



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

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
Scott Johnson – Citizen at Large	Chris Dicus – Cal Poly
Jeff Jones – Citizen at Large	Bill Tietje – UC Cooperative Extension
Tom Wright – Los Osos Focus Group	Bill Cochrane – Cattlemen’s Association
Bruce Fosdike – Cambria Focus Group	Jim Harrison – District 4 Representative
Dan Dulitz – District 5 Representative	Steve Gasperson – Lake Nacimiento FG
Chad Pankey – Citizen at Large	Martin Scott – Ranchita Focus Group
Richard Gonzales – Farm Bureau	Bob Neumann – District 2
Chris Slate – District 3 Representative	

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Mark Elliott – APCD	Riki Heath – Fire Prevention Association
Scotty Jalbert – CAL FIRE / SLO County Fire	Justin Kephart – PG&E
Steven Negro – District 1 Representative	Bill White – County Fire Chief’s Association
Scott Hallett – Atascadero FD Focus Group	Jeanie Hanson – ECO-SLO

EX-OFICIO AND STAFF PRESENT:

Dan Turner – Business Manager	Nathan Rezeau – USFS / Los Padres NF
Rodger Maggio – City of SLO FD	Dave Fowler – CAL FIRE/Pre-Fire Engineering
Dennis Javens – Project Coordinator	Alan Peters – CAL FIRE / Unit Forester
Loree McRoberts – CAL FIRE/Recording Sec	Ted Mathisen – Project Coordinator

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 January 2018 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
- Draft February 2018 Executive Committee Meeting Notes

INTERNAL OPERATIONS BUDGET

- Internal Operations Budget Report
 - Balance of cash in bank as of March 21, 2018 - \$46,637

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

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Santa Rita – Templeton residents met with CAL FIRE / San Luis Obispo County Fire to ascertain how they can receive funding for fire prevention work in their area. It was recommended they get organized with the infrastructure and form a focus group. Once that happens they can seek recognition from the FireSafe Council as a focus group which will give afford them opportunities with available grants.
- Changes in Fire Wise Community requirements has created frustration and confusion in those communities. The guideline was that \$2 per person in the community was to be spent on wildlife risk reductions annually. The new guideline states that \$24 per dwelling in the community must be spent. Clarification on the rule is that \$24 equates to one hour of volunteer time per dwelling unit for mitigation annually. The rate (\$24) is based on the 2017 annual National Hourly Volunteer Rate.
- Senator Monning’s legislation (SB1079) authorizing advance payments for the forest health grants and the fire prevention fund grant programs is progressing through the process. It has been submitted as an urgency measure which will make it effective immediately upon approval. Letters of support are encouraged from all groups and agencies. A template will be emailed to all SLO FSC members.

GRANT PROGRAMS

- Grant Timeline
 - Active Grants – Total \$1,362,640
 - Proposed Grants Pending Decision - \$4,489,884
- 2017 CA Fire Safe Council Clearinghouse Grants
 - Countywide HFR – Non SRA \$68,200 awarded, \$0 expended

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- Bill Robeson, Director of Public Works, for the City of Arroyo Grande and Chief Steve Lieberman, Five Cities Fire Authority, presented a request for assistance for the James Way open space area. The area is approximately 40 acres and is very over grown. The City does not have the manpower, equipment or the financial resources to ensure adequate defensible space for the residences in this area. They were granted immediate financial assistance in an amount not to exceed \$6,000. Dan Turner, Business Manager, will work with them to prepare a scope of work and assist them with grant information to obtain future funding.
- The City of Atascadero will have a City wide chipping event. Dan Turner has been directed to work with Atascadero to coordinate funding.
- Los Osos will host curbside and drop-off chipping for residents in May. Funding was approved for this event at the Executive Committee meeting of February 21, 2018.
- CWPP & WUI Plans – Non SRA\$67,100 awarded, \$0 expended
 - Bob Neumann will investigate the updating and printing costs for the “Living with Fire” brochure.
 - Direction was given to Dan Turner, Business Manager, to collaborate with Chris Elms, CAL FIRE, on purchasing items for the Mid-State Fair. These purchases are not to exceed \$5,000.
- 15-SRA Countywide Hazard Fuel Reduction \$98,758 awarded, project complete pending processing of outstanding \$7,145 invoice.
- 2016 SRA Grants
 - 16-SRA CWPP & WUI Pre-Plans - \$116,424 awarded, \$4,110 expended
 - 16-SRA Countywide Tree Mortality and HFR -\$152,152 awarded, \$97,149 expended
- Cambria Projects
 - Cambria WUI Grant
 - \$260,788 awarded, \$243,704 expended
 - Cambria East Village Tree Mortality
 - \$199,976 awarded, \$27,263 expended
 - Greenhouse Gas
 - \$498,736 awarded, \$248,165 expended

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the grant status reports and provide direction for the San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council as presented.

2018 GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

- Western States WUI grant – no grants were awarded in the State of California
- California Climate Investments (CCI) Forest Grants
 - Forest Health grants
 - Nipomo Eucalyptus Mortality - \$1,171,156 proposal submitted
 - Monterey Pine Mortality - \$3,318,728 proposal submitted for the area North of Highway 46 to San Simeon
 - Fire Prevention grants
 - Direction was given to hold a grant committee meeting to prioritize the project list and submit it to the Executive Board.

Members of the grant committee are:

Dennis Javens	Dan Dulitz	Skip Dyke
Turko Semmes	Bob Neumann	Chris Marks
Ed Waage	Jim Harrison	Scott Johnson
Chris Dicus	Chris Slate	Tom Wright

If anyone would like to join the grant committee, please contact Dan Turner.

- PG&E Hazardous Fuel Reduction grants
 - Four projects were submitted.
 - Two pieces of equipment were requested.
 - Remote control chipper
 - Terra torch
 - Direction was given for any available board members to attend the worksite of CAL FIRE when they are renting the remote control chipper. Those attending the demonstration are directed to review and advise Dan Turner on their findings and recommendations. Mr. Turner has been directed to assess both pieces of equipment and act accordingly. If grants are awarded to purchase equipment, the equipment may be donated to SLO County Fire to keep with tradition of SLO FSC not owning equipment. Consensus is it would be better to lease the equipment instead of purchasing it so no maintenance or repairs will have to be paid for by SLO FSC.
- 2018 CA Fire Safe Council Clearinghouse Grants
 - Application period opens April 3, 2018, open to both SRA and non-SRA areas
 - \$4.1 million in State Fire Assistance grants
 - \$1.3 Million in tree mortality grants
 - Grant committee will make recommendations

It was moved, seconded and approved to allow the grant committee to make recommendations on projects for the upcoming grant submissions and report to FSC Executive Committee.

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NEXT MEETINGS

Executive Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 18 from 9:00 to 11:00 am at County Government Center in SLO

Board of Directors Meeting – Wednesday, May 16, will be held from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Location will be announced at a later date.

It was moved, seconded and approved to adjourn the Board of Directors March 21, 2018 meeting at 11:30 p.m. for the San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council.

ROUNTABLE

International WUI Conference has great links to education sessions.

<https://www.iafc.org/events/wui/education-and-exhibits>

Kevin Elliott is the new USFS Supervisor for Los Padres. Hi Mountain Road is on the agenda for the April 17 Board of Supervisors meeting. The goal is to have it open to the public as soon as possible.

Range Improvement Association is hosting their annual meeting and barbecue, April 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. The location is the Arroyo Grande Association Hall.

San Luis Obispo City Fire Department will be holding a Fire Prevention meeting for the public on March 29, 2018 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. The location is the Ludwick Center.

Cambria Focus Group will be hosting their third in a series of four public forums on March 27 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. This one is titled “Recovery”. The meeting will be held at the Cambria Vets Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Loree McRoberts

Recording Secretary