



San Luis Obispo County Fire Safe Council

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

Meeting held at Pismo Beach Veterans Hall with Zoom

BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ed Waage – Citizen at Large	Russ Johnson – Lake Naci Focus Group
Keith Aggson – City of San Luis Obispo	Tom Wright – Citizen at Large
Royce Larsen – UC Cooperative Extension	Bob Neumann – Second Supervisorial District
David Van Son – Atascadero FD Focus Group	David Pierson – Cambria Focus Group
Dan Dulitz – Fifth Supervisorial District	Steve Negro – First Supervisorial District
Skip Dyke – Range Improvement Assoc	Turko Semmes – Building Industry
Tom Peterson – County Fire Chiefs	Carissa Zaragoza – Air Pollution Control Dist
Scott Johnson – Citizen at Large	Chris Dicus – Cal Poly State University
Martin Scott – Ranchita Estates Focus Group	John Owens - San Luis Obispo County Fire
Stacy Korsgaden – Insurance Industry	Bill Cochran – Cattlemen’s Association
Spencer Gordon – RCD	Emily Miggins – Los Osos Focus Group

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Scott Hallett – Paso Robles Focus Group	Jeff Jones – Citizen at Large
Dena Paschke – Fire Prev Officers Assoc	Chad Pankey – Citizen at Large
Jeanie Hanson – ECO SLO	Dan Ponti – Farm Bureau
Chris Slate – Third Supervisorial District	Debbie Arnold – Co. Board of Supervisors
Ruben Brand – PG&E	

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 – FSC Project Coordinator	Jon Gee – CAL FIRE
Jim Neumann – FSC Project Coordinator	Greg Alex – SLO FSC Webmaster

GUESTS:

Michelle Partridge – CAL FIRE	Tom Swanson – CAL FIRE
Scotty Jalbert – County OES	Josh Taylor – CAL FIRE
Kevin Hurt – State Parks	Hayley Barnes – Coastal RCD
Hilary Phillips – NRCS	Hallie Richards - RCD

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Ed Waage at 9:10 a.m. followed by introduction of directors, staff, focus groups and guests.

PRESENTATION

Hayley Barnes with Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District presented a high-resolution vegetation mapping project. The current resource is outdated. The new project will cost \$9 million and will be a good tool for all users. A request for a letter of support from SLO FSC would aid in soliciting funding for the project.

It was moved, seconded, and approved to issue a letter of support for the high-resolution mapping project to the Resource Conservation District: Dulitz Second: Semmes

CONSENT AGENDA

- September 2022 Board of Directors meeting minutes were presented.
- October 2022 Executive Committee meeting did not occur; there are no minutes.
- 2022 Active Grant Financial Summary was presented.
- 2022 Active Grant/Contract Project Status was presented.
- Abbreviated Bank Statement ending September 30, 2022 was presented.
- Abbreviated Bank Statement ending October 31, 2022 was presented.
- Contract Summary graph ending September 30, 2022 was presented.
- Contract Summary graph ending October 31, 2022 was presented.
- 2022 Fire Safe Operations account ending October 31, 2022 was presented.

It was moved, seconded, and approved to approve the September 2022 Board of Directors meeting minutes. It was also approved to accept all consent agenda items as presented: Negro Second: Scott

ROUNDTABLE

The following focus group reports were given:

- Cambria
 - Poster contests with Cambria schools to promote fire prevention with winners having their posters displayed in the Fire Safe message boards.
- Toro Creek
 - Toro Creek Bridge rebuild talks are under way with Federal funding in place.
- Lake Nacimiento
 - Work will continue in December with fuels crew.
- John Owens, Acting Unit Chief for SLU, updated the group on the headquarters moving once again to Creekside Plaza on Broad Street in San Luis Obispo. This temporary location will be utilized until at least February 2023.
- Alert Wildfire is now Alert California <https://alertcalifornia.org>

FIRE SAFE COUNCIL BUSINESS

- A letter was received from the IRS dismissing the claim against us that we owed penalties on our 2019 tax filing.
- Governor Newsom vetoed AB1717. This bill would have required the paying of prevailing wage for fire prevention grant projects.
- New Fire Safe Focus Groups are forming in Avila Valley and Huasna Valley. Huasna Valley is asking for formal recognition. They have a lot of momentum in their cause and sub committees formed for different projects.

NEW BUSINESS

- Huasna Valley Focus Group has asked for formal recognition by the Board.
- Election of Directors and Officers is slated for our January 2023 Board of Director's meeting.
 - Letters of recommendation need to be submitted as soon as possible for nominations.
- Our webmaster, Greg Alex, discussed our new website www.firesafeslo.org

It was moved, seconded, and approved to recognize the Huasna Valley Focus Group: Pierson Second: Semmes

NEW GRANTS

CAL FIRE/SLU Unit Direct Award Program

- Contract for Long Canyon-Huasna-Suey Creek VMP in process for \$628,040
- Huasna Valley residents are ready for burn

22-23 Grant Program

- Grant application period opens in December and closes February 2023
- Grants committee needs to review deferred projects, along with new ones, and decide what moves forward. There is a \$5 million cap on proposals.
- SLO County Parks wants to partner on systemwide parks wildfire plan
- SLO Land Conservancy considering their countywide properties for wildfire plan
- Huasna Valley projects
- Avila Valley projects
- McGinley Ranch

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Covell project tour Spring 2023
- January meeting is election of directors and officers
 - Looking at availability of SLO Vets Hall for a BBQ lunch after meeting

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NEXT MEETINGS

Executive Committee Meeting

- Wednesday, December 21, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.
- Location: TBD

Board of Directors Meeting

- Wednesday, January 18, 2023
- Location: TBA

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Ed Waage adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Loree McRoberts

Recording Secretary