



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE:

Debbie Arnold – Co. Board of Supervisors	Justin Kephart – Pacific Gas & Electric
Scott Hallett – Paso Robles Focus Group	Jeff Jones – Citizen at Large
Tom Wright – Los Osos Focus Group	Bill Cochran – Cattlemen’s Association
Bob Neumann – District 2	Jim Harrison – District 4 Representative
Dan Dulitz – District 5 Representative	William Hollingsworth – County FC Assoc
Virginia Miyamoto – Lake Naci Focus Group	Martin Scott – Ranchita Focus Group
Mark Elliott - APCD	Tom Peterson – Atascadero Focus Group

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Bill White – Fire Prevention Association	Scott Johnson – Citizen at Large
Rodger Maggio – City of San Luis Obispo	Royce Larsen – UC Cooperative Extension
Skip Dyke – Range Improvement Association	Turko Semmes – Builders Community
Chris Dicus – Cal Poly	Scotty Jalbert – CAL FIRE / SLO County Fire
David Pierson – Cambria Focus Group	Chris Slate – District 3 Representative
Steve Negro – District 1 Representative	Jeanie Hanson – Environmental Representative
Ed Waage – Citizen at Large	Chad Pankey – Citizen at Large
Richard Gonzales – Farm Bureau	

EX-OFFICIO AND STAFF PRESENT:

Dan Turner – Business Manager	Jim Neumann – Project Coordinator
Loree McRoberts – CAL FIRE/Recording Sec	Dennis Javens – Project Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Debbie Arnold at 9:15 a.m. followed by introductions of directors, staff and guests.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- May 2019 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
- June 2019 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

FIRE SAFE COUNCIL BUSINESS

OPERATING BUDGET

- 2019 Internal Operations Budget
 - Working Capital Fund Balance \$145,802
 - All loans from account have been repaid.
 - All indirect final payments from closed grants have been deposited.
 - As the fiscal agent for a \$3,000 grant from the Board of Supervisors, the payment has been made for the North Coast Emergency Website development.

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.

CALIFORNIA FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

- A closure letter on grant 15 WUI093 (Atascadero-Tassajera) has been issued. The dispute has been resolved and no problems were found.
- The 2017 WUI grant is still unresolved, it does not appear any problems exist it was just never reviewed by CA FSC. We are still owed \$26,000 on this grant.
- Changes are occurring at the Executive Staff and Board Level.
 - Hiring three regional coordinators (Sierra-Cascade, Coast and South)
 - Emphasis on outreach is returning.
 - Education materials are available.
 - There is a \$6 million-line item in the 2019-2020 California State budget that may be for hiring local coordinators. Not much is known on this item yet.

Direction was given to order informational pamphlets from the CA FSC and place a sticker for SLO FSC on it.

POLICY UPDATE

Nothing new to report. Goal of having everything reviewed, updated and presented to Board is December 31, 2019.

Direction was given to continue moving forward toward the goal.

LOS OSOS TOWN HALL

Los Osos held their emergency preparedness town hall meeting on June 15. There were over 100 attendees and the response was very positive. A Facebook page was created, Los Osos Fire Awareness, to encourage residents to get involved.

CAMBRIA FIRE PREPAREDNESS TOWN HALL

Cambria's town hall meeting on June 29 was well attended. The websites www.247ncep.com, .org and .net are now up and running. Lots of good information and resources on the website. Links to these websites will be placed on the SLO FSC's web page. Cal Poly's evacuation studies for Cambria, led by Cornelius Nuworsoo, professor and transportation engineer,

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identified various scenarios related to possible, real-life situations, including some choke points that would need traffic control.

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the disaster study report for Cambria as presented.

CCI GRANT FOR COUNTYWIDE HFR

Awaiting our copy of the fully executed agreement, should be very soon. The Board of Forestry is in town; it would be an opportune time to arrange a photo with giant check.

Direction was given to have giant check delivered for photo opportunity after meeting and issue a press release once fully executed agreement is returned.

GRANT TIMELINE AND UPDATE

- Grant Timeline
 - Active Grants – Total \$5,538,282
- 2017-18 CCI Grants
 - 17-18 Countywide HFR
 - \$833,868 awarded, \$37,290 expended
 - 17-18 Parkhill-Huer Huero
 - \$505,848 awarded, \$43,373 expended
 - 17-18 Lake Nacimiento
 - \$775,620 awarded, \$522,149 expended
 - 17-18 Monterey Pine Mortality
 - \$1,816,304 awarded, \$1,525 expended
- CA Fire Safe Council Grants
 - 17-18 CWPP & WUI Plans – Non SRA
 - \$67,100 awarded, fully expended
 - Countywide HFR – Non SRA
 - \$68,200 awarded, fully expended
- Cambria Forest Health Grant
 - \$498,736 awarded, \$262,297 expended
- PG&E Hazardous Vegetation Grants – Pending Decision
 - Fern Canyon – Paso Robles \$60,000
 - Del Rio Project – Atascadero \$60,000
 - James Way – Arroyo Grande \$72,000
 - Upper Lopez Canyon – Huasna \$60,000
 - Bee Rock – Lake Nacimiento \$40,000
 - Tri Counties – Lake Nacimiento \$46,000

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the Grant Timeline and Update for the San Luis Obispo County Community Fire Safe Council as presented.

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MID STATE FAIR FIRE SAFE HOUSE – FUTURE

We currently have \$40,000 allotted for fire safe landscaping near our Fire Safe house at the fairgrounds. The Fair Manager has made it clear that the area being used now will not be available for use after 2019 and the fair is taking over the Fire Safe house for a livestock office. Tom Peterson, Atascadero Focus Group, would like to investigate the possibility of constructing a portable tiny home on a trailer chassis. Chief Hollingsworth, County Fire Chief's Association, will talk with the Chiefs at the next meeting to determine if they are willing to own the trailer.

Direction was given to devise a plan for the tiny home that can be presented to the Grantor for redirection of funds.

UPCOMING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

- 2018 SB901 Prevention Grant Program
 - \$200 million, application period announced as Summer 2019
- CA proposed FY 2019-20 budget of \$200 million

Direction was given to reconvene the Grants Committee before the next meeting and provide input on whether recently denied grants still have merit to submit for upcoming opportunities.

ROUND TABLE

The California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection is meeting and touring the area. Some members of SLO FSC Board of Directors will be meeting them for lunch today and continue the tour with them.

NEXT MEETINGS

Executive Committee Meeting – Wednesday, August 21, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at County Government Center in SLO.

Board of Directors Meeting – Wednesday, September 18, location suggestion is the Mid State Fairgrounds.

It was moved, seconded and approved to adjourn the Board of Directors July 17, 2019 meeting at 11:40 a.m. for the San Luis Obispo County Community Fire Safe Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Loree McRoberts

Recording Secretary