



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 18, 2018

BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE:

Debbie Arnold – Co. Board of Supervisors	Steven Negro – District 1 Representative
Turko Semmes – Builders Community	William Hollingworth – County Fire Chief’s
Scott Johnson – Citizen at Large	Chris Dicus – Cal Poly
Jeff Jones – Citizen at Large	Bob Neumann – District 2
Tom Wright – Los Osos Focus Group	Justin Kephart – PG&E
Jeanie Hanson – ECO-SLO	Jim Harrison – District 4 Representative
Dan Dulitz – District 5 Representative	Virginia Miyamoto – Lake Nacimiento FG
Chad Pankey – Citizen at Large	Martin Scott – Ranchita Focus Group
Chris Slate – District 3 Representative	Michael Walsh – Cambria Focus Group

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Skip Dyke – Range Improvement Association	Riki Heath – Fire Prevention Association
Ed Waage – Citizen at Large	Bill Tietje – UC Cooperative Extension
Scotty Jalbert – CAL FIRE / SLO County Fire	Richard Gonzales – Farm Bureau
Bill Cochrane – Cattlemen’s Association	Mark Elliott - APCD

EX-OFFICIO AND STAFF PRESENT:

Dan Turner – Business Manager	Alan Peters – CAL FIRE / Unit Forester
Loree McRoberts – CAL FIRE/Recording Sec	Dave Fowler – CAL FIRE/Pre-Fire Engineering
John Gee – CAL FIRE / Forestry Asst.	Dennis Javens – Project Manager

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 May 2018 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
- Draft June 2018 Executive Committee Meeting Notes

BIO-GEL FIRE RETARDANT PRESENTATION

Jesse Acosta presented his latest findings on the retardant bio-gel. It is a preventive measure to be used prior to an active fire season. The application will withstand .5 inch of rain before losing integrity. Testing has been done in the Parkhill area with CAL FIRE and has shown impressive results. The possibility of obtaining grant funding to test County roadsides applied with the retardant is something SLO FSC is researching.

INTERNAL OPERATIONS BUDGET

- Internal Operations Budget Report
 - Balance of cash in bank as of July 16, 2018 - \$238,463.79
 - Transfer \$137,153 into working capital fund to replenish monies borrowed to facilitate work flow while waiting for reimbursements.

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the Internal Operations Budget Report and transfer funds to reimburse the working capital fund for the San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council as presented

GENERAL BUSINESS

Michael Walsh was selected to fill the position vacated by Bruce Fosdike with the Cambria Focus Group.

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept Michael Walsh as the Cambria Focus Group representative on the San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council Board of Directors

The City of Paso Robles has requested to establish a permanent focus group for projects with the city limits of Paso Robles. Scott Hallett will serve as their representative. The SLO FSC Executive Committee recommends recognizing the Paso Robles Focus Group and allocation of a seat on the Board of Directors to the group.

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept Paso Robles Focus Group and authorize a designated seat on the Board of Directors of the San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council

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Santa Rita Focus Group would like to be recognized and work with SLO FSC in becoming organized and planning projects. Executive Committee recommended recognizing and working with them.

It was moved, seconded and approved to recognize Santa Rita Focus Group

Senator Monning's legislation (SB1079) authorizing advance payments for the forest health grants and the fire prevention fund grant programs has passed the Senate unanimously. It has been amended and is currently in Assembly.

GRANT PROGRAMS

- Grant Timeline
 - Active Grants – Total \$1,437,640
 - Proposed Grants Pending Decision - \$2,591,924
- 2017 CA Fire Safe Council Clearinghouse Grants
 - Countywide HFR – Non SRA \$68,200 awarded, \$1,961 expended
 - CWPP & WUI Plans – Non SRA \$67,100 awarded, \$0 expended
- PG&E 2018 Hazardous Fuel Reduction Grant
 - W. Atascadero-Summit Hills/Old Morro Road area was awarded \$75,000 for roadside clearance and chipping. Hands crews will be the most effective. Great Tree Tenders is ready to start work.
- 2016 SRA Grants
 - 16-SRA CWPP & WUI Pre-Plans - \$116,424 awarded, \$5,103 expended
 - 16-SRA Countywide Tree Mortality and HFR -\$152,152 awarded, \$122,590 expended
- Cambria Projects
 - Cambria WUI Grant
 - \$260,788 awarded, \$260,788 expended
 - Cambria East Village Tree Mortality
 - \$199,976 awarded, \$27,263 expended
 - Greenhouse Gas
 - \$498,736 awarded, \$245,313 expended

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

2018 GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

- California Climate Investments (CCI) Forest Grants
 - Fire Prevention grants

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- Guidelines were released on May 10. The following grant proposals were submitted:
 - Countywide Tree Mortality \$ 833,868
 - Parkhill-Huer Huero Haz fuel reduction \$ 505,848
 - Lake Nacimiento Haz fuel reduction \$ 775,620
 - Monterey Pine Mortality \$1,816,304

- 2018-19 California State Budget
 - \$160 million for CAL FIRE CCI/Greenhouse Gas
 - \$96 million for prescribed burning crews and other augmentation
 - Recommended projects:
 - Mid State Fair Fire Safe House landscaping and prevention materials
 - Hazardous fuel reduction in cities and non-SRA areas
 - Nipomo eucalyptus trees
 - Arroyo Grande parks area on James Way

Direction was given for the grant committee to draft a list of recommended projects that fit within the guidelines of the available grants.

- 2018 CA Fire Safe Council Clearinghouse Grants
 - Application period reopened until August 30, 2018. These grants can be used in non-SRA and non-forested areas.

Direction was given to have the grant committee meet after the CCI grants are awarded and if any of those grants are not approved submit them with this grantor.

NEXT MEETINGS

Executive Committee Meeting – Wednesday, August 15 from 9:00 to 11:00 am at County Government Center in SLO

Board of Directors Meeting – Wednesday, September 19, 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 July 18, 2018 meeting at 11:20 p.m. for the San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council.

ROUNDTABLE

Thomas Fire tour date is happening, date to be decided on very soon. There will be limited seating so if you are interested, contact Chris Dicus as soon as possible.

Alan Peters explained the strict guidelines that Fish and Wildlife have and how those impact any projects for Los Osos.

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With the work completed on Hi Mountain Road which made it passable again, Martin Scott has been approached by many of his neighbors in Ranchita Canyon that have expressed their appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

Loree McRoberts

Recording Secretary