



San Luis Obispo County Fire Safe Council

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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 15, 2020

0900-1100 hours

Meeting held via Zoom
due to no large gatherings order in place
by San Luis Obispo County

BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE:

Debbie Arnold – Co. Board of Supervisors	Dan Dulitz – Fifth Supervisorial District
Ed Waage – Citizen at Large	Tom Wright – Los Osos Focus Group
Bill Cochrane – Cattlemen’s Association	Scott Johnson – Citizen at Large
Scott Hallett – Paso Robles Focus Group	David Pierson – Cambria Focus Group
Scott Jalbert – San Luis Obispo County Fire	Steve Negro – First Supervisorial District
Turko Semmes – Building Industry	Carissa Reynolds – Air Pollution Control Dist
Royce Larsen – UC Cooperative Extension	David Perry – PG&E (Kephart alternate)
Martin Scott – Ranchita Estates Focus Group	Stacy Korsgaden – Insurance Industry
Jeff Jones – Citizen at Large	Skip Dyke – Range Improvement Assoc

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Bob Neumann – Second Supervisorial District	Chris Slate – Third Supervisorial District
Jeanie Hanson – ECO SLO	William Hollingsworth – County Fire Chiefs
Chris Dicus – Cal Poly State University	Chad Pankey – Citizen at Large
Tom Peterson – Atascadero FD Focus Group	Keith Aggson – City of San Luis Obispo
Richard Gonzales – Farm Bureau	Bill White – Fire Prevention Offcra Assoc
Russ Johnson – Lake Naci Focus Group	

EX-OFFICIO AND FOCUS GROUP REPRESENTATION:

Baxter Boyinton – Toro Creek Focus Group
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STAFF PRESENT:

Dan Turner, Business Manager	Loree McRoberts – CAL FIRE
Jon Gee – CAL FIRE	Dennis Javens – SLO FSC Project Manager
Jason Potts – CAL FIRE	Alan Peters – CAL FIRE
Greg Schlitz – SLO FSC Project Manager	

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Dan Dulitz at 9:00 A.M. followed by introduction of directors, staff and guests. President Debbie Arnold will join the meeting while in progress.

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MINUTES

May 2020 Board of Directors meeting minutes were presented.

June 2020 Executive Committee meeting minutes were presented.

It was moved, seconded and approved to approve the May 2020 Board of Directors meeting minutes and accept for review the June 2020 Executive Committee minutes as presented

FIRE SAFE COUNCIL BUSINESS

- Abbreviated bank statement ending June 30, 2020 was reviewed.
- 2020 SLO FSC Internal Operating budget was discussed.
It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the June 2020 Abbreviated Bank Statement and purchases along with the Operating Budget report for the same time period.
- The Mid-State Fair has a new interim manager. In an effort to eliminate a short term solution, SLO FSC would like to meet with the Fair Board to learn their vision involving the Fire Safe House. If the Fair Board agrees to granting a new lease with CAL FIRE for the area where the Fire Safe House is located, it may be something a new manager could not change. It was recommended that Debbie Arnold gather information on the next Fair Board meeting and share with Dan Turner. Turko Semmes has volunteered to be involved with this meeting.
- Our Board Member Policy books are printed and will be distributed soon. Delivery may be done to your nearest CAL FIRE station. Loree McRoberts will be contacting Board members to ensure delivery before distribution.

NEW BUSINESS / ROUNDTABLE

- www.alertwildfire.org is a consortium of three universities the University of Nevada, Reno, University of California San Diego, and the University of Oregon. It provides access to state-of-the-art fire cameras and associated tools to help firefighters and first responders: (1) discover/locate/confirm fire ignition, (2) quickly scale fire resources up or down appropriately, (3) monitor fire behavior through containment, (4) during firestorms, help evacuations through enhanced situational awareness, and (5) ensure contained fires are monitored appropriately through their demise.
- Toro Creek Focus Group is very appreciative of the work done in their area. Baxter Boyington would like to invite everyone to visit the area and see the great work that has been done.
- As it stands today, no changes are expected to grant funding due to budget shortfalls from the State of California.
- There will be an emergency plan for the Salinas river bed submitted tonight, July 15, at the City of Paso Robles Council meeting. Scott Hallett shared a PowerPoint presentation that will be shown at the meeting. They have grant funding for long term planning in the river bed (\$50k) and hazardous fuel reduction (\$180k). Great Tree Tenders is working there now. Emergency Services is asking for an additional \$278,000 from the City so they can purchase equipment and complete the work needed to mitigate the river bed. The situation is extremely political and high profile with the recent loss of two homes and damage to multiple structures.
- Paso Robles has submitted a grant for a new Fire Safe Trailer.

GRANT TIMELINE AND REPORTS

Current grant total being administered by SLO County Fire Safe Council

\$ 7,013,667

CCI FIRE PREVENTION FEE GRANTS

Countywide Tree Mortality	\$833,868 award, \$632,473 expended
Parkhill-Huer Huero WUI Project	\$505,848 award, \$346,674 expended
Nacimiento-Adelaide WUI Project	\$775,620 award, \$754,783 expended
Monterey Pine Mortality	\$1,816,304 award, \$756,697 expended
Countywide Fuel Reduction	\$972,606 award, \$456,266 expended
Countywide Haz Fuel Reduction	\$1,888,395 award, \$3,294 expended
Fire Prevention Planning - CWPP	\$ 221,026 award, \$0 expended

Action Taken: Reviewed grant awards and projects associated with each

NEW GRANT AWARD

- PG&E
Cambria – Village Lane/Tin City (Downtown) \$88,000 award
Guidelines include:
 1. Work 75% complete by September, 100% complete by November
 2. Within 1,000 feet of PG&E assetsThe grant submissions that were not awarded (Pismo Beach – Price Canyon and San Simeon Point) are valid projects that will be included with future grant applications. The San Simeon Village – San Simeon Point project may be funded from our existing Monterey Pine grant.

Action Taken: Reviewed grant award and recommended grants denied be included in future grant applications.

UPCOMING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

- There was no submission to CA FSC
- FEMA – Assistance to Firefighters Fire Prevention Grant
 - Partner with Cal Poly's WUI Fire Institute/Fire Protection Engineer program
- CCI Summer-Fall 2020 (tentative)
 - Deputy Director of CAL FIRE is expecting these grants to move forward without any Covid19 impacts.
 - Potential projects identified to date:
 - Camatta Ranch VMP
 - Toro Creek to Santa Rita Creek Road to Santa Lucia Road access and fuel break
 - Cal Poly/Mioosi Ranch Hazard Fuel Reduction
 - Pecho Valley Road/Montana de Oro State Park-roadside clearance
 - Pismo Beach-Price Cyn/Rancho Pismo (PG&E Grant)
 - Irish Hills Open Space fuel reduction

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- Cypress Mountain Road/Camp Natoma fuel reduction
- Webster VMP Phase 2
- Parkhill-Huer Huero Phase 2
- Salinas River bed – west side (Scott Hallett recommended on 7/15/20)
- High Mountain Road – end of pavement to forest boundary (Martin Scott recommended on 7/15/20)

Action Taken: Reviewed grant proposals and recommended grant committee convene and prioritize projects

NEXT MEETINGS

Executive Committee Meeting

- Wednesday, August 19, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
- Location: Probability of Zoom Meeting unless group gathering restrictions relaxed

Board of Directors Meeting

- Wednesday, September 16, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
- Location: Probability of Zoom Meeting unless group gathering restrictions relaxed

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

CAL FIRE resources have grown and changed. Chief Peters has been requested to organize a presentation to both the Board of Directors and Executive Committee on all new things CAL FIRE.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Congratulations to Tom Peterson. Tom has been chosen to be Templeton's new Fire Chief.
- Martin Scott thanked the CCC for their chipping work in Ranchita Estates. They really worked hard for 4 days getting everything done.

ADJOURNMENT

President Debbie Arnold adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Loree McRoberts

Recording Secretary