



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jim Harrison – District 4 Representative	Skip Dyke – Range Improvement Association
Turko Semmes – Builders Community	Jeanie Hanson – Environmental Representative
Bill White – County Fire Chief’s Association	Bill Cochran – Cattlemen’s Association
Chris Slate – District 3 Representative	Tim Fuhs – Air Pollution Control District
Martin Scott – Ranchita Focus Group	Steve Gasperson – Oak Shores Focus Group
Tom Wright – Citizen at Large	Steve Negro – District 1 Representative
Bruce Fosdike – Cambria Focus Group	

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Jeff Jones – Citizen at Large	Justin Kephart – Pacific Gas & Electric
Jim McCallum – Los Osos Focus Group	Ricki Heath – Fire Prevention Assn.
Debbie Arnold – Co. Board of Supervisors	Scott Jalbert – CAL FIRE / SLO County Fire
Ed Waage – Citizen at Large	Bob Neumann – District 2
Chris Dicus – Cal Poly	Nathan Rezeau – US Forest Service
Dan Dulitz – District 5 Representative	Chad Pankey – Citizen at Large
Royce Larsen – UC Cooperative Extension	Scott Hallett – Atascadero FD Focus Group
Richard Gonzales – Farm Bureau	

STAFF PRESENT:

Dan Turner – Business Manager	Jim Neumann – Project Manager
Jonathan Gee – Captain / Forestry Assistant	Dave Fowler – Captain / Pre-Fire Engineering
Dennis Javens - Project Manager	

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Jim Harrison 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 items:

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- Draft July 2017 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
- Draft August 2017 Executive Committee Meeting Notes with Hi Mountain Road plan framework

YTD FINANCIAL STATUS

Business Manager Dan Turner presented and reviewed the FireSafe Council 2017 Operations Budget as of September 16, 2017. The account is in good condition and allows our vendors to be paid while we await reimbursement. **It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the 2017 Operations Budget through September 16, 2017 for the San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council as presented.**

Heritage Oaks Bank was acquired by Pacific Premier Bank. This acquisition requires our check signing policy to be reaffirmed and new signature cards put on file. It is recommended that we reaffirm San Luis Obispo County FireSafe Council Policy 004, "Check Signatures". Recommended signers will be President Debbie Arnold, Vice President Dan Dulitz, Vice President Jim Harrison, Treasurer Bob Neumann and Secretary Steve Negro. **It was moved, seconded and approved to reaffirm the Operating Policy, Check Signatures and designate five officers from San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council to sign checks.**

Lake Nacimiento Focus Group

A recommendation has been made to accept the Lake Nacimiento Focus Group to represent the wants and needs of the entire lake community, dissolving the Oak Shores Focus Group. Steve Gasperson has been appointed to be the representative for the group. **It was moved, seconded and approved to dissolve the Oak Shores Focus Group and authorize the Lake Nacimiento Focus group, with Steve Gasperson as the Board of Director member representing the group in the San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council.**

GRANTS REPORT

2017 PG&E Hazardous Fuel Reduction Grant Awards

Davis-Cherry Canyon Fuel Break

The grant allocation of \$75,000 has been fully expended. The fire break is complete from Davis Peak to Wild Cherry Canyon.

Parkhill Roadside Clearance

Grant allocation is \$75,000. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the grant has been expended to clear the roadside for the Parkhill Road area. Due to fire activity and extreme temperatures in the area, work was suspended. Work will be completed by Cuesta Camp crews and a private contractor. Grant performance period ends October 31, 2017.

2015 SRA Grant Awards

Hi Mountain - Upper Lopez (Roadside Clearance)

Grant allocation \$89,170. This grant has been fully expended, all invoices have been submitted and we are awaiting reimbursement.

Countywide Hazardous Fuel Reduction

Grant allocation \$98,758. This grant has been fully expended and all invoices have been submitted.

2016 SRA Grant Awards

Countywide WUI & CWPP

Grant allocation is \$116,424. Work has started with a Cal Poly intern updating Pre-Attack maps. This project will fill in the gaps between the existing WUI Preplans in target areas and update the Countywide CWPP. Grant performance period currently ends March 30, 2019.

Countywide Hazard Fuel Reduction / Tree Removal

Grant allocation is \$152,152. These funds can be used for chipping, tree removal or fuel breaks. Grant performance period currently ends March 30, 2019.

Cambria Grants

Cambria WUI Grant

Grant allocation is \$260,788. Grant performance period currently ends May 31, 2018. Work funded from this grant is to maintain, extend and expand the existing fuel break on the west side of Bridge Street. This grant is projected to be fully expended Fall 2017.

Cambria East Village Tree Mortality

Grant allocation is \$199,976. Scope of the work is 45 acres to harvest and create fuel break on the east side of Bridge Street. Work has started on this project and projected to be halfway complete before the wet weather sets in this fall. Grant performance period currently ends March 10, 2019.

Greenhouse Gas Forest Health Grant

Grant allocation is \$498,736. The goals of this grant are removing hazard trees and timber harvesting. The scope of work for some of this project (dead and dying trees) is

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exempt from CEQA because of the Governor's State of Emergency declaration. Grant performance period currently ends December 30, 2019.

2017/2018 California Fire Safe Clearinghouse

Two grant proposals were submitted and approved for the following items::

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| 1. WUI Preplans, CWPP and Fire Preventions materials: | Total | \$67,100 |
| a. Fund City's portion of CWPP and Pre-Attack Maps | | \$61,600 |
| b. Prevention materials for Mid-State Fair/Events | | \$ 5,500 |
| 2. Chipping in non-SRA areas | | \$68,200 |
| a. \$38,000 allocated to chipping in Atascadero | | |

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the grant status reports for the San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council as presented.

GRANT PLANNING MEETING

A concept meeting was held on August 2, 2017 to identify projects that would benefit from future grant awards. The grants awaiting decision are:

- Western States WUI grant - \$260,000
- Western States Landscape Scale Restoration grant - \$260,000
- CAL FIRE SRA – Fire Prevention Fee Grant

Projects recognized are:

Project	Amount	Grant Source
Utilize Existing Grant Funds:		
Ranchita Fuel Break	\$2,000	16-SRA
Gage Irving Road - hazard trees - Phase 1	\$30,000	
Water Tank demo	\$20,000	
WUI Pre-plan storage boxes	\$500	
Remote Weather Stations @\$600/each	\$4,800	
Total	\$57,300	
Western WUI Grant:		
Parkhill area WUI	\$260,000	WUI
Total	\$260,000	
WESTERN Landscape Scale Grant:		
SW Cambria-Lodge Hill FB-18 acres	\$40,000	WFLC LSR
Cambria Pines Road to Bridge St. FB-30 acres	\$60,000	
Invasives education and eradication	\$60,000	
Cambria: add'l harvest funds	\$100,000	
Total	\$260,000	

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Project	Amount	Grant Source
2017-18 SRA Prevention Fees Grant:		
Countywide chipping @\$2,000/day	\$30,000	SRA Fee
So. Shore Lake Naci - tree removal - Phase 2	\$40,000	
Heritage Ranch - Defensible Space	\$15,000	
Lopez Lake prescribed burn PLANNING	\$25,000	
Pismo Preserve fuel reduction	\$30,000	
Cypress Mountain roadside clearance	\$25,000	
Mastication equipment - rental/purchase	\$35,000	
Total	\$200,000	
2017-18 SRA Prevention Fees Grant:		
Water tanks for cattle, fire suppression	\$20,000	SRA Fee
Las Ventanas Defensible Space	\$15,000	
Varian Ranch Defensible Space	\$15,000	
Oak Shores open space	\$15,000	
Pozo Road Roadside Clearance	\$10,000	
Santa Margarita Ranch fuel reduction	\$60,000	
Mid State Fair prev mtrls & yardscape demo	\$30,000	
Hwy 101 Cuesta Grade roadside project		
Mastication equipment - rental/purchase	\$35,000	
Total	\$200,000	
2017-18 SRA Prevention Fees Grant:		
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Nipomo Eucalyptus tree mortality 100 acres	\$200,000	SRA Fee
Total	\$200,000	
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Total	\$200,000	

*If not successful as standalone grants, these projects will roll into countywide Haz Fuel Reduction grant or separate applications for Greenhouse Gas grants.

It was moved, seconded and approved to submit for any grants that are available to the San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council.

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NEXT MEETINGS

Executive Committee Meeting – Wednesday, October 18 at County Government Center in SLO
Board of Directors Meeting – Wednesday, November 15, 2017, tentatively to be held in Pismo Beach.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Station 15 in Los Osos will be holding their Fire Safety Fair on Saturday, October 7, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Cambria Focus Group won first place for an antique fire engine that was entered in the Pinedorado Parade.

Respectfully submitted,

Loree McRoberts

Recording Secretary