



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 22, 2015

BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jim Patterson – Eco-SLO	Jim McCallum – Los Osos Focus Group
Mark Miller – Fire Chief’s Association	Chris Dicus – Cal Poly
Dan Dulitz – District 5 Representative	Skip Dyke – Range Improvement
Justin Kephart – Pacific Gas & Electric	Roy Parsons – Cattlemen’s Association
Turko Semmes – Builders Community	Tom Wright – Member at Large
Chad Pankey – Citizen at Large	Robin Foreman – SLO Assoc. of Realtors
Dennis Javens – Oak Shores Focus Group	Steve Negro – District 1 Representative
Scott Hallett – Atascadero Focus Group	Martin Scott – Ranchita Focus Group
Bob Neumann – District 2 Representative	Royce Larsen – UC Cooperative Extension
Robert Lewin – CAL FIRE/County Fire	

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Steve McMasters - Co. Planning & Building	Frank Mecham – Co. Board of Supervisors
Richard Gonzales – Farm Bureau	Johnathan Hurst – Fire Prevention Assn.
Mark Elliott - APCD	Jim Harrison – Citizen at Large
Ed Waage – Citizen at Large	

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board Secretary Steve Negro at 12:30 P.M. followed by introductions. Dr. Chris Dicus introduced students from his Cal Poly Wildland Urban Interface Fire Protection class and stated that they are working on a Cambria community wildfire protection plan (CWPP) along with GIS work on fire behavior. Final presentation of their work is scheduled for March 4, 2015. Fire Captain Greg Alex introduced students from the Cal Poly Intern Program. The GIS intern program started with a couple of folks driving roads for the computer aided dispatch program; today there are 12 interns working on varied projects.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the consent item:

- Approve November 2014 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

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(2015 FireSafe Council Meeting Calendar – Deferred until later in the meeting)

RECOGNITIONS

The following individuals received special recognition for achievement during 2014:

Justin Kephart – PG& E Representative - facilitating \$163,000 grant money for FSC

Jon Gee – CAL POLY Intern – Chipping Program, Parkhill Demo Project

Devin Prichard-Peterson – CAL POLY Intern – Parkhill Project Manager

Chad Bunn – CAL POLY Intern – Fuel Reduction Project Mapping CalMAPPER

Nathan Rezeau – USFS – Environmental clearance for grant work

Nick Abarra – CAL FIRE – Video on mastication demonstration project

Dave Fowler – CAL FIRE – Parkhill mastication project

David Duran – Board Member for 4th Supervisorial District stepping down this year

2014 FIRESAFE COUNCIL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Business Manager Dan Turner reviewed the 2014 FireSafe Council Accomplishments.

9 Grants, 91 Projects

13-051 Grant - 2013-14 Hazardous Fuel Reduction Grant – 22 projects completed

- Countywide hazardous fuel reduction/chipping
- Oak Shores Fire Wise Community Designation
- El Chorro Fire Safe Demo Gardens
- Rural Roadside Signs
- WUI Workshops
- Los Osos Sign Contest
- WUI Pre Plans & Evacuation Guide

14-014 Grant – 2014-15 Countywide Hazardous Fuel Reduction Grant – 18 projects

- Baron Canyon Project – all phases are completed
- Baron Canyon Fire Wise Community – 2nd in County – completed
- 2014 Chipping – 14 events – chipped 683 tons, 548 participants
- Ranchita Fuel Break & Fire Wise Community – 3rd in County
- San Luis Obispo City fuel reduction completed
- Paso Robles Hacienda Heights water tank clearance completed
- Fire Safe House maintenance - in progress
- County road right of way clearing - in progress
- Communication site and Safe Refuge Area inventories - in progress
- WUI Evacuation and Pre Attack Plans - in progress

14-WUI-004 Grant – Lake Nacimiento Western WUI Grant – 13 projects in progress

- Common area defensible space and chipping – in progress

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- Roadside clearance – in progress
- Fuel breaks – in progress
- Evacuation and Pre Attack Plans – in progress

15-WUI-093 Grant – Atascadero-Tassajera Western WUI Grant
Funding increased to \$243,516 effective November 1, 2014-October 31, 2016 – Connect from Tassajera Road to Highway 41.

- Roadside right of way clearance
- Fuel break
- Chipping in Atascadero
- Evacuation Guides and WUI Pre-plans

Parkhill CFAA Grant – 12 projects completed December 30, 2014

- Roadside Clearing
- Fuel Breaks
- Fuel Mastication Demonstration
 - 1) Seven Oaks Ranch
 - 2) 9 different mastication machines
 - 3) Simultaneous operation (twice for 2 hours each)
 - 4) One at a time discussion and demonstration

PG&E Drought Grant – 4 projects

- Paso Robles Hacienda Heights – Phase 2 - completed
- West Cuesta Ridge Communications Site - completed
- Parkhill fuel breaks-federal land portions - completed
- Chipping - completed

FIRESAFE COUNCIL WEBSITE REPORT

Fire Captain Greg Alex reviewed the FireSafe Council website:

2014 Countywide Chipping – 14 events – chipped 683 tons, 548 participants

2014 – Website had 150,450 hits – hits tripled in 2014

2015 – 7,178 hits to date

Budget for the website is \$1988, Expenses \$1610

New Additions

- Google+ Account
- Google drive – ability to collaborate on the files remotely
- Photo and video archive
- Public Information Posting
- Social Media element
- Fuel treatment map site application
- Communication tower inventory application

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- Safe Refuge area application
- Pre-attack map application
- Los Osos Middle School Sign Contest

Summary

- Collaborative effort leading the state in acres treated
- Increased fire fighter safety, mapping products
- Intern Program
- Increased community safety

ELECTION OF 2015 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The following Board Members have terms expiring January, 2015:

Name	Stakeholder Group	Term Expires
1) Frank Mecham	County Board of Supervisors	1/2015
2) Scott Hallett	Atascadero FD Focus group	1/2015
3) Chris Dicus	Cal Poly State University	1/2015
4) Skip Dyke	Range Improvement Assoc.	1/2015
5) Mark Elliott	Air Pollution Control District	1/2015
6) Jonathan Hurst	Fire Prevention Officers Assoc.	1/2015
7) Mark Miller	County Fire Chiefs Assoc.	1/2015
8) Steve Negro	1st Supervisorial District	1/2015
9) Dave Duran	4th Supervisorial District	1/2015
10) Rob Lewin	CAL FIRE/County Fire	1/2015
11) Richard Gonzales	Farm Bureau	1/2015
12) Jim McCallum	Los Osos Focus Group	1/2015
13) Martin Scott	Ranchita Focus Group	1/2015
14) Turko Semmes	Builders Community	1/2015
15) Jim Harrison	Citizen at Large	1/2015
16) Jim Patterson	Environmental Community	1/2015

Dave Duran gave notice that he is stepping down from the Board of Directors. County Supervisor Adam Hill has nominated Chris Slate to represent the 3rd Supervisorial District. Fire Chief Mark Miller is retiring mid-July and nominated Fire Chief Keith Aggson to represent the County Fire Chief's Association on the Board of Directors (Mark Miller will serve as alternate). Dan Dulitz introduced Gary Sage and nominated him for the open Board position representing the insurance industry.

It was moved, seconded and approved to re-elect the incumbent Board of Directors, elect Keith Aggson representing the County Fire Chiefs Association (Mark Miller serving as alternate), Chris Slate representing the 3rd Supervisorial District, and Gary Sage representing the insurance industry.

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The 2015 FireSafe Council Meeting Calendar was discussed. ***It was moved, seconded and approved to move the Board of Directors meetings to the third Wednesday of the month from 9:00 – 11:00 A.M. and the Executive Committee will set their own meeting schedule.***

It was moved, seconded and approved to re-elect the current Executive Board for 2015.

Office	Member	Representing
President:	Frank Mecham	Board of Supervisors
1st Vice President:	Jim Harrison	Member at Large
2nd Vice President:	Dan Dulitz	5th Supervisorial District
Secretary:	Steve Negro	1st Supervisorial District
Treasurer:	Bob Neumann	2nd Supervisorial District
Director:	Ed Waage	Member at Large

2015 GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

2015-16 CA FireSafe Council Grant Application

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the projects recommended by the Executive Board for the 2015-16 CA FireSafe Council Grant Application totaling \$200,000.

County-wide Hazardous Fuel Reduction/Chipping	\$30,000
Atascadero Chipping 2016	\$18,700
Templeton Chipping 2015-2016	\$ 4,000
Cambria Chipping 2015-16	\$ 9,500
Parkhill Fuel Breaks	\$50,000
San Luis Obispo – Fuel Reduction	\$25,000
Biddle Park	\$ 4,600
Hearst-San Simeon State Park	\$ 4,600
Morro Bay State Park – Management Plan	\$ 5,000
Pismo Heights	\$ 5,000
Upper Los Berros Road	\$ 7,500
County-wide Hazard Tree Removal	\$10,000
Project Management	\$ 7,900

CAL FIRE SRA Fee Grant Applications

SRA Fee Parkhill Grant – A proposal is being submitted for this grant totaling \$324,000 with a performance period of June 1, 2015 – March 30, 2017; funding would finish up fuel breaks. ***It was moved, seconded and approved to move forward with the SRA Fee Parkhill Grant application for \$324,000.***

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SRA Fee Cambria CWPP & Implementation – Original proposal was \$1.2M but project has been reshaped and re-budgeted down below \$500,000. Performance period: June 1, 2015 – March 31, 2017. The Monterey pine forest in Cambria is in critical condition; 30-40% of pines tree are dead and dying. It will be important to partner with Cambria forest stakeholder groups, develop a long range fuel reduction plan, remove dead trees and replant with seedlings. **It was moved, seconded and approved to modify the SRA Fee Cambria CWPP & Implementation grant application from \$1.2M to \$469,810 and resubmit for CAL FIRE SRA Fee Grant.**

CAL FIRE SRA Fee grants resolution to sign application - **It was moved, seconded and approved to prepare a resolution authorizing the President, Vice President and Business Manager to sign CAL FIRE grant documents on behalf of the SLOCC FireSafe Council.**

2014 SLOFSC OPERATING BUDGET PRESENTATION

Dan Turner reviewed the 2014 Operations Fund Budget year-end report. He also reviewed the 2015 Internal Operations Fund Proposed Budget noting a move of \$35,000 into the Working Capital Fund. **It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the proposed 2015 Operations Fund Budget as presented for the San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe.**

Next Meetings: Executive Committee – February 27, 2015 - 9:00-11:00 – Templeton
Board of Directors – March 18, 2015 - 9:00-11:00 - Cambria

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilyn W. Moore

Recording Secretary