



San Luis Obispo County Fire Safe Council

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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

0900-1130 hours

Meeting held at Templeton Community Center with Zoom

BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE:

Bob Neumann – Second Supervisorial District	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
Dena Paschke – Fire Prev Officers Assoc	Turko Semmes – Building Industry
Keith Aggson – City of San Luis Obispo	Carissa Zaragoza – Air Pollution Control Dist
Skip Dyke – Range Improvement Assoc	Jeanie Hanson – ECO SLO
Chad Pankey – Citizen at Large	Emily Miggins – Los Osos Focus Group
Catie Field – Farm Bureau	Tom Peterson – County Fire Chiefs
Ruben Brand – PG&E	Devin Best – Resource Conserv Dist

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Debbie Arnold – Co. Board of Supervisors	Martin Scott – Ranchita Estates Focus Group
David Van Son – Atascadero FD Focus Group	Jeff Jones – Citizen at Large
Scott Johnson – Citizen at Large	Eddy Moore – San Luis Obispo County Fire
Chris Slate – Third Supervisorial District	Scott Hallett – Paso Robles Focus Group
Bill Cochrane – Cattlemen’s Association	

FOCUS GROUP and EX-OFICIO REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE:

Baxter Boyington – Toro Creek Focus Group

STAFF PRESENT:

Dan Turner – Executive Director	Loree McRoberts – CAL FIRE
Dane Mumford – SLO FSC Project Coordinator	Jason Potts – CAL FIRE
Jim Neumann – SLO FSC Project Coordinator	Greg Alex – SLO FSC Webmaster

GUESTS:

Zach Cipriano – CAL FIRE	Toni Davis – CAL FIRE
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CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENTATION

- Scotty Jalbert, San Luis Obispo County Emergency Services Manager, presented an evacuation system known as Zonehaven. It is an evacuation management solution that provides planning, training, and resources to first responders, public safety agencies, and communities to manage evacuations and repopulations successfully. The demonstration provided information on Cambria.

CONSENT AGENDA

- March 2022 Board of Directors meeting minutes were presented.
- April 2022 Executive Committee meeting minutes were presented.
- 2019 Tax Filing penalty appeal.

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

ACTIVE GRANTS

- Reviewed the financial summaries and project status reports for the active grants.
- We have not received any recent application submittals for our scholarship program.
- Mid-State Fair project update was given by Turko Semmes. With the current grant expired, there is still work to be done for this year's fair.

A motion was made to transfer \$10,000 from the scholarship fund to the Mid-State Fair Project to accommodate the work being done for this year's fair since the current grant has expired.

It was moved, seconded, and approved to transfer \$10,000 from the scholarship fund to the Mid-State Fair Project: Dulitz Second: Negro

FIRE SAFE COUNCIL BUSINESS

- Lake Nacimiento contract for \$400,000 has been signed by CAL FIRE and SLO FSC. A portion of the agreed upon work has already been completed before contract signing due to the expectation the contract would not be approved. The contract will require some re-scoping.
- Cambria Fire Safe Focus Group held a Townhall Wildfire Preparedness meeting on May 7, 2022. PG&E funded media consultants and The Cambrian/Telegram Tribune assisted with the meeting.
- Malea Martin with the New Times published an article about the SLO FSC on April 21, 2022.
- Ag Pass ID card printer was purchased by SLO FSC at an auction. The printer will be loaned to the administrator of the program to print ID cards.
- Salinas River tour was held on April 29, 2022. Grazing the primary firebreaks within the Salinas River has begun. It is an approved method for reducing the risk of wildfires in the City of Paso Robles Vegetation Management Program. The city has chosen grazing to maintain firebreaks because of its effectiveness and low environmental impacts. Following the 2021 grazing of

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approximately 80 acres, the City saw a significant decrease in the number of acres burned within the Salinas River corridor.

- SLO FSC has been presented with the following recommendations for Board member changes:
 - Andrew Johnson has resigned from the Upper Salinas Las Tablas Resource Conservation District. It is recommended that Spencer Gordon replace him.
 - Randy Harris has resigned from the Fire Prevention Officer's Association. It is recommended that Dena Paschke replace him.

A motion was received to accept Andrew Johnson's resignation and accept Spencer Gordon as the replacement on the Board of Directors for the seat the Upper Salinas Las Tablas Resource Conservation District holds. It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept this motion as stated: Semmes Second: Dyke

A motion was received to accept Randy Harris's resignation and accept Dena Paschke as the replacement on the Board of Directors for the seat the Fire Prevention Officer's Association holds. It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept this motion as stated: Pierson Second: Semmes

NEW BUSINESS / ROUNDTABLE

- Members of SLO FSC need to explore succession planning. Some members have mentioned retirement in the next few years. This topic will continue to be an active item of communication. Please invite people to come to our meetings and consider becoming involved.
- Range Improvement Association is holding their annual BBQ/meeting on May 26, 2022. The meeting is open to all interested. Contact Royce Larsen for more information.
- Greg Alex reported that the website has been active for 8 years. We have received 1,500 views since January 1, 2022.

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
 - We have been notified unofficially that we will be awarded this grant soon.

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 Road-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

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- 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.

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

Program for the July meeting:

- Mid-State Fair Opening Day
- SLO FSC Burners BBQ
- Invite SLO County Fire Marshal Garrett Veyna to speak about the new defensible space regulations.

NEXT MEETINGS

Executive Committee Meeting

- Wednesday, June 15, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.
- Location: TBA

Board of Directors Meeting

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

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Ed Waage adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Loree McRoberts

Recording Secretary