



## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, November 20, 2019**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Debbie Arnold – Co. Board of Supervisors	Justin Kephart – Pacific Gas & Electric
Scott Hallett – Paso Robles Focus Group	Rodger Maggio – City of San Luis Obispo
Tom Wright – Los Osos Focus Group	Bill Cochran – Cattlemen’s Association
Martin Scott – Ranchita Focus Group	Skip Dyke – Range Improvement Association
Dan Dulitz – District 5 Representative	Jeanie Hanson – Environmental Rep
Turko Semmes – Builders Community	Chris Slate – District 3 Representative
Ed Waage – Citizen at Large	David Pierson – Cambria Focus Group
Scott Johnson – Citizen at Large	Bob Neumann – District 2
Steve Negro – District 1 Representative	Chad Pankey – Citizen at Large
Mark Elliott - APCD	

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT:**

Bill White – Fire Prevention Association	Royce Larsen – UC Cooperative Extension
Jeff Jones – Citizen at Large	Jim Harrison – District 4 Representative
Virginia Miyamoto – Lake Naci Focus Group	William Hollingsworth – County FC Assoc
Chris Dicus – Cal Poly	Tom Peterson – Atascadero Focus Group
Richard Gonzales – Farm Bureau	Scotty Jalbert – CAL FIRE / SLO County Fire

**EX-OFFICIO AND STAFF PRESENT:**

Dan Turner – Business Manager	Baxter Boyington, Toro Creek Focus Group
Loree McRoberts – CAL FIRE/Recording Sec	Jim Neumann, SLO FSC
Dave Fowler, CAL FIRE	Doug Forrest, SLO FSC
Dennis Javens, SLO FSC	

**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**

There was no Quorum at the October Executive Committee meeting, therefore all Executive Committee meeting action items are recommendations for approval by the Board of Directors. Each item was presented and voted upon.

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

- September 2019 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
- October 2019 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
- Reaffirmation of electronic meeting Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District Support
- CAL FIRE CCI Grant Programs
- September 2019 Operating Budget report and Abbreviated Bank Statement

## **FIRE SAFE COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **OPERATING BUDGET**

- 2019 Internal Operations Budget
  - Working Capital Fund Balance \$35,437
  - A loan of \$160,000 was made to the WUI account to cover expenses while awaiting reimbursements.

***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.***

### **FIREWISE COMMUNITY UPDATE**

Heritage Ranch has been recognized as a new FireWise Community.

## **NEW BUSINESS / ROUND TABLE**

- Martin Scott thanked CAL FIRE and Dave Fowler for the updated Ranchita Estates Pre-Attack maps.
- The Webster VMP project burned 66 acres on Tuesday, November 19. Everything went well and APCD had no complaints from citizenry.
- PG&E has placed a camera on the west side of Cuesta Ridge. More cameras will be placed throughout the County to enable monitoring of reported fires and conditions. Visit [www.AlertWildfire.org](http://www.AlertWildfire.org) to see the activity.
- KCBX is running a podcast called “California Burning”. It’s a 5-part program that offers great information. <https://www.npr.org/podcasts/759973777/california-burning-solutions-to-california-s-wildfire-problem>
- Cal Trans is still researching the bio gel, Fortify, we were hoping to use on Cuesta Grade this fire season. It’s being used by other Cal Trans districts and is proving to be effective. We are hoping to clear all the hurdles by Spring 2020 so we can use it.

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- Adan Orozco with CAL FIRE spoke about Hero Adventure Trailers. It's the first patented mobile fire safety education platform. It was designed by firefighters to educate, engage and interact with all age groups in the communities they serve. It is lightweight and easily towed. It does not require any special driver license endorsements and has no motor to maintain/repair. This is an option to the previously discussed idea of fitting a retired fire engine with interactive games and information.
- California State Parks gave an update on the hazardous fuel reduction they have planned and are doing throughout the County.

### **GRANT TIMELINE AND UPDATE**

- Grant Timeline
  - Active Grants – Total \$5,424,246
- 2017-18 CCI Grants
  - 17-18 Countywide HFR
    - \$833,868 awarded, \$327,749 expended
  - 17-18 Parkhill-Huer Huero
    - \$505,848 awarded, \$51,146 expended
  - 17-18 Lake Nacimiento
    - \$775,620 awarded, \$618,310 expended
  - 17-18 Monterey Pine Mortality
    - \$1,816,304 awarded, \$403,462 expended
- 2018-19 CCI Grant
  - Countywide Fuel Reduction
    - \$972,606 awarded, \$231,304 expended
- PG&E Hazardous Vegetation Grants
  - Del Rio Project
    - \$60,000 awarded, \$53,249 expended
  - Upper Lopez Canyon Project
    - \$60,000 awarded, \$54,785 expended
- 2019 Governor's High Priority Projects
  - Webster Vegetation Management
    - \$400,000 awarded, \$139,943 expended

### **UPCOMING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

- CAL FIRE CCI Grant Program 2019
  - Fire Prevention grants application period is September 24 through December 4
    - \$45 million available statewide
    - Fuel projects less than 1,000 acres
    - Education grants

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- CWPP / Planning grants
- Forest Health grants application period is September 27 through December 7
  - \$45 million available statewide
  - Fuel projects greater than 1,000 acres

***It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the grant project list and submit applications to both the CCI Fire Prevention Grant program and the Forest Health Grant program for the San Luis Obispo County Community Fire Safe Council as presented.***

### **2020 BOARD MEMBER AND OFFICER NOMINATIONS OPEN**

- All current Board members in attendance who have expiring terms January 1, 2020 have expressed interest in remaining on the San Luis Obispo County Community Fire Safe Council Board of Directors.
- Elections will be held at the January 15, 2020 Board meeting.

### **ON SITE DEMONSTRATION**

The Terra Torch will be demonstrated at the Santa Lucia Sportsman Range after today's meeting.

### **NEXT MEETINGS**

Executive Committee Meeting – Wednesday, December 18, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at County Government Center in SLO.

Board of Directors Meeting – Wednesday, January 15, 2020. Location will be the Veteran's Memorial Building in San Luis Obispo. Lunch will be served before the meeting; meeting will commence at 1:00 p.m.

***It was moved, seconded and approved to adjourn the Board of Directors November 20, 2019 meeting at 11:15 a.m. for the San Luis Obispo County Community Fire Safe Council.***

Respectfully submitted,

*Loree McRoberts*

Recording Secretary