SUMMARIES

- **CA Fire Safe Council Grants**
 - 13-051 Grant \$216,997 – CLOSED Aug 30, 2015
 - 14-014 Grant \$199,985 – CLOSES March 30, 2016

- **Western Foresters10A Leadership Council WUI Grants**
 - 14-WUI-004 Lake Nacimiento \$260,820
 - 15-WUI-093 Atascadero-Tassajera \$243,516
 - 16-WUI-0XX Cambria \$260,000 - Pending approval

- **Cambria GHG**
 - Greenhouse Gas-Cambria \$498,000

- **PG&E Drought Augmentation Grant \$75,000 CLOSED Oct. 30, 2015**
 - Hazardous Tree/Fuel Reduction \$ 68,000
 - Pismo Heights \$ 7,000

- **Parkhill-SRA Fee Grant \$323,986**

Detailed summaries for the grants are current and up-to-date. *It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the budget reports through January 20, 2016 for the San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council as presented.*

ELECTION OF 2016 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

It was moved, seconded and approved to re-elect the incumbent Board of Directors and add John McKenzie representing SLO County Planning:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Stakeholder Group</u> |
|----------------|--|
| Dan Dulitz | 5 th Supervisorial District |
| John McKenzie | County Planning (<i>replacing Steve McMasters</i>) |
| Bob Neumann | 2 nd Supervisorial District |
| Justin Kephart | PG&E |
| Royce Larsen | UC Cooperative Extension |
| Dennis Javens | Oak Shores |
| Ed Waage | Citizen at Large |
| Robin Foreman | Real Estate |
| Chad Pankey | Citizen at Large |
| Tom Wright | Citizen at Large |

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It was moved, seconded and approved to elect the following individuals to the FireSafe Council Board of Directors:

Michael Wright – Representing the Insurance Industry
Bruce Fosdike – Representing the Cambria Focus Group
Jeff Jones – Citizen-At-Large
Steve Reeder – CAL FIRE Interim Chief replacing Robert Lewin
Jim Harrison – 4th Supervisorial District (formerly Citizen-at-Large)

It was moved, seconded and approved to re-elect the current Executive Board for 2016:

| <u>Office</u> | <u>Member</u> | <u>Representing</u> |
|--------------------------------|---------------|--|
| President | Frank Mecham | Board of Supervisors |
| 1 st Vice President | Jim Harrison | 4 th Supervisorial District |
| 2 nd Vice President | Dan Dulitz | 5 th Supervisorial District |
| Secretary | Steve Negro | 1 st Supervisorial District |
| Treasurer | Bob Neumann | 2 nd Supervisorial District |
| Director | Ed Waage | Member at Large |

2016 GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Dates for application not announced yet**
 - Expected early Spring 2016
- **Priority will be for countywide Hazardous Fuel reduction**
 - Inside State responsibility (SRA) and Outside SRA
 - Applies to Atascadero, SLO, Templeton, Arroyo Grande, Pismo Beach, Morro Bay, and Paso Robles
- **CAL FIRE SRA Fee Grant (\$100,000 cap per project)**

Hazardous Fuel Reduction/Chipping Countywide in SRA \$ 99,758

- 40 days chipping crews from CCC
- 40 CAL FIRE crew days
- 10 days Contract falling crews
- CEQA and Environmental review
- Project supervision

Hi Mountain Road & Upper Lopez Drive Clearance - \$ 89,170

- 100 CAL FIRE crew days
- 15 days contract masticator/chipper
- 3 days contract falling crew
- CEQA and environmental review
- Supervision

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WUI Pre-plans and CWPP Update-\$ 44,694

WUI Pre Plans

- Pozo-Santa Margarita Lake area
- Adelaide area

Update Countywide CWPP

- Student interns
- Supervision
- Contract graphics and printing

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the grant proposals as presented.

SLOFSC OPERATING BUDGET PRESENTATION

REVENUE AVAILABLE:

- We ended 2015 with \$96,593 cash in bank
- Anticipate \$120,550 from grant fees in 2016
- Total Revenue available: \$217,143

BUDGET ALLOCATIONS:

- Prudent Reserve: \$ 10,000
- Maintenance Reserve: \$ 4,000
- Working Capital Fund*: \$ 155,000
- Operations Budget: \$ 47,800
- Unallocated: \$ 343

*Working Capital Fund is a revolving fund used to pay vendors when there are insufficient funds in WUI Grant Account. Working Capital Fund will be repaid when reimbursements from grant proceeds are received.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Gary Helming, USFS Los Padres NF, shared that permits are in place and awaiting good weather to start road base and road restablization on TV Tower Road.

NEXT MEETINGS

Executive Committee – Friday, February 12 or 26, 2016 – 9:00-11:00 AM - Templeton
Board of Directors – Wednesday, March 16, 2016 – 9:00-11:00 AM - South Bay Training Center

Adjourned at 1:40 P.M. Respectfully submitted,

Jerilyn W. Moore

Recording Secretary