



# San Luis Obispo County Fire Safe Council

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## Board of Directors and Executive Committee

### Joint Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 6, 2023

0900-1130 hours

Meeting held at Fire Training Center in Los Osos with Zoom

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE:

Debbie Arnold – County BOS	Matt Mohle – SLO County Parks
Ed Waage – Citizen at Large	Chris Slate – Third Supervisorial District
Rodger Maggio – City of SLO Focus Group	Martin Scott – Ranchita Estates Focus Group
David Van Son – Atascadero FD Focus Group	David Pierson – Cambria Focus Group
Spencer Gordon – RCD	Steve Negro – First Supervisorial District
Skip Dyke – Range Improvement Assoc	Turko Semmes – Building Industry
Ruben Brand – PG&E	Karl Tupper – Air Pollution Control Dist
Scott Johnson – Citizen at Large	Chris Dicus – Cal Poly State University
Hayley Barnes – Citizen at Large	Dan Ponti – Farm Bureau

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Tom Peterson – County Fire Chiefs	Russ Johnson – Lake Naci Focus Group
Dena Paschke – Fire Prev Officers Assoc	Dan Dulitz – Fifth Supervisorial District
Tom Wright – Los Osos Focus Group	Bob Neumann – Second Supervisorial District
Royce Larsen – UC Cooperative Extension	John Owens - San Luis Obispo County Fire
Jeff Jones – Citizen at Large	Bill Cochran – Cattlemen’s Association
Stacy Korsgaden – Insurance Industry	Chad Pankey – Citizen at Large
Scott Hallett – Paso Robles Focus Group	

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

Baxter Boyington – Toro Creek Focus Group	Kathryn Loomis – Huasna Focus Group
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### STAFF PRESENT:

Dan Turner – Executive Director	Loree McRoberts – CAL FIRE
Maurica Anderson – FSC Project Coordinator	Greg Alex – SLO FSC Webmaster
Jim Neumann – FSC Project Coordinator	

### GUESTS:

Keith Aggson	Luke Bourgault – CAL FIRE
Zach Cipriano – CAL FIRE	Todd Tuggle – City of SLO Fire

### 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.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- January 2023 Board of Directors meeting minutes were presented for approval.
- February 2023 Executive Committee meeting minutes were presented for review.
- 2023 Active Grant Financial Summary was presented.
- 2023 Active Grant/Contract Project Status was presented.
- Abbreviated Bank Statement ending March 31, 2023 was presented.
- 2023 Fire Safe Operations account ending March 31, 2023 was presented.

**It was moved, seconded, and approved to approve the January 2023 Board of Directors meeting minutes and accept for review the February 2023 Executive Committee minutes. It was also approved to accept all consent agenda items as presented: Slate Second: Semmes**

## **FIRE SAFE COUNCIL BUSINESS**

- Carrisa Zaragoza has resigned her employment with APCD which vacates her seat on the Board. Karl Tupper has been designated to replace her.

**It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept Carissa Zaragoza's resignation and approve the appointment of Karl Tupper, representing the Air Pollution Control District on the SLO FSC Board of Directors: Dicus Second: Slate**

## **GRANT APPLICATION ACTIVITIES**

- PG&E 2023 Hazardous Fuel Reduction Grant program
  - Three projects submitted
    - Tassajara Creek Road – roadside clearance
    - Old Creek Road – roadside clearance
    - Dune Lakes – road clearance

**It was moved, seconded, and approved to approve the SLO FSC application for the PG&E 2023 Hazardous Fuel Reduction Grant: Dicus Second: Slate**

- CAL FIRE direct award phase 2 grant – application closes April 15, 2023
  - Resolution needed for storm related projects
  - Surplus money from the 2018 grant funds – over \$8 million
  - A lot of creeks and downed trees needing attention
    - Atascadero Creek
    - Cambria
    - City of San Luis Obispo's eucalyptus trees
    - Salinas River
  - Motion needed to approve SLO FSC Resolution 3-2023 authorizing application for CAL FIRE grant program. Vote results: yes – 15, no – 0

**It was moved, seconded, and approved to authorize the application associated with Resolution 3-2023 for the CAL FIRE grant program: Maggio Second: Semmes**

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- CA State Coastal Conservancy - Wildfire Resilience Grant Resolution
  - Regional collaborative priority planning for SLO County across jurisdictions and organizations
  - Hazard and risk assessment planning process
  - Priority assessment for proposed projects
  - Long term resilience or more sustainable benefits
  - Motion needed to approve SLO FSC Resolution 4-2023 authorizing application for Cal Coastal Conservancy grant program. Vote results: yes – 15, no – 0

**It was moved, seconded, and approved to authorize the application associated with Resolution 4-2023 for the Cal Coastal Conservancy grant: Dicus Second: Dyke**

- 2022-2023 CA Climate Investment Wildfire Prevention Grants
  - If awarded, funding available Fall 2023 through March 2029
  - Risk Assessment Planning project – application submitted
  - Hazardous Fuel treatment projects – application submitted
- SLO County Board of Supervisors Grant
  - \$3,000 to support the Cambria Fire Safe Townhall Meeting scheduled for May 6
  - Video of event will become shareable with public and other focus groups

**It was moved, seconded, and approved to approve the SLO County Board of Supervisors grant supporting Cambria Fire Safe Townhall Meeting. SLO FSC will act as fiscal agent of the grant: Semmes Second: Slate**

- Regional fine fuel mapping and LIDAR grant update
  - Hayley Barnes with Coastal RCD reported funding has been received for the first phase
  - Information will be uploaded to a website for public view

## **ROUNDTABLE**

- Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force Central Coast Workshop will be held in Santa Cruz, May 11 and 12. Maurica Anderson has volunteered to represent SLO FSC.
- Cambria Fire Safe Townhall meeting, May 6 at Cambria Vets Hall. Hoping to motivate people to clean up properties.
- Biochar demonstration on April 11 at Las Tablas Vineyard/Winery.
- City of Atascadero Fire will have a booth at the Atascadero Tamale Festival May 6.
- French Broom Pile Burning next week if weather permitting.
- Ag Pass has been approved by the Board of Supervisors. SLO County Fire working on a training schedule.
- Range Association meeting April 6 at 6:00 p.m., all invited.
- Upper Salinas – Las Tablas RCD meeting (Hearst Project) – April 27.
- Our website has completed the transition to the new site. Greg Alex is researching secure blogging capabilities.
- RCD will be hosting a rural road management meeting in July.
- Martin Scott has four days of chipping scheduled in Ranchita Estates starting April 24. Access issues are hindering their ability to collect downed trees/branches for burning.
- Peak staffing for CAL FIRE will start June 27.

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- APCD is hoping for more burn days due to the moisture.

### **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

- More than 40 contacts have been made to school career centers and guidance counselors. Very little response and feedback.
- One application submitted, SLO High School senior pursuing a fire science career. Scholarship Committee recommends award of \$2,500.

**It was moved, seconded, and approved to approve the scholarship recommendation and award: Negro, Second: Maggio**

### **FOCUS GROUP GUIDEBOOK PROJECT**

Baxter Boyington, Toro Creek Focus Group, has been attending other focus group meetings in order to learn how they are accomplishing their goals. The project is moving forward with other groups adding input.

### **MID-STATE FAIR**

Turko Semmes reports that minor repairs and maintenance needs to be done before fair opening. There is a 60-foot wall in the area that would look great with a mural. Pursuing that idea.

### **NEXT MEETINGS**

#### Executive Committee Meeting

- Wednesday, May 17, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.
- Location: Cambria Vet's Hall, 1000 Main Street, Cambria (joint meeting with Cambria Fire Safe Focus Group)
- Tour of Covell Ranch after meeting

#### Board of Directors Meeting

- Wednesday, June 21, 2023
- Location: County Government Center

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Loree McRoberts*

Recording Secretary

San Luis Obispo FireSAFE Council	Revenue Budgeted	Revenue Received	Revenue Excess/ (-Unrealized)
2022 Carry over Balance (Cash in Bank)*	\$439,650	\$439,650	\$0
2023 REVENUE-FROM GRANT PROCEEDS	\$904,025	\$550,000.00	(\$354,025)
2023 TOTAL REVENUE AVAILABLE	\$1,343,675	\$989,649.94	(\$354,025)
Transfer to Prudent Reserves	(\$10,000)	(\$10,000)	\$0
Transfer to Maintenance Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transfer To FSC Operating Budget	(\$114,820)	(\$114,820)	\$0
Transfer To FSC Scholarships	(\$60,000)	(\$60,000)	\$0
Transfer to Working Capital Fund (realized revenue less Ops budget and Reserve Funds)	\$1,218,855	\$864,830	(\$354,025)
	FUND BALANCE	Loans Still OUT	Available Balance
Working Capital Fund	\$864,830	(\$250,000)	\$614,830
	FUND BALANCE	Expended	Available Balance
2023 Cambria Townhall Board of Supervisors Grant	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000

EXPENDITURES	Budget \$ Allocation	Budget \$ Expended	Budget \$ Remaining
Admin Services	\$95,000	\$5,212	\$89,788
Consulting & Professional Srvc	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500
Web Page Srvc	\$4,000	\$0	\$4,000
Memberships	\$200	\$0	\$200
Filing Fees	\$420	\$0	\$420
Insurance	\$4,000	\$0	\$4,000
Travel	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
Postage and Delivery	\$500	\$271	\$229
Printing	\$500	\$0	\$500
Repairs	\$500	\$0	\$500
Supplies	\$2,000	\$554	\$0
Miscellaneous	\$2,000	\$960	\$1,040
Rentals	\$1,200	\$0	\$1,200
	Budget	To Date	Unused Balance
SLO FSC OPERATIONS EXPENDITURE BUDGET TOTALS	\$114,820	\$6,997	107,822.74

Fire Safe Education Center/Scholarships	\$60,000	\$0	\$60,000
	CASH IN BANK	\$730,693.84	5/13/2023