



## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

**DRAFT – Wednesday, January 17, 2018 – DRAFT**

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE:

Debbie Arnold – Co. Board of Supervisors	Skip Dyke – Range Improvement Association
Turko Semmes – Builders Community	Ed Waage – Citizen at Large
Justin Kephart – Pacific Gas & Electric	Chris Dicus – Cal Poly
Jeff Jones – Citizen at Large	Bill Tietje – UC Cooperative Extension
Tom Wright – Los Osos Focus Group	Bill Cochrane – Cattlemen’s Association
Bruce Fosdike – Cambria Focus Group	Jim Harrison – District 4 Representative
Steve Negro – District 1 Representative	Steve Gasperson – Lake Nacimiento FG
Scott Hallett – Atascadero FD Focus Group	Martin Scott – Ranchita Focus Group
Richard Gonzales – Farm Bureau	Bob Neumann – District 2
Jeanie Hanson – Environmental Representative	Chris Slate – District 3 Representative
Bill White – County Fire Chief’s Association	Dan Dulitz – District 5 Representative
Scott Jalbert – CAL FIRE / SLO County Fire	Chad Pankey – Citizen at Large

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Riki Heath – Fire Prevention Association	Mark Elliott - APCD
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### EX-OFICIO AND STAFF PRESENT:

Dan Turner – Business Manager	Jim Neumann – Project Coordinator
Jonathan Gee – CAL FIRE / Forester	Dave Fowler – CAL FIRE/Pre-Fire Engineering
Dennis Javens – Project Coordinator	Alan Peters – CAL FIRE / Unit Forester
Loree McRoberts – CAL FIRE/Recording Sec	Lisa Andreano – CA Parks

### CALL TO ORDER

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

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- Draft November 2017 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
- Draft December 2017 Executive Committee Meeting Notes
- 2018 FireSafe Council Meeting Calendar
  - November meeting will be held on November 14, 2018

## **PRESENTATIONS**

CAL FIRE / San Luis Obispo County Fire personnel (Scott Jalbert, Alan Peters and Dave Fowler) spoke on the Thomas Fire and Montecito Flooding. All the rain we had last year produced an abundance of fuel for this fire. The fuels coupled with dry conditions, Santa Ana winds and erratic behavior proved to be disastrous. Everything about the fire went against all predictions and calculations. Chief Jalbert commented that in his 30 plus years of firefighting he has never seen a fire of this magnitude and behavior.

With the primary focus of the response to the catastrophic fire being the protection of human life and property, there are many facets to the post fire response. As fires approach full containment, federal, state and local agencies turn their attention to assessing damage to natural resources as the rains approach. Chief Peters was assigned to WERT (Watershed Emergency Response Team). The WERT assess the risks of landslides and flooding posed by the fire impacted zones and see how the area may respond to future storms. Hydrologists, geologists and soil scientists play major roles on the WERT. Satellite imagery sets a baseline of conditions and then the terrain is evaluated for organic material content. Unfortunately, the risk of debris flows is great until the vegetation grows back which could take 3 to 5 years.

A panel discussion was held regarding prescribed burns. The panel consisted of:

- Skip Dyke – Range Improvement Association
- Alan Peters – CAL FIRE
- Gary Willy – Air Pollution Control District
- Nic Elmquist – Los Padres National Forest
- Lisa Andreano – California State Parks
- Chris Dicus – Cal Poly

Each member of the panel described the role their agency plays or their experience with prescribed burns. Prescribed burning has been a controversial subject for many years. While the benefits of it are well documented, there are still those that feel all fire is bad. The panel all had positive outlooks on prescribed burning. Their shared experiences included ranchers converting brush land into pasture, regrowth of Bishop Pines in the Montano De Oro State Park and fuel removal in wildfire areas. Several big fires have been stopped when they reached areas of previous burns. It does not seem to matter how well a prescribed burn is planned and coordinated, it comes down to the agencies being available and the conditions being right to

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make it happen. All members agreed that communication is key, not only between agencies but to the public. It was recommended that FireSafe look into assisting the agencies with public outreach.

### **2017 FIRESAFE COUNCIL ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

A summary of accomplishments for 2017 are listed below:

- Lake Nacimiento
  - Clearing dead and dying trees along Gage Irving Road
- Knollwood
  - Removing dead eucalyptus trees from popular equestrian and walking areas
- Parkhill
  - Roadside brush removal
- Wild Cherry / Davis Canyon
  - Clearing a fire break in overgrown brush
- Hi Mountain / Lopez Canyon
  - Clearing roadside fuels
- Upper Lopez Drive
  - Fuel management
- Cambria
  - Largest FireWise community in the State of California
  - Community outreach
  - Fuel breaks along Bridge Street
  - French broom removal
  - Dead tree removal, high tree mortality rate

### **OPERATING BUDGET**

- 2017 Internal Operations Budget Year End Report
  - Ending balance of cash in bank - \$57,886

***It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the 2017 Internal Operations Budget Year End Report for the San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council as presented***

- 2018 Internal Operations Fund Proposed Budget
  - Beginning balance of cash in bank - \$58,018

***It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the 2018 Internal Operations Fund Proposed Budget for the San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council as presented***

## **GRANT FINANCIAL SUMMARIES – YEAR END**

- Grant Timeline
  - Active Grants – Total \$1,700,000
  - Proposed Grants Pending Decision - \$260,000
- PG&E Drought Augmentation Grants
  - Wild Cherry Canyon Fuel Break
    - \$75,000 awarded, \$75,000 expended
  - Parkhill Road
    - \$75,000 awarded, \$75,000 expended
- SRA Fee Grant Projects
  - 15-SRA Hi Mtn Roadside Clearance
    - \$89,170 awarded, \$89,170 expended
  - 15-SRA Countywide Hazard Fuel Reduction
    - \$98,758 awarded, \$91,645 expended
  - 16-SRA Countywide Tree Mortality and HFR
    - \$152,152 awarded, \$103,327 expended
  - 16-SRA CWPP & WUI Pre-Plans
    - \$116,424 awarded, \$4,110 expended
- CA Fire Safe Council Grants
  - CWPP & WUI Plans – Non SRA
    - \$67,100 awarded, \$0 expended
  - Countywide HFR – Non SRA
    - \$68,200 awarded, \$0 expended
- Cambria Projects
  - Greenhouse Gas
    - \$498,736 awarded, \$250,165 expended
  - Cambria WUI Grant
    - \$260,788 awarded, \$248,728 expended
  - Cambria East Village Tree Mortality
    - \$199,976 awarded, \$27,263 expended
- Grants Pending Decision
  - 2017 Western WUI Parkhill area
    - \$260,000

***It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the 2017 Year End Grant Financial Summaries for the San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council as presented***

## **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

All Board of Directors who had terms expiring this month, January 2018, were recommended to serve another term. Tom Wright vacated his Citizen at Large position and assumed the position left vacant in the Los Osos Focus Group due to Jim McCallum's retirement. Scott Johnson was

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nominated by Jeff Jones and seconded by Bob Neumann to fill the vacant Citizen at Large position. All recommendations and nominations were accepted and voted on. **It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the 2018 Board of Directors Election as presented for the San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council.**

A current listing of Board of Directors, Ex-Officio members and staff is attached to these minutes (Attachment 1).

The 2017 Officers for the San Luis Obispo County FireSafe Council were nominated to continue those roles in 2018. **It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the 2018 Officer Nominations as presented for the San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council.**

A current listing of San Luis Obispo County FireSafe Council Officers is attached to these minutes (Attachment 2).

### **2018 GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS**

The grant committee will hold a meeting January 29, 2018 to revisit the project list. The list is a working document which means it will be added to and taken from with the award and denial of grant funding.

### **NEXT MEETINGS**

Executive Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 21 from 9:00 to 11:00 am at County Government Center in SLO

Board of Directors Meeting – Wednesday, March 21, will be held from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Location will be announced at a later date.

**It was moved, seconded and approved to adjourn the Board of Directors January 17, 2018 meeting at 12:27 p.m. for the San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Loree McRoberts*

Recording Secretary

***San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council  
Board of Directors  
2018***

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Stakeholder Group</b>
Arnold, Debbie	County Board of Supervisors
Cochrane, Bill	Cattlemen's Association
Dicus, Chris	Cal Poly State University
Dulitz, Dan	5 <sup>th</sup> Supervisorial District
Dyke, Skip	Range Improvement Association
Elliott, Mark	Air Pollution Control District
Fosdike, Bruce ( <i>Susan McDonald Alternate</i> )	Cambria Focus Group
Gasperson, Steve	Lake Nacimiento Focus Group
Gonzales, Richard	Farm Bureau
Hallett, Scott	Atascadero FD Focus Group
Hanson, Jeanie	ECO-SLO
Harrison, Jim	4 <sup>th</sup> Supervisorial District
Heath, Riki	Fire Prevention Officers Association
Jalbert, Scotty	CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire
Johnson, Scott	Citizen at Large
Jones, Jeff	Citizen at Large
Kephart, Justin ( <i>Greg Saenz Alternate</i> )	Pacific Gas & Electric
Larsen, Royce ( <i>Bill Tietje Alternate</i> )	UC Cooperative Extension
Negro, Steven	1 <sup>st</sup> Supervisorial District
Neumann, Bob	2 <sup>nd</sup> Supervisorial District
Pankey, Chad	Citizen at Large
Scott, Martin	Ranchita Focus Group
Semmes, Turko	Builders Industry
Slate, Chris	3 <sup>rd</sup> Supervisorial District
Waage, Ed	Citizen at Large
White, Bill	County Fire Chief's Association
Wright, Tom	Los Osos Focus Group
No Current Representatives for:	County Planning Insurance Industry Real Estate Industry

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**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS**

Nathan Rezeau	USFS-Los Padres NF
Alan Peters	Cal Fire-SLU-Unit Forester
Dave Fowler	Cal Fire-SLU-Fire Prev. Engineering
Loree McRoberts	Cal Fire-SLU-Recording Secretary
Jon Gee	Cal Fire-SLU- Forester
Greg Saenz	PG&E Alternate
Holly Sletteland	Enviro-Alternate
Jim Patterson	President emeritus
Keith Aggson	SLO FD
Lisa Andreano	CA Parks & Rec
Mike Anderson	CCC
Roger Maggio	SLO FD
Shirley Bianchi	Cambria Focus Group

**VACANCIES**

County Public Works  
Caltrans  
County Sheriff

**STAFF**

Dennis Javens	SLO FSC Project Coordinator
Jim Neumann	SLO FSC Project Coordinator
Ted Mathisen	SLO FSC Project Coordinator
Greg Alex	SLO FSC Webmaster

*San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council*

*Officers*

*2018*

<b>Office</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Representing</b>
President	Debbie Arnold	Board of Supervisors
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Jim Harrison	4 <sup>th</sup> Supervisorial District
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Dan Dulitz	5 <sup>th</sup> Supervisorial District
Secretary	Steve Negro	1 <sup>st</sup> Supervisorial District
Treasurer	Bob Neumann	2 <sup>nd</sup> Supervisorial District
Director	Ed Waage	Member at Large