



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

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	Scott Johnson – Citizen at Large
Tom Wright – Los Osos Focus Group	Bill Cochrane – Cattlemen’s Association
David Pierson – Cambria Focus Group	Jim Harrison – District 4 Representative
Jeanie Hanson – Environmental Representative	William Hollingsworth – County FC Assoc
Richard Gonzales – Farm Bureau	Martin Scott – Ranchita Focus Group
Scotty Jalbert – CAL FIRE / SLO County Fire	Bob Neumann – District 2
Mark Elliott - APCD	Chris Slate – District 3 Representative
Tom Peterson – Atascadero Focus Group	Dan Dulitz – District 5 Representative
Virginia Miyamoto – Lake Naci Focus Group	Chad Pankey – Citizen at Large

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Bill White – Fire Prevention Association	Scott Hallett – Paso Robles Focus Group
Steve Negro – District 1 Representative	Royce Larsen – UC Cooperative Extension

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
Loree McRoberts – CAL FIRE/Recording Sec	Alan Peters – CAL FIRE / Unit Forester

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Debbie Arnold at 9:05 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 January 2019 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
- Draft February 2019 Executive Committee Meeting Notes

PRESENTATIONS

Rob Lewin, Santa Barbara County OEM Director, provided us with lessons learned from the Thomas Fire, Montecito debris flow and other recent events in Santa Barbara County from an emergency management/recovery perspective. Santa Barbara County has been home to five major fires in the last two years. There were 8,500 firefighters battling the Thomas Fire. With all the incidents occurring, the community of Montecito was evacuated 12 times. Incidents are evolving into new and more complicated situations due to many different factors.

FIRE SAFE COUNCIL BUSINESS

Cambria Fire Safe Focus Group has changed representatives. David Pierson is replacing Mike Walsh as the representative on the Board of Directors.

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the representative change for the Cambria Fire Safe Focus Group as presented.

The City of San Luis Obispo has asked to become a focus group with representation on the Board of Directors.

It was moved to make City of San Luis Obispo a focus group with a seat on the Board of Directors. The motion was voted on with 10 yes votes, 5 oppositions and 3 abstentions. Motion passed as presented.

The Los Osos Focus Group is in the process of applying for Firewise Community status. The requirements have been revised and the maximum dwelling units is now 2,500.

New reports and/or formats were presented for the bank account activity and grant financial reports. The grant financial reports will show the original grant budget along with projects identified for completion.

OPERATING BUDGET

- 2019 Internal Operations Budget
 - Ending balance of cash in bank 3/17/19 - \$122,265

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It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the 2019 Internal Operations Budget and the new reports and/or formats for the San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council as presented.

Our master policies, by laws and individual policies are under internal review. The goal would be to eliminate our master policies. This will be done a little at a time to avoid policy overload during meetings. To avoid changes to by laws, policies will be written when applicable. Dan Dulitz and Steve Negro have met to discuss policy updates and absorption of duties into other position statements to eliminate certain committees outlined in the master policies.

It was moved, seconded and approved to table the policy update discussion until the next Executive Committee meeting due to time constraints.

A meeting was held with SLO County Public Works to clarify the permitting process when roadside work needs to be completed. It was agreed that any such permits would be no cost. Public Works will provide guidance on nature of traffic control and perform site visits.

GRANT TIMELINE AND UPDATE

- Grant Timeline
 - Active Grants – Total \$5,294,280
 - Proposed Grants Pending Decision - \$3,201,271
- 2016-17 CAL FIRE Grants
 - 16-17 SRA Countywide Tree Mortality and HFR
 - \$152,152 awarded, fully expended
 - 16-SRA CWPP & WUI Pre-Plans
 - \$116,424 awarded, \$70,000 (approximately) will be returned
 - Cambria East Village Tree Mortality
 - \$199,976 awarded, fully expended
- 2017-18 CCI Grants
 - 17-18 Countywide HFR
 - \$833,868 awarded, \$0 expended, work beginning
 - 17-18 Parkhill-Huer Huero
 - \$505,848 awarded, \$0 expended, work beginning
 - 17-18 Lake Nacimiento
 - \$775,620 awarded, \$0 expended, work beginning
 - 17-18 Monterey Pine Mortality
 - \$1,816,304 awarded, \$0 expended, in Enviro review
- 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

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- Countywide HFR – Non SRA
 - \$68,200 awarded, \$32,897 expended
- 2018-19 CCI Grant Applications – Pending Award Decision (expecting mid-April)
 - Countywide Prevention \$304,197
 - Countywide Education \$361,200
 - Countywide Fuel Reduction \$972,606
 - Adelaide Fuel Reduction \$774,547
 - Lopez-Huasna Fuel Reduction \$788,721

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the 2019 Grant Financial Summaries for the San Luis Obispo County Community Fire Safe Council as presented.

COUNTYWIDE COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION (CWPP)

The Countywide Community Wildfire Protection plan has been completed. Copies of the plan were distributed to attendees for review and comments. A few minor amendments were suggested before the plan goes to the County Board of Supervisors for adoption.

It was moved, seconded and approved to approve the Countywide Community Wildfire Protection plan with the recommended amendments and proceed with presentation to the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors.

CAL FIRE RESOURCE CHANGES

Chief Alan Peters updated the group with changes that have taken place within CAL FIRE regarding resources and equipment. There are now dedicated crews to provide fuel treatment and prescribed burning. There will be a CCC/CAL FIRE Type 1 fire crew stationed at the San Luis Obispo CCC Center. A masticator was recently added to SLU's inventory of equipment and will be available for use.

CAL FIRE 45 DAY REPORT TO GOVERNOR

In response to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-05-19, a Community Wildfire Prevention and Mitigation Report was prepared. This report recommends immediate, medium and long-term actions to help prevent destructive wildfires. Emphasis was placed on the most vulnerable communities to realize the greatest returns on reducing risk to life and property. Thirty-five priority projects were identified that could be implemented immediately to help reduce public safety risk for over 200 communities. For more information see <http://www.fire.ca.gov/general/45-DayReport>

UPCOMING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

- 2018 SB901 Prevention Grant Program
 - \$200 million, application period announced as Summer 2019

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- CA proposed FY 2019-20 budget of \$200 million
- California Coastal Conservancy, \$4.25 million for Central California

Direction was given to reconvene the grant committee and continue to move forward with grant applications.

RANCH WATER SYSTEM ENHANCEMENT

Jeff Elmore, CAL FIRE, has received permission from the Camatta Ranch to install fire connections on their water storage tanks. This will allow for a water source where no hydrants or water storage is readily available for fire suppression. The SLO FSC Operation fund would fund the project.

NEXT MEETINGS

Executive Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 3 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at County Government Center in SLO.

Board of Directors Meeting – Wednesday, May 22, will be held from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Location to be determined.

ROUNDTABLE

- Range Improvement Association dinner and meeting, April 5 at 6:00 p.m., Arroyo Grande
- Ed Waage reported that LAFCO will hold a study session on the County Fire Service review at their next meeting, March 21
- Tom Peterson announced the City of Atascadero will be hosting an event for community wildfire prevention on May 4

It was moved, seconded and approved to adjourn the Board of Directors March 20, 2019 meeting at 11:55 a.m. for the San Luis Obispo County Community Fire Safe Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Loree McRoberts

Recording Secretary