



SLO FSC Board of Director’s Meeting  
and  
State Coastal Conservancy Regional Priority  
Wednesday, Sept 18, 2024  
9:00 – 11:30 AM  
Avila Beach Civic Association  
191 San Miguel Street, Avila Beach



ZOOM LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87143384028?pwd=8HueOhtl5kaBhF2f4AfO2z3O5Yc3mw.1>

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## Meeting Agenda

- 1. **CALL TO ORDER - 9:00 AM** Debbie Arnold, President
- 2. **INTRODUCTION OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, STAFF AND GUESTS** Debbie Arnold, President
- 3. **CONSENT AGENDA** Debbie Arnold, President
  - 3.1 **Minutes of Prior Meetings**
    - A. Approve July 2024 Board of Directors meeting minutes (Item 3.1.A)
    - B. Receive for review August 2024 Executive Committee meeting minutes (Item 3.1.B)
- MOTION TO APPROVE: Item 3. CONSENT AGENDA**
- 4. **PRESENTATION**
  - A. Phil Hammer, Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Water Board proposed general order for  
**“REGIONAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR VEGETATION OR SEDIMENT REMOVAL OR  
MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES FOR FIRE OR FLOOD RISK REDUCTION”**
- 5. **MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY** Dan Turner, Executive Director
  - 5.1 SLO FSC Operations Account Summary (Item 5.1)
  - 5.2 2024 Contract Services Summary (Item 5.2)
  - 5.3 Abbreviated Bank Statement ending August 30, 2024 (Item 5.3)
  - 5.4 Active Grant Fiscal Summary 2024 (Item 5.4)
  - 5.5 NEW SLO FSC FOUNDATION Checking account and Credit card established
- MOTION TO APPROVE: Item 4. MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY**
- 5. **ROUNDTABLE**
  - A. Focus Group and Organization Reports
    - 1. Paso Robles Fire and Emergency Services Focus Group
    - 2. Insurance Industry
    - 3. CAL FIRE (response activity, outreach, and fuel projects)
    - 4. Avila Valley Focus Group
    - 5. Board of Supervisors
    - 6. Los Osos Focus Group
    - 7. Cambria Focus group

8. Resource Conservation District
  9. Range Improvement Association
  10. Air Pollution Control District
  11. UC Cooperative Extension
  12. PG&E
  13. Cattlemen’s Association
  14. Building Industry
  15. SLO County Parks
  16. SLO County Fire Chiefs
  17. Fire Prevention Officers
  18. Cal Poly
  19. Ranchita Focus Group
  20. Toro Creek Focus Group
  21. Cambria Focus Group
  22. Lake Nacimiento Focus Group
  23. Huasna Focus Group
  24. Atascadero Focus Group
  25. San Luis Obispo Focus Group
- B. Website and Social Media Update

**6. FIRE SAFE COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**6.1 SLO Fire Safe Council Board of Directors-SLO Air Pollution Control District (APCD)**

- A. Karl Tupper, APCD representative changed assignments-stepping down
- B. Dora Drexler nominated by APCD to replace Karl Tupper

**MOTION TO APPROVE: Dora Drexler as APCD representative on the SLO County Fire Safe Council Board of Directors**

**6.2 SLO Fire Safe Council Board of Directors- 4<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial District representative.** Supervisor Jimmy Paulding has selected Fire Chief Scott Hallett to serve as the 4<sup>th</sup> District representative on the SLO County Fire Safe Council.

**MOTION TO APPROVE: Scott Hallett 4<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial district representative on the SLO County Fire Safe Council Board of Directors**

**6.3 SLO Fire Safe Council Board of Directors- UC Cooperative Extension (UCCE) representative.** Royce Larsen is stepping down from SLO FSC and UCCE has selected Bill Tietje to serve as the UCCE representative on the SLO County Fire Safe Council.

**MOTION TO APPROVE: Bill Tietje as the UCCE representative on the SLO County Fire Safe Council Board of Directors**

**6.4 Scholarships/Local Grants UPDATE-Ed Waage/David Pierson**

- A. Allan Hancock College Fire Academy update

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**6.5 Cal Poly Tech Park office/workspace proposal** (Item 6.4)

- A. Proposal to facilitate Cal Poly WUI Fire Institute and SLO County Fire/CAL FIRE Community Risk Division staff collocate in new TECH PARK on Cal Poly Campus
  - a. WUI and County Fire will be lessees and responsible for ongoing leases
  - b. SLO FSC may have office space if needed as a sub lessee
- B. **SLO FSC Executive Committee Action:** Motion to move forward with finalizing details, monies and proposal to lease space at Cal Poly Tech Park II for potential SLO FSC office space use, equipment purchase for WUI Institute and provide up to one year lease funding (if necessary) for SLO County

Fire's Community Risk Reduction to enable San Luis Obispo County budget to eventually absorb the costs. This funding is limited to up to \$100,000 for space rental and \$30,000 equipment purchase: Motion: Waage; Second: Korsgaden; Unanimously approved

**6.6 Cambria CSD Evacuation Outreach and Handout Project-**

- A. Aug 28 Meeting in Cambria (Cambria Fire, CHP, OES, Sheriff, CSD, FSC in attendance)
- B. Desire to update Cambria evacuation brochure and pre-plan
- C. Explore new countywide format and information
- D. SLO FSC assistance in input and funding

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**6.7 Fire Prevention Week-Oct 10 - SLO Farmers Market Booth**

- A. Join with Fire Department and Cal Poly WUI FIRE Institute for downtown Farmers Market public outreach
- B. SLO FSC booth sponsor
- C. Need volunteers for booth

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**6.8 Avila Valley Community Townhall Meeting-October 15**

- 6.8.1 SLO FSC is requested to attend to present on Focus Group and Projects
- 6.8.2 Baxter Boyington and Felix Camacho committed to attend

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**7. GRANT ACTIVITY UPDATES**

Dan Turner, Executive Director

**7.1 CURRENT GRANT ACTIVITY**

**A. Current/Recent grant funded work projects**

(item 8.1)

- 1. San Simeon Point
  - a. Salinian tribal monitors very pleased
- 2. 1,000 Hills Ranch -Prescribed burn prep and French Broom control
- 3. Davis Peak-Wild Cherry Canyon-Diablo Cyn fuel break (Irish Hills)
- 4. Pecho Valley Rd- hazardous tree removal (Montana de Oro)
- 5. Avila Valley treatment projects (SLBE; Baron Cyn, Squire Cyn, Gragg Cyn; See Cyn)
- 6. Huasna treatment projects
- 7. Environmental and archaeology review -multiple projects (Coyote VMP, Sunstorm VMP, Stagecoach VMP)
- 8. Fire Safe demo garden-Heritage Ranch
- 9. Chipping- Paso Robles and Cambria
- 10. Regional Water Quality Control Board General order review
- 11. Hazardous tree removal-San Luis Obispo
- 12. LADRIS Evacuation planning collaborative with County OES
- 13. FIRESHED planning project
- 14. Agreements with Cal Poly for monitoring for Parkhill brush crushing projects

**B. Projects to start soon**

- 1. Forest Stewardship presentation-Covell ranch-Sept 21
- 2. Covell ranch treatments-Sept 23
- 3. Lizzie Street Post fire follow-up/hazard tree removal-Oct 1-7
- 4. Coyote VMP brush crushing-Pending CALFIRE approval-early Oct
- 5. Pope VMP brush crushing and crew work-Pending CAL FIRE approval- late September-
- 6. 7 Oaks VMP re-crush and VMP support-Late September
- 7. Monterey Pine Restoration project partners kick off meeting-week of Oct 7th

**C. PG&E 2024 Vegetation Management/Hazard Reduction**

1. **Toro Creek Fuel Reduction** – awarded \$75,000, work complete
2. **Pecho Valley Road** – awarded \$75,000, work complete
3. **Lizzie Fire project** – awarded \$100,000, SLO City requests project start in October

**D. STATE FSC: COUNTY COORDINATOR GRANT-EXTENDED WITH NEW FUNDING**

1. Ongoing admin support- expires at the end of December 2024

**E. MONTEREY PINE FOREST HEALTH GRANT-APPROVED**

1. Awarded \$6.7 million; grant period ends 2030
2. Partners with Hearst Ranch, Covell Ranch, Cambria CSD Fiscalini Ranch; Friends of Fiscalini Ranch
3. Contract pending, discussions ongoing with grantor on last minute budget adjustments
4. Engaged Auten Resource Consulting for onsite Registered Professional Forester project management
5. Collaborative with RCD grant and CA State Parks projects in North Coast
6. Partner kick off meeting week of Oct 7

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**7.2 2023-24 CCI-CAL FIRE Wildfire Prevention Grants \$2,997,344 awarded (item 7.2)**

- A. Modifications needed due to overlap with Forest Health grant award funding for work on Covell Ranch (\$600,000)
- B. Projects previously identified may receive funding if our request for redirection of funds is approved. These projects include:
  1. Cambria CSD lot clearance add funding for an additional year (\$150,000)
  2. Atascadero projects (fund all requested in original proposal) (\$300,000)
  3. VMP Support (\$50,000)
  4. Increase in French broom removal and community chipping (\$50,000)
  5. Add additional year to Strawberry Canyon grazing funding (\$50,000)

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**7.3 2021 SLO County Hazard Fuel Reduction Grant (5GA20115) EXTENSION REQUEST**

**A. NO EXTENSION IS ALLOWED-grant expires 3/15/2025**

1. This project is a partnership with City of SLO, Cal Poly and Miozzi La Cuesta Ranch (private)
2. Cal VTP Project Specific Analysis (PSA) environmental document still under review by CAL FIRE and will not be approved in time to complete project
3. Current action: Re-scoping grant to swap projects (Miozzi) with a different grant that has a longer performance period (5GA21137)
  - a. Parkhill VMP projects move to expiring grant (5GA20115)
  - b. Work can be accomplished by end of 2024 if CAL FIRE GRANTS approves redirect and CAL FIRE-SLU assists in implementation and expedites Miozzi Cal VTP approval to allow Miozzi Phase 1 to become operational
  - c. Miozzi Phase 1 moved to replace Parkhill VMP projects in grant 5GA21137

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**8. GOOD OF THE ORDER / FUTURE AGENDA**

**9. NEXT MEETINGS**

- Executive Committee      Wednesday, October 16, 2024      County Government Center
- Board of Directors      Wednesday, November 20, 2024      TBD

**10. ADJOURN**