



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

~~Wednesday, November 30, 2016~~

BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE:

Frank Mecham – Co. Board of Supervisors	Skip Dyke – Range Improvement
Turko Semmes – Builders Community	Dan Dulitz – District 5 Representative
Ed Waage – Citizen at Large	Jim Patterson – Environmental Rep.
Mark Elliott - APCD	Jeff Jones – Citizen at Large
Steve Negro – District 1 Representative	Steve Gasperson – Oak Shores Focus Group
Bill White – County Fire Chiefs’ Assn.	Bob Neumann – District 2 Representative
Justin Kephart – Pacific Gas & Electric	Martin Scott – Ranchita Focus Group
Scott Hallett – Atascadero Focus Group	Bruce Fosdike – Cambria Focus Group

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Jim Harrison – Citizen at Large	Chad Pankey – Citizen at Large
Michael Wright – Insurance Industry	Johnathan Hurst – Fire Prevention Assn.
John McKenzie - Co. Planning & Building	Robin Foreman – SLO Assoc. of Realtors
Richard Gonzales – Farm Bureau	Jim McCallum – Los Osos Focus Group
Chris Slate – District 3 Representative	Chris Dicus – Cal Poly
Royce Larsen – UC Cooperative Extension	Tom Wright – Citizen at Large

CALL TO ORDER

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Draft September 2016 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

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RECOGNITION

- Cambria is recognized as a FIREWISE Community.
- Jerilyn Moore is recognized for her service as the FireSafe Council Recording Secretary for the last 11 years.

YTD SLO FIRE SAFE COUNCIL OPERATIONS BUDGET

Business Manager Dan Turner presented and reviewed the FireSafe Council 2016 Operations Budget as of November 29, 2016. ***It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the 2016 Operations Budget through November 29, 2016 for the San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council as presented.***

GRANTS REPORT

2016 PG&E Hazardous Fuel Reduction Grant

Defensible space work for communication sites (\$20,000) on Ontario Ridge and Davis Peak are complete. The work planned for Rocky Butte communication site won't be necessary now due to the Chimney fire. Grant work is complete.

2014 WFLC-Lake Nacimiento (14-WUI-004)

Grant budget status \$260,820. Currently working South Shore Lake Nacimiento area. CCC crews are committed to 20 crew days in December. Grant performance period currently ends December 30, 2016.

2015 WFLC - Atascadero-Tassajera (15-WUI-093)

Grant budget status \$243,516. Atascadero Land Preservation clearance work is done. Vierra Ranch and Toleman Road projects have meetings next week and work will be completed by December 30, 2016. Grant performance period currently ends December 30, 2016.

2015 Parkhill Fuel Breaks SRA Fire Prevention Fee

Grant budget status \$323,986. Limited work currently by CAL FIRE and CCC crews. Improving fuel breaks in Parkhill area and roadside clearance on Highway 229. Major work and expenditures forecast for early 2017. Grant performance period currently ends March 30, 2017.

2017-WFLC – Cambria Fuel Break (17-WUI-57089)

Grant budget status \$260,788. Extend and improve Bridge Street fuel break and hazard reduction harvest. Grant performance period currently ends June 30, 2018.

2016 SRA Fee Grants

Grant budget status \$99,758. Countywide hazardous fuel and tree mortality; restricted to SRA, not for use in cities. Areas identified for use:

1. Morro Bay WUI fuel break above Nutmeg Street
2. Pismo Heights project continuation proposal
3. Nipomo Project Proposal

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Hi Mountain and Upper Lopez Canyon Road Right of Way

Grant budget status \$89,170. Project is in planning phase, looking at roadside clearances.

2016 – Cambria Forest Health / Harvest Grant

Grant Budget Status \$498,000. Strawberry Canyon and Fiscalini Ranch hazardous tree removal projects are complete. Ventana Forestry will be able to begin work soon on the Hearst Ranch. Once that work is complete they will start harvest on Covell Ranch. Grant performance period currently ends December 30, 2019.

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the budget reports through November 29, 2016 for the San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council as presented.

NEW GRANTS

2017 Western Forestry Leadership Coalition (WFLC) – WUI Grant

Submitted and decision pending per CA ranking and WFLC decision. Grant (\$300,000) would fund contractor provided “AIR CURTAIN BURNER” to dispose of dead and dying eucalyptus, pine and other hazardous trees that cannot be used in other use means (saw lumber, bio-mass, etc.) by burning in a significantly more “air quality friendly” means than pile burning.

2016 CAL FIRE – State Responsibility Fee Grants

Submitted and decision pending. Grant would fund countywide chipping tree mortality (\$152,000), Pre-Attack Maps and CWPP Update (\$116,424). The Pre-Attack maps have been proven to be significantly helpful in recent fires.

2016 CAL FIRE Tree Mortality Grants

Submitted and decision pending. SLO FSC can submit “Tree Mortality” grant even though San Luis Obispo is not a designated “Tree Mortality County,” favorable consideration will be made due to circumstances in Cambria even though mortality countywide is not significant enough to warrant “Tree Mortality County” designation. Grant would fund continuation (\$199,976) of the Bridge Street fuel break.

2016 CAL FIRE Urban Forestry Greenhouse Gas Grants

Concepts due December 16, 2016. Grant awards will total \$15 million, with \$12.25 million going to disadvantaged communities and \$3.75 million to non-disadvantaged communities. Cambria Community Services District will apply for a co-generation plant; FSC will assist them with the grant request if needed. The estimated cost of this plant is \$300,000. Board members Dan Dulitz, Jim Patterson and Turko Semmes volunteered to assist Business Manager Dan Turner in drafting a concept to submit as the grant applicant for funding if Cal Poly will work on a project such as a bio-char generator.

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NEXT MEETINGS

Executive Committee Meeting – Week of December 13, 2016

Board of Directors Meeting – January 18, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Loree McRoberts

Recording Secretary