



## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

**D R A F T – Wednesday, May 16, 2018 – D R A F T**

### 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	Justin Kephart – PG&E
Jeanie Hanson – ECO-SLO	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
Steven Negro – District 1 Representative	Mark Elliott - APCD
William Hollingworth – County Fire Chief's	

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Chris Slate – District 3 Representative	Riki Heath – Fire Prevention Association
Scotty Jalbert – CAL FIRE / SLO County Fire	Bruce Fosdike – Cambria Focus Group
Bill Cochrane – Cattlemen's Association	

### EX-OFICIO AND STAFF PRESENT:

Dan Turner – Business Manager	Alan Peters – CAL FIRE / Unit Forester
Loree McRoberts – CAL FIRE/Recording Sec	Dave Fowler – CAL FIRE/Pre-Fire Engineering

### 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 March 2018 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
- Draft April 2018 Executive Committee Meeting Notes

## **2018 FIRE SEASON**

The late rain created a grass crop similar to last year's. Combine that with dead fuel and we have the potential for a disastrous fire season.

- USFS – Los Padres National Forest
  - Staffing and training are ready to go
  - Last year there were 20 large air tankers available, this year there are 13
- CAL FIRE – San Luis Obispo
  - Peak staffing will be in mid-June
  - Camp crews are down by one at each camp

## **INTERNAL OPERATIONS BUDGET**

- Internal Operations Budget Report
  - Balance of cash in bank as of March 21, 2018 - \$46,760.75
  - Desk audit of the CA FSC grant is complete and those funds should be reimbursed in 8 weeks.
  - Motion was made to purchase a new printer for the Business Manager, Dan Turner.

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

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Lake Nacimiento Focus Group representative Steve Gasperson is retiring. Virginia Miyamoto, a full-time Oak Shores resident, was recommended to replace Steve.

Atascadero Focus Group representative Scott Hallet has changed jobs. Tom Peterson, Fire Marshall for City of Atascadero, was recommended to replace Scott.

***It was moved, seconded and approved to accept Virginia Miyamoto and Tom Peterson as representatives for their respective Focus Groups in the San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council***

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- Asuncion Ranch/Hidden Valley Ranch/Oak Ridge/Santa Rita Group is interested in joining the SLO County FireSafe Council. They will petition to join next Board meeting. They have worked with CAL FIRE (Alan Peters and Dave Fowler) to open an evacuation route through privately owned farm lands. They are interested in limbing trees and roadside fuel reduction along Santa Rita Road (County maintained road). They have received quotes for an 8 mile clearance ranging from \$62,000 to \$90,000.

**It was moved, seconded and approved to agendaize the acceptance of the group to the Board of Directors (if vacancies allow) at our next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting.**

- Hi Mountain Road maintenance agreement has been signed by the County and USFS. CAL FIRE performed the work to open the road and the Central Coast Motorcycle Association is working with the County and USFS to maintain the road.
- A two-year NFPA Membership was purchased for the SLO County FireSafe Council. It is a great source of information.
- Senator Monning's legislation (SB1079) authorizing advance payments for the forest health grants and the fire prevention fund grant programs has passed the Senate unanimously.

## **GRANT PROGRAMS**

- Grant Timeline
  - Active Grants – Total \$1,437,640
  - Proposed Grants Pending Decision - \$4,489,884
- 2017 CA Fire Safe Council Clearinghouse Grants
  - Countywide HFR – Non SRA \$68,200 awarded, \$240 expended
  - CWPP & WUI Plans – Non SRA \$67,100 awarded, \$0 expended
- PG&E 2018 Hazardous Fuel Reduction Grant
  - W. Atascadero-Summit Hills/Old Morro Road area was awarded \$75,000 for roadside clearance and chipping.
- 2016 SRA Grants
  - 16-SRA CWPP & WUI Pre-Plans - \$116,424 awarded, \$5,103 expended
  - 16-SRA Countywide Tree Mortality and HFR -\$152,152 awarded, \$110,594 expended
    - Los Osos chipping event eliminated 60-70 tons of material
- Cambria Projects
  - Cambria WUI Grant
    - \$260,788 awarded, \$248,325 expended
  - Cambria East Village Tree Mortality

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- \$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 for the San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council as presented.***

## **2018 GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

- California Climate Investments (CCI) Forest Grants
  - Forest Health grants
    - Neither project submitted was approved for advancement.
  - Fire Prevention grants
    - Guidelines were released on May 10. Application period is open May 10 through June 6, 2018.
    - The following proposals will be submitted:
      - Countywide Haz fuel reduction \$2,285,528
      - Parkhill-Huer Huero Haz fuel reduction \$ 679,840
      - Lake Nacimiento Haz fuel reduction \$1,161,720
      - Nipomo Eucalyptus Tree Mortality \$1,226,400
      - Cambria Forest Mortality \$1,457,000
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***It was moved, seconded and approved to continue moving forward with any modifications necessary to submit the projects under the CCI Prevention grants on behalf of the SLO County FSC.***

- 2018 CA Fire Safe Council Clearinghouse Grants
  - Application period closed May 15, 2018; grant committee had no recommendations for this program.
- 2018-19 Governor's Budget Proposal
  - \$160 million for CAL FIRE CCI/Greenhouse Gas
  - \$96 million for prescribed burning crews and other augmentation

## **PRESENTATION**

Due to technical difficulties, Jim Neumann will share his presentation on the Puerto Rico Power Grid restoration at our next meeting.

## **NEXT MEETINGS**

Executive Committee Meeting – Wednesday, June 20 from 9:00 to 11:00 am at County Government Center in SLO

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Board of Directors Meeting – Wednesday, July 18, 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 May 16, 2018 meeting at 11:30 p.m. for the San Luis Obispo County Community FireSafe Council.***

**ROUNTABLE**

City of Atascadero says Thank You for everything the FireSafe Council has helped them with over the years.

Upcoming training:

- Structure training with a barn in Garden Farms
- Wildland Fire training at Camp Roberts 9000 acres

Respectfully submitted,

*Loree McRoberts*

Recording Secretary