



## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

**DRAFT – Wednesday, September 19, 2018 – DRAFT**

### 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	Ed Waage – Citizen at Large
Jeanie Hanson – ECO-SLO	Jim Harrison – District 4 Representative
Dan Dulitz – District 5 Representative	Mark Elliott - APCD
Bill Cochrane – Cattlemen’s Association	Martin Scott – Ranchita Focus Group
Chris Slate – District 3 Representative	Michael Walsh – Cambria Focus Group
Richard Gonzales – Farm Bureau	Scott Hallett – Paso Robles Focus Group
Tom Peterson – Atascadero Focus Group	

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Skip Dyke – Range Improvement Association	Riki Heath – Fire Prevention Association
Justin Kephart – PG&E	Bill Tietje – UC Cooperative Extension
Scotty Jalbert – CAL FIRE / SLO County Fire	Virginia Miyamoto – Lake Nacimiento FG
Chad Pankey – Citizen at Large	

### EX-OFICIO AND STAFF PRESENT:

Dan Turner – Business Manager	Alan Peters – CAL FIRE / Unit Forester
Loree McRoberts – CAL FIRE/Recording Sec	Ted Mathiesen – Project Manager
John Gee – CAL FIRE / Forestry Asst.	Dennis Javens – Project Manager
Jim Neumann – Project Manager	Zach Cipriano – 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 July 2018 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
- Draft August 2018 Executive Committee Meeting Notes

## **INTERNAL OPERATIONS BUDGET**

- Internal Operations Budget Report
  - Balance of cash in bank as of September 17, 2018 - \$67,766.24

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

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Several bills important to FireSafe Council work and prescribed burning are awaiting the Governor's signature. Anything not processed before the September 30, 2018 deadline will become dead and the idea will have to be resubmitted once the Assembly reconvenes.

Lake Nacimiento has been deemed a Firewise Community. The Firewise Communities Program encourages local solutions for safety by involving homeowners in taking individual responsibility for preparing their homes from the risk of wildfire. Firewise is a collaborative approach that connects all those who play a role in wildfire education, planning and action with comprehensive resources to help reduce risk.

Jim Neumann shared his experiences working in Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria. The hurricane's devastation was compounded by the antiquated infrastructure and corruption that plagues the country. A major hurdle encountered was that restoring the electricity had to be done without upgrading to today's industry standards. Parts that were obsolete had to be machined and manufactured and sent to the island. Getting anything to the island was a seven-day boat trip. Drivers for the incoming supplies were hard to find because many of the locals were home cleaning up and caring for their families. The country is facing another problem with being overrun by iguanas. They are eating crops and wreaking havoc on the island's ecosystem and economy. They are not native to the island and double in population each year.

## **GRANT PROGRAMS**

- Grant Timeline
  - Active Grants – Total \$1,437,640
  - Grants with Contracts Pending \$3,931,640
- 2016 SRA Grants
  - 16-SRA CWPP & WUI Pre-Plans - \$116,424 awarded, \$17,319 expended

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- 16-SRA Countywide Tree Mortality and HFR -\$152,152 awarded, \$126,611 expended
- 2017 CA Fire Safe Council Clearinghouse Grants
  - Countywide HFR – Non SRA \$68,200 awarded, \$12,976 expended
  - CWPP & WUI Plans – Non SRA \$67,100 awarded, \$8,780 expended
- Cambria Projects
  - Cambria WUI Grant
    - \$260,788 awarded, \$260,788 expended
  - Cambria East Village Tree Mortality
    - \$199,976 awarded, \$184,742 expended
  - Greenhouse Gas
    - \$498,736 awarded, \$245,313 expended
- PG&E 2018 Hazardous Fuel Reduction Grant
  - W. Atascadero-Summit Hills/Old Morro Road
    - \$75,000 awarded, \$71,788 expended

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

### **2017-18 CAL FIRE GRANT AWARDS**

- California Climate Investments (CCI) Forest Grants
  - Fire Prevention grants selected for funding:
    - 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

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

**It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the draft resolution and authorize Executive Committee to execute said resolution.**

**It was moved, seconded and approved for the Business Manager and Treasurer to sign grant contract agreements on behalf of the San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council as presented.**

**Direction was given to have a photo taken with our local State Representative after those bills affecting our FireSafe Council have been signed by the Governor.**

**UPCOMING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

- 2018 CA Fire Safe Council Clearinghouse Grants
  - Application filed for Nipomo Eucalyptus Mortality - \$100,000
  
- 2018-19 California State Budget
  - \$160 million for CAL FIRE CCI/Greenhouse Gas
  - \$125 million for Forest Health and Fire Prevention
  - The Range Improvement Association is investigating re-establishing their non-profit status. With that, equipment could be purchased.
  - Recommended to begin planning process for next round of grant projects. Grant committee volunteers:
    - Tom Wright
    - Martin Scott
    - Chris Dicus
    - Dennis Javens
    - Tom Peterson
    - Jim Harrison
    - Bob Neumann
    - Jeff Jones
    - Steve Negro
    - Dan Dulitz
    - Skip Dyke

***It was moved, seconded and approved to reconvene the grants committee for the San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council.***

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

**NEXT MEETINGS**

Executive Committee Meeting – Due to conflicting schedules, a change of date is being considered. A poll will be sent to members of possible dates to ensure a quorum is achieved.

Board of Directors Meeting – Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, a change of meeting date was made for Tuesday, November 13, 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 September 19, 2018 meeting at 11:30 p.m. for the San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council.***

## **ROUNDTABLE**

Chris Dicus reported that the Thomas Fire tour was well received. He recently returned from the Australian Bushfire and Building Conference and Forum as a keynote speaker. Everything from design innovations to changes in building regulations was discussed, with healthy debate in many areas showing that the conference is serving its purpose as a forum to push the envelope in how we talk about, reach agreement and move forward in the management of bushfire risk.

Tom Wright reported that the Los Osos Town Hall meeting drew a crowd of 100 citizens. Tom also volunteered to represent FireSafe Council at the PG&E Community Giving event on September 20 at 8:00 a.m.

Chief Alan Peters shared that CAL FIRE will form six (6) dedicated prescribed burn crews; three (3) hand crews in each region. These crews will not be pulled away during fire season to work on other projects, they are dedicated to fire prevention.

Tom Peterson attended PG&E's Community Wildfire Safety event in which they discussed their plan to implement measures in reducing wildfire risks. Their plans can be viewed at [https://www.pge.com/en\\_US/safety/emergency-preparedness/natural-disaster/wildfires/community-wildfire-safety.page](https://www.pge.com/en_US/safety/emergency-preparedness/natural-disaster/wildfires/community-wildfire-safety.page)

Respectfully submitted,

*Loree McRoberts*

Recording Secretary