



# San Luis Obispo County Fire Safe Council

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**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, March 16, 2022  
0900-1130 hours**

**Meeting held via Zoom**

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Debbie Arnold – Co. Board of Supervisors	Russ Johnson – Lake Naci Focus Group
Ed Waage – Citizen at Large	Tom Wright – Citizen at Large
Royce Larsen – UC Cooperative Extension	Stacy Korsgaden – Insurance Industry
Chris Dicus – Cal Poly State University	David Pierson – Cambria Focus Group
Dan Dulitz – Fifth Supervisorial District	Steve Negro – First Supervisorial District
Rodger Maggio – City of San Luis Obispo	Carissa Zaragoza – Air Pollution Control Dist
Skip Dyke – Range Improvement Assoc	David Van Son – Atascadero FD Focus Group
Chad Pankey – Citizen at Large	Jeff Jones – Citizen at Large
Martin Scott – Ranchita Estates Focus Group	Tom Peterson – County Fire Chiefs
Chris Slate – Third Supervisorial District	Andrew Johnson – Resource Conserv Dist
Dan Ponti – Farm Bureau	Emily Miggins – Los Osos Focus Group
David Perry – PG&E	Bill Cochran – Cattlemen’s Association
Scott Hallett – Paso Robles Focus Group	Jeanie Hanson – ECO SLO

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT:**

Scott Johnson – Citizen at Large	Eddy Moore – San Luis Obispo County Fire
Randy Harris – Fire Prevention Officers Assoc	Turko Semmes – Building Industry
Bob Neumann – Second Supervisorial District	

## **FOCUS GROUP and EX-OFFICIO REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE:**

Baxter Boyington – Toro Creek Focus Group	Mike Anderson - CCC
Kevin Hurt – CA State Parks	

## **STAFF PRESENT:**

Dan Turner – Executive Director	Loree McRoberts – CAL FIRE
Jon Gee – CAL FIRE	Denny O’Neil – CAL FIRE
Jim Neumann – SLO FSC Project Coordinator	Greg Alex – SLO FSC Webmaster
Jason Potts – CAL FIRE	

## **GUESTS:**

Natalie Lee – SLO Mow	Clint Weirick – Senator John Laird’s Office
Scott Milnar – SLO County OES	Ian Cope – Cal Poly Forestry
Hallie Richard – CSLRCD	Reggie Seria - CCC

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Debbie Arnold at 9:00 a.m. followed by introduction of directors, staff, focus groups and guests.

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### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- January 2022 Board of Directors meeting minutes were presented.
- February 2022 Executive Committee meeting minutes were presented.
- Abbreviated Bank Statement ending February 28, 2022 was presented.
- Contract Services report ending February 28, 2022 was presented.
- SLO FSC Internal Operating Budget ending February 28, 2022 was presented.
- Active grant summary report ending February 28, 2022 was presented.
- Active grant project status reports.
- 2019 Tax Filing penalty appeal.
- Pending reimbursement claims.

***It was moved, seconded, and approved to approve the January 2022 Board of Directors meeting minutes and accept for review the February 2022 Executive Committee minutes. It was also approved to accept all consent agenda items as presented: Waage Second: Dulitz***

### **FIRE SAFE COUNCIL BUSINESS**

- Historically SLO FSC has utilized the student intern agreement that SLO County Fire has in effect. If SLO County Fire is not able to continue with their agreement with the Cal Poly Corporation there is a potential for SLO FSC to enter into an agreement.
- Mid-State Fair projects were completed right up to the current grant expiration date of March 15, 2022.
- New Times journalist Malea Martin has shown an interest in talking with SLO FSC for an upcoming story.
- Ag Pass training for permits is being coordinated through SLO County Fire Training Department and the SLO County Farm Bureau. They are anticipating holding a training session in June 2022. There is an upcoming meeting with the County Ag Commissioner to review the program.

### **NEW BUSINESS / ROUNDTABLE**

- CA FSC/PG&E Grant is holding a regional workshop March 29 and 30 in Paradise, CA. Dan Turner and Steve Negro will be attending. If anyone else would like to go, please contact Dan.
- Members of SLO FSC need to explore succession planning. Some members have mentioned retirement in the next few years.
- CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire has moved their headquarters to 1150 Laurel Lane, Suite 175 in San Luis Obispo. The move was made as plans progress to build a new headquarters building at the Santa Rosa Street site.
- After a meeting in Avila Beach, Dan Turner is looking into the possibility of residents forming a focus group with SLO FSC. It is recommended Templeton form one also.
- There is a bill processing through the assembly (AB1717) proposing that prevailing wage would have to be paid on all projects with grant funding.

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### GRANT UPDATES

CA FSC/CAL FIRE County Fire Safe Coordinator Grant – pending Tier 2

- Tier 1: 24 Counties were selected for up to \$175,000. Grant term is 18 months.
- Tier 2: Approved for award if additional funding is received

Current grant activities include:

- Pile burning and coordinating chipping projects.
- Roadside projects for Cypress Mountain, Parkhill, San Luis Bay Estates, and See Canyon.
- Treatment plans for San Luis Creek and Reservoir Canyon to the Bob Jones Trail.
- Monterey Pine – North Coast has several years of projects to consider in Heart Ranch, San Simeon Point and Covell Ranch.
- Cal Poly – Mioosi in the CEQA phase. Cal Poly would like to make the area a living laboratory.

New grant opportunities:

#### 2022 PG&E Hazardous Fuel Reduction

- Work to be completed by October 2022
- Multiple submissions allowed with a maximum award of \$100,000 each
- Proposals submitted:
  - Marsh Woad-Rural Cayucos behind Whale Rock Reservoir
  - Santa Rita Ranchos – Rural Templeton
  - Highway 41 West/Three Bridges area in Atascadero

#### 2021-22 CAL FIRE Round 2

- Fire Prevention Grant applications submitted:
  - Planning - \$486,000
  - Fuel Treatment/Education - \$4.48 million
    - \$1.3 million for 58 miles of roadside clearance
    - \$2.2 million for fuel reduction projects
    - \$270,000 for education

There is additional funding in the Governor's Proposed Budget for 2022-2023 that could be used for projects we have deferred due to more information needed. These projects are:

#### Planning

- County Parks lands
- SLO County Land Conservancy

#### Education

- El Chorro Fire Safe Demo Garden
- Wildfire Prepared Home Program
- Structural Hardening Guide
- Landscape Company Outreach

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### Fuel Treatment

- Oak Shores/Bee Rock – North Shore of Lake Nacimiento
- Mt. Lowe – south down East Cuesta Ridge to Reservoir Canyon
- West Cuesta – TV Tower Road
- Toleman-Tassajera Creek
- San Luis Creek treatment
- Rancho Marino – UCSB
- Los Osos Highland area
- Salinas Riverbed treatment South of Paso Robles

**Direction was given to submit any other project proposals to Dan Turner, Executive Director, for review and possible entry into the next grant applications.**

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Range Improvement Association is having a Board of Directors meeting March 23, 2022.

The idea of having different agencies take turns volunteering to work during the Fair will be brought up at the Fire Chief's meeting on April 22, 2022.

Invite SLO County Fire Marshal Garrett Veyna to speak at our May meeting.

Annual BBQ that was postponed from January possibly held at July meeting at the Vet's Hall in SLO.

### **NEXT MEETINGS**

#### Executive Committee Meeting

- Wednesday, April 20, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.
- Location: TBA

#### Board of Directors Meeting

- Wednesday, May 18, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.
- Location: TBA

### **ADJOURNMENT**

President Debbie Arnold adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Loree McRoberts*

Recording Secretary