



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

D R A F T – Wednesday, January 16, 2019 – D R A F T

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	Royce Larsen – UC Cooperative Extension
Tom Wright – Los Osos Focus Group	Bill Cochrane – Cattlemen’s Association
Mike Walsh – Cambria Focus Group	Jim Harrison – District 4 Representative
Steve Negro – District 1 Representative	William Hollingsworth – County FC Assoc
Scott Hallett – Paso Robles Focus Group	Martin Scott – Ranchita Focus Group
Richard Gonzales – Farm Bureau	Bob Neumann – District 2
Scott Johnson – Citizen at Large	Chris Slate – District 3 Representative
Tom Peterson – Atascadero Focus Group	Dan Dulitz – District 5 Representative
Geoff Money – CAL FIRE / SLO County Fire	Chad Pankey – Citizen at Large
Mark Elliott - APCD	Virginia Miyamoto – Lake Naci Focus Group

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Bill White – Fire Prevention Association	Jeanie Hanson–Environmental Representative
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EX-OFFICIO AND STAFF PRESENT:

Dan Turner – Business Manager	Jim Neumann – Project Coordinator
Jonathan Gee – CAL FIRE / Forestry Asst II	Dave Fowler – CAL FIRE/Pre-Fire Engineering
Dennis Javens – Project Coordinator	Alan Peters – CAL FIRE / Unit Forester
Loree McRoberts – CAL FIRE/Recording Sec	Rodger Maggio – SLO FD
Keith Aggson – SLO FD	

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 2018 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
- Draft December 2018 Executive Committee Meeting Notes
- 2019 Fire Safe Council Meeting Calendar

PRESENTATIONS

Captain Dave Fowler, CAL FIRE, presented a slideshow detailing the deadliest, most destructive fire season in California history. There were 1.8 million acres burned, 23,000 structures destroyed, 98 civilian lives lost and 6 firefighter deaths. A major contributor to the destruction was the dead tree fuel. There is an estimated 129 million dead trees in California due to drought conditions and bark beetle infestations.

Chief Alan Peters, CAL FIRE, reported that San Luis Obispo County experienced 218 wildfires that totaled 3,115 acres burned. He highlighted what the department will be working toward in 2019:

- Overhaul of the 911 system
- Increasing prescribed burning with a dedicated crew assigned to our region
- Working with CCC to have one initial attack crew in SLO County
- Increased public education and community outreach

Dan Turner, Business Manager, highlighted Governor Newsom's acts on his first day in office. Governor Newsom proposed \$105 million in new spending to prevent, fight and help people escape wildfires. This is in addition to \$200 million approved by lawmakers last year. He places a great deal of emphasis, energy and sense of urgency on public safety and signed two executive orders for such. N-04-19 directs state agencies to identify geographic areas with populations that are particularly at risk during natural disasters. This data displays a more accurate assessment of the real human risk and can help guide preventative action to help prevent loss of life. N-05-19 modernizes the way the state contracts for technology systems. The order's first application will be fire detection. This Innovation Procurement Sprint allows an agency to specify to the private sector what problems it is trying to solve. It allows agencies to convene outside experts to source innovative solutions and systems. This new process comes with the goal of having cutting-edge technology in the hands of emergency responders by next fire season.

Debbie Arnold, SLO FSC President, presented Dan Turner with a certificate from the SLO County Board of Supervisors for his hard work and dedication in making this chapter of FireSafe Council successful. Another certificate was presented acknowledging the 20th anniversary of SLO FSC.

2018 FIRESAFE COUNCIL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The San Luis Obispo County's chapter of FireSafe Council is celebrating its 20 year anniversary. Three of the original members: Dan Dulitz, Bob Neumann and Skip Dyke are still active members. A summary of accomplishments for 2018 include:

- Legislation SB-1079 for grant advances
- Countywide CWPP
- Cambria WUI grant closure
- Sponsorship of the Range Improvement Association
- Sandra Younger Presentation
- Las Ventanas prescribed burn
- PG&E Summit Hills area
- Hi Mountain Road opened
- Mt. Lowe Road improvement
- Award of \$3.9 million in grant funding
 - Countywide HFR \$833,868
 - Parkhill/Huer Huero \$505,848
 - Lake Nacimiento HFR \$775,620
 - Mont Pine Mortality \$1,816,304
- Focus Groups formed:
 - Los Osos
 - Paso Robles
 - Santa Rita
- Fire Wise Communities awarded
 - Lake Nacimiento (Oak Shores, Heritage Ranch, Cal Shasta, Rancho Del Lago, Running Deer, Tri Counties, So. Shore Village)
- Fire Wise Communities renewed
 - Cambria and Ranchita Estates
- East side of Bridge Street in Cambria
- French Broom Eradication – Cambria Pines Rd.
- Hwy 1 Homeless Encampment limbing

OPERATING BUDGET

- 2018 Internal Operations Budget Year End Report
 - Ending balance of cash in bank 12/31/18 - \$123,579

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

- 2019 Internal Operations Fund Proposed Budget
 - Balance of cash in bank 1/12/19 - \$57,878

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the 2019 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 \$5,294,280
 - Proposed Grants Pending Decision - \$3,201,271
- SRA Fee and CA Climate Investment Grant Projects

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- 14-15 Greenhouse Gas – Cambria
 - \$498,736 awarded, \$262,297 expended
 - 16-17 SRA Countywide Tree Mortality and HFR
 - \$152,152 awarded, \$141,675 expended
 - 16-SRA CWPP & WUI Pre-Plans
 - \$116,424 awarded, \$24,214 expended
 - Cambria East Village Tree Mortality
 - \$199,976 awarded, \$190,088 expended
 - 17-18 Countywide HFR
 - \$833,868 awarded, \$0 expended
 - 17-18 Parkhill-Huer Huero
 - \$505,848 awarded, \$0 expended
 - 17-18 Lake Nacimiento
 - \$775,620 awarded, \$0 expended
 - 17-18 Monterey Pine Mortality
 - \$1,816,304 awarded, \$0 expended
- CA Fire Safe Council Grants
 - 16-17 Cambria WUI
 - \$260,788 awarded, \$260,788 expended
 - 17-18 CWPP & WUI Plans – Non SRA
 - \$67,100 awarded, \$15,033 expended
 - Countywide HFR – Non SRA
 - \$68,200 awarded, \$32,897 expended

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the 2018 Year End Grant Financial Summaries for the San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council as presented

NEW GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

SB901 allocated \$200 million for California in fiscal year 18-19. The applications guidelines are expected to be released this Spring. Another \$200 million in additional funds was allocated on January 1, 2019. The Governor has committed to allocating \$200 million for the next five years.

The grants committee will be sent a poll to collaborate on a date for their next meeting. Prioritizing items and focusing on where we stand and the direction headed will be discussed.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

All Board of Directors who had terms expiring this month, January 2019, were recommended to serve another term. All recommendations and nominations were accepted and voted on.

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It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the incumbents as presented and renew their positions on the Board of Directors for the 2019 election of San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council.

The 2018 Officers for the San Luis Obispo County FireSafe Council were nominated to continue those roles until 2020.

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the slate of officers as presented for the 2019 election of San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council.

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

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Martin Scott asked the APCD to consider a rural backyard burn permit with early morning burn time opportunities.

Jesse Acosta thanked the SLO FSC for their support in his pursuit of frequent fire areas to test his bio gel. He stated the importance of the group and the connections made with FSC.

Tom Wright expressed thanks for the help in facilitating meetings and projects with the residents of Los Osos.

Chief Peters told the group that he is focused on dramatically increasing the prescribed burning this year; hoping to burn 2,000 – 4,000 acres.

Lunch will be served after the meeting. The barbecue is prepared by Dan Dulitz and the SLO FSC Burners.

NEXT MEETINGS

Executive Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 20 from 9:00 to 11:00 am at County Government Center in SLO

Board of Directors Meeting – Wednesday, March 20, will be held from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Location to be determined.

It was moved, seconded and approved to adjourn the Board of Directors January 16, 2019 meeting at 11:47 a.m. for the San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Loree McRoberts

Recording Secretary