



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE:

Debbie Arnold – Co. Board of Supervisors	Justin Kephart – Pacific Gas & Electric
Scott Hallett – Paso Robles Focus Group	Rodger Maggio – City of San Luis Obispo
Tom Wright – Los Osos Focus Group	Bill Cochran – Cattlemen’s Association
Royce Larsen – UC Cooperative Extension	Jim Harrison – District 4 Representative
Dan Dulitz – District 5 Representative	William Hollingsworth – County FC Assoc
Turko Semmes – Builders Community	Chris Slate – District 3 Representative
Chris Dicus – Cal Poly	David Pierson – Cambria Focus Group
Steve Negro – District 1 Representative	Chad Pankey – Citizen at Large
Mark Elliott - APCD	

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Bill White – Fire Prevention Association	Scott Johnson – Citizen at Large
Jeff Jones – Citizen at Large	Bob Neumann – District 2
Virginia Miyamoto – Lake Naci Focus Group	Martin Scott – Ranchita Focus Group
Skip Dyke – Range Improvement Association	Tom Peterson – Atascadero Focus Group
Jeanie Hanson – Environmental Rep	Scotty Jalbert – CAL FIRE / SLO County Fire
Ed Waage – Citizen at Large	Richard Gonzales – Farm Bureau

EX-OFFICIO AND STAFF PRESENT:

Dan Turner – Business Manager	Alan Peters – CAL FIRE
Loree McRoberts – CAL FIRE/Recording Sec	Dave Penery-Fowler – CAL FIRE

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:

- July 2019 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
- August 2019 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

FIRE SAFE COUNCIL BUSINESS

FOCUS GROUP PROPOSAL

Baxter Boyington from the Toro Creek Alliance Group requested the formation of the Toro Creek Fire Safe Focus Group. Their alliance group is comprised of all the residents and property owners along Toro Creek Road; a population of 250 people and 85 residences. The area is approximately 5 square miles. The Executive Committee made a motion to recommend recognition of Toro Creek Fire Safe Focus Group and present for vote at Board of Directors next meeting.

It was moved, seconded and approved to recognize Toro Creek Fire Safe Focus Group in the San Luis Obispo County Community Fire Safe Council as presented.

FIREWISE COMMUNITY UPDATE

Las Ventanas, the neighborhood across from Talley Farms Winery, has been recognized as a new FireWise Community.

OPERATING BUDGET

- 2019 Internal Operations Budget
 - Working Capital Fund Balance \$47,905
 - A loan of \$100,000 was made to the WUI account to cover expenses while awaiting reimbursements.

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the 2019 Internal Operations Budget for the San Luis Obispo County Community Fire Safe Council as presented.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS / APPROVALS

- Approved acceptance of \$400,000 grant that was forfeited by the County of Los Angeles in the Governor's 35 priority projects. This grant will provide hazardous fuel abatement using crushing on the Almond Ranch in Creston.
- Approved two grants from PG&E for \$60,000 each. One to fund the Del Rio project and the other will fund Upper Lopez. All work must be completed by November 30, 2019.
 - Executive Committee approved contracting with Lost River Management for the work on these projects.
- Recommends revising the Business Manager contract to increase compensation to \$75 per hour and reimburse all mileage. Current contract pays \$40 per hour and mileage over 200 miles per month.

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the recommendation made for revising the Business Manager contract for the San Luis Obispo County Community Fire Safe Council as presented.

NEW BUSINESS / ROUND TABLE

- Pulse Point app is functioning and available to the public. It gives real time information for calls and allows you to be notified if someone in your immediate area needs CPR.
- South Bay Fire Station in Los Osos is having their Safety Fair on October 12, 2019.
- San Luis Bay Estates has 800 residents with 7 different homeowners associations. Pelican Point has 117 homes and is currently seeking support for hazardous fuel reduction by San Luis Obispo County Community Fire Safe Council.
- City of Paso Robles has treated 85 acres of the river bed, removing fuels and trash. Since the work has started there have been no reported fires in the area. SLO Mow is working on the project and will be demonstrating a new piece of equipment on September 19.
- Cal Poly University management is showing a lot of support for a wildland urban interface institute.
- Los Osos Focus Group thanked the SLO FSC for the work they had done in the Cabrillo Estates. Experiencing the community coming together for the same cause is rewarding.
- Two citizens expressed aggravation for the work done in the Fiscalini Ranch and Highway 1 corridor deeming it too aggressive in their opinions.

GRANT TIMELINE AND UPDATE

- Grant Timeline
 - Active Grants – Total \$5,922,982
- Countywide CWPP approved was accepted and filed by the County Board of Supervisors. Having this document in place will help secure funding from some grantors.
- Cambria Forest Health Grant
 - \$498,736 awarded, fully expended
 - Grant work scope complete: Covell Ranch, Cambria Pines Road, Fiscalini Ranch.
 - Final claim filed with all grant funds expended and match requirement fully met.
- 2017-18 CCI Grants
 - 17-18 Countywide HFR
 - \$833,868 awarded, \$282,850 expended
 - 17-18 Parkhill-Huer Huero
 - \$505,848 awarded, \$43,373 expended
 - 17-18 Lake Nacimiento
 - \$775,620 awarded, \$526,221 expended
 - 17-18 Monterey Pine Mortality
 - \$1,816,304 awarded, \$240,389 expended

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- 2018-19 CCI Grant
 - Countywide Fuel Reduction
 - \$972,606 awarded, \$0 expended
 - Terra Torch to be delivered October 9
- PG&E Hazardous Vegetation Grants
 - Del Rio Project
 - \$60,000 awarded, \$0 expended
 - Upper Lopez Canyon Project
 - \$60,000 awarded, \$0 expended
- 2019 Governor's High Priority Projects
 - Webster Vegetation Management
 - \$400,000 awarded, \$0 expended

MID STATE FAIR FIRE SAFE HOUSE – FUTURE

President Arnold, Chief Jalbert and Dan Turner, Business Manager, met with Fair Manager to discuss the future of our location at the fairgrounds. The possibility to stay at our current location was offered but with conditions. A vote was taken among Board members attending today's meeting and no one was in favor of the offer. The Fire Safety trailer renovation was discussed and the consensus is the trailer has been outgrown and should be retired. The goal is to reach as many people as possible with the most effectiveness. A committee was formed to evaluate projects that SLO FSC could fund that would meet the goal.

Chief Hollingsworth, County Fire Chief's Association, will talk with the Chiefs at the next meeting to ascertain their thoughts.

Direction was given to devise a plan for a project all ages could benefit from and report back before the Executive Committee meeting in October so the Grantor can be asked for redirection of funds.

UPCOMING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

- CAL FIRE CCI Grant Program 2019
 - Fire Prevention grants application period is September 24 through December 4
 - \$50 million available statewide
 - Fuel projects less than 1,000 acres
 - Education grants
 - CWPP / Planning grants
 - Forest Health grants application period is September 27 through December 7
 - \$35-50 million available statewide
 - Fuel projects greater than 1,000 acres
- New projects to consider:
 - Webster Vegetation Management Phase 2
 - Avila Beach
 - Pelican Point

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- Squire Canyon
 - Salinas River in Paso Robles
 - Salinas River out of Paso Robles going south
 - Countywide road clearance
 - Toro Creek access and egress routes

Direction was given to review the grant project lists and make application recommendations at next Board of Directors meeting in November.

ON SITE DEMONSTRATION

We will have a site visit to the Almond Ranch today to see the progress of the Webster Vegetation Management crushing work being completed. The ranch is four miles south of our current location, please consider carpooling to cut down on traffic.

NEXT MEETINGS

Executive Committee Meeting – Wednesday, October 16, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at County Government Center in SLO.

Board of Directors Meeting – Wednesday, November 20, location to be determined.

It was moved, seconded and approved to adjourn the Board of Directors September 18, 2019 meeting at 11:30 a.m. for the San Luis Obispo County Community Fire Safe Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Loree McRoberts

Recording Secretary