



# San Luis Obispo County Fire Safe Council Executive Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, August 20, 2025 0900 – 1130 AM**

Atascadero City Council Chambers  
Atascadero City Hall 6500 Palma Ave

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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## Meeting Agenda

1. **CALL TO ORDER – 0900 AM** Heather Moreno, President
2. **INTRODUCTION OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, STAFF AND GUESTS** Heather Moreno, President
3. **CONSENT AGENDA** Heather Moreno, President
  - 3.1 Minutes of Prior Meetings**
    - A. Receive July 2025 Board of Director meeting minutes (Item 3.A)
    - B. Approve June 2025 Executive Committee minutes (Item 3.B)

### **MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM 3 CONSENT AGENDA-**

4. **Good of the Order-EVENTS**
  - A. Gifford Fire
    1. FSC members and Focus Groups evacuated
      1. Ranchita; Huasna Focus Groups evacuated
      2. Martin Scott; Debbie Arnold; Bill Cochrane evacuation orders or evacuation warnings
  - B. SLO-RESIL- Upper Salinas Las Tablas RCD, et al
    1. Approved by CA Costal Commission (unanimous decision)
      1. 88,000 acres permitting platform for Coastal Zone in US-LT RCD (Cayucos to Monterey County)
  - C. Coastal San Luis RCD- pursuing Public Works Plan and PSA for Southern half of SLO County
    1. State Coastal Conservancy will fund no sooner than Nov 2025
  - D. SLO County Hazard Abatement ordinance-status update (Item 4.d)
  - E. Debbie Arnold named Cattlewoman of the Year

### **RECEIVE REPORT AND PROVIDE DIRECTION**

5. **Monthly Financial Summary**
  - A. SLO FSC Operations Account Summary (Item 5.A)
  - B. 2025 Contract Services Summary (Item 5.B)
  - C. Abbreviated Bank Statement ending July 31, 2025 (Item 5.C)
  - D. Active Grant Fiscal Summary 2025 (Item 5.D)

### **MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM 6 MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

## 6 FIRE SAFE COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

### 6.1 UC Cooperative Extension Representative Bill Teitje retired from UCCE in July

- A. Bill Tietje is UCCE representative to SLO FSC- alternate-Mark Battany
- B. UCCE is recommending Lillian Thaoxaochay, Disaster Resilience Advisor replace Bill Tietje

**VOTE TO RECOMMEND LILLIAN THAOXAOCHAY AS UCCE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE FULL SLO FSC BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR CONFIRMATION VOTE**

### 6.2 Scholarships/Local Grants

#### A. Cal Poly Tech Park project

- a. Building is ready for beneficial occupancy-WUI Fire Institute has received furniture
- b. SLO FSC office space is ready to furnish
- c. Rental payment pending
- d. Ribbon cutting not scheduled yet

### 6.3 CEQA SUSPENSIONS, Exemptions, and CAL FIRE NOE reversals-**MAJOR DEVELOPMENT (see attached memo)**

#### 1. SLO FSC has two CNRA CEQA SUSPENSIONS approved:

- a. Hearst Pico Creek-work underway
- b. Covell Ranch-work underway

#### 2. SLO FSC has 4 more CNRA CEQA SUSPENSIONS submitted for consideration

- a. Stagecoach Project-Stagecoach and Parkhill Roads
- b. Heritage Ranch- Water treatment plant & Lake Naci resort entrance
- c. Coyote Project- O'Donovan Road & Highway 58 area
- d. Chispa Project- Blue Sky Ranch- Highway 229 & Rocky Canyon area

#### 3. UPPER SALINAS LAS TABLAS RCD has three CNRA CEQA SUSPENSIONS approved:

- a. Strawberry Canyon – Cambria Greenspace- project underway Firestorm
- b. Sohagi project Cambria – Project completed by SLO FSC
- c. Leffingwell ranch- project out to bid
- d. Krassinski ranch- CNRA decision still pending-project out to bid with Leffingwell

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### 6.4 Chipper Day Scheduling Software

- A. Chipping registration program is working well
- B. Multiple scheduled events
- C. One off registrations working

<https://firesafeslo.org/chipping/>  
[www.fireaside.com/chipperday](http://www.fireaside.com/chipperday)

### 6.5 Website AND OTHER IT PROJECTS-Greg Alex

- A. Scout
- B. Ladris
- C. Fireshed
  - a. SLO FSC will be working with City of SLO joint Fireshed, Xyloplan, Evacuation (Ladris), and wildfire protection planning process.

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**6.7 Fire Safe Focus Groups/Fire wise Communities activity****Baxter Boyington**

- A. Pismo Beach FSFG
- B. West Nipomo area update

**RECEIVE REPORT AND PROVIDE DIRECTION****6.8 Mid State Fair**

- A. Mid State fair report
- B. PG&E joined with table and staffing for "RIGHT TREE-RIGHT PLACE" display

**6.9 Policy 017 SLO FSC Executive Director job description. See attachment**

To document authority for Executive Director to make purchases on behalf of SLO FSC

**7. COUNTYWIDE ACTIVITIES**

- A. County Hazard Fuel Abatement ordinance 7A
- B. Local Hazard Mitigation Plan update
- C. Evac guide and preplan map updates
  - a. AB 747 and SB 99 impacts

**RECEIVE REPORT AND PROVIDE DIRECTION****8. GRANT and PROJECT ACTIVITY UPDATES**

Dan Turner, Executive Director

**8.1 Upper Salinas-Las Tablas RCD Projects involving SLO FSC**

- A. Atascadero – Three Bridges Open Space- ALPS COMPLETE
- B. McGinley Ranch - Santa Rita Road-Templeton- COMPLETE
- C. Sohagi project-Cambria COMPLETE
- D. Leffingwell ranch-Cambria In Bid Process
- E. Krazzinski ranch-Cambria In Bid Process
- F. Niner winery project In CNRA review process

**8.2 ONGOING GRANT UPDATES****(item 8.2)**

<u>2025 Active Grants Project Status</u>	<u>Expires</u>	
1. 2022 SLO County Fuels Reduction 5GA21137	3/15/2026	\$ 4,483,721
2. 2022 SLO County Planning Projects 5GG21161	3/15/2026	\$ 441,687
3. 2023 VMP Support Contract 5GA21212	3/15/2026	\$ 628,040
4. 2024 State Coastal Conservancy GA23-081	7/30/2026	\$ 270,250
5. 2023 CCI Wildfire Prevention 5GA22227	3/20/2029	\$ 2,857,954
6. 2024 CCI Wildfire Prevention 5TR23211	3/15/2030	\$ 3,112,344
7. 2024 Monterey Pine FHG 8GG23617	3/15/2030	\$ 6,678,635
8. 2025 CA FSC County Coordinator499053	7/31/2026	\$ 151,050
<b>Current Grants Total</b>		<b>\$18, 623,681</b>

**RECEIVE REPORT AND PROVIDE DIRECTION****8.3 PICO CREEK Project-Hearst Ranch bid walk-June 5**

- A. 12 contractors participated
- B. Treat 232 acres by mastication & hand crew work
- C. 8 bids received- down to 4 finalists
- D. Goal is to award bid and start mastication August 15-Sept 1 time frame

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## 9. FUTURE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

- A. State of CA GUV signed early funding \$130 million of Prop 4 funds to Dept of Conservation
  - 1. Coastal Conservancy \$30 million
- B. 2025-26 CAL FIRE CCI and Proposition 4 Wildfire Prevention grants
  - 1. **Applications opened June 2025 and closed August 6, 2025.**
  - 2. \$950,000 cap per application
  - 3. Multiple applications by an organization allowed
    - C. Proposition 4 can only be used for Hazardous Fuel Reduction projects
    - D. CA CCI can be used for Hazardous Fuel Reduction; Public Education; and Planning projects

**SLO FSC submitted 4 application packages Total Project requests equaled \$4,902,000**

- 1. **Countywide Planning including:**
  - a. updating 2019 SLO County CWPP
  - b. County preplans Evac guides
  - c. Community outreach coordinator
  - d. Cal VTP-PSA Fireshed permitting
  - e. Focus group townhalls
  - f. Atascadero structural hardening consults
  - g. Outreach materials (Mid State Fair; local brochures)
  - h. Ignition resistant Fencing demos
- 2. **South County Projects**
  - a. Avila Valley (Squire Cyn; Gragg Cyn; Baron Cyn; SLBE)
  - b. Pismo Beach (Shell Beach; Pismo Heights; Valley Vista)
- 3. **North County Projects**
  - a. Cambria Pines Road area Projects (Liemert/Larsen; Bookout, etc)
  - b. Fiscalini East Ranch/Cambria Pines Lodge projects
- 4. **USFS-Los Padres NF request**
  - a. Roads (East Pozo; Hi Mtn; Navajo; TV Tower/W Cuesta; Mt Lowe/East Cuesta)
  - b. Comm sites (Cuesta Peak; Tassajara Peak; Mt Lowe; Black Mtn; La Panza Peak; Ontario Ridge)

### C. Projects funded through other funding (not these Cal Fire grant applications)

- 1. Los Osos open space lots
- 2. Los Osos Morro Dunes Ecological Reserve
- 3. Los Osos Monarch Grove County Park
- 4. Los Osos Pecho Valley road Eucalyptus Project
- 5. Knollwood/Black Lake Project
- 6. County roads (Parkhill; Las Pilitas; W. Pozo; Upper Los Berros)
- 7. Oak Shores ( Captains Court; grazing in open space)
- 8. South Shore road vertical clearance
- 9. South Shore Village boat launch area
- 10. Running Deer roadsides

## 10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

### 11. NEXT MEETINGS

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|------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| A. Board of Directors  | Wednesday, September 17, 2025 | Location ?                     |
| B. Executive Committee | Wednesday, October 15, 2025   | Location: Atascadero City Hall |

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# **San Luis Obispo County Fire Safe Council**

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## **Board of Directors and State Coastal Conservancy Regional Forest and Wildfire Capacity**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, July 16, 2025**

**0900-1130 hours**

**Meeting held at Atascadero City Council Chambers**

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

Heather Moreno – President / BOS	Garrett Veyna – CAL FIRE / SLO County Fire
Bob Neumann – Second Supervisorial Dist.	Brendan Cosgrove – Building Industry
Debbie Arnold – Citizen at Large	Dan Ponti – Farm Bureau
Martin Scott – Ranchita Estates Focus Group	Paul Patti – Paso Robles Focus Group
Chad Pankey – Fifth Supervisorial District	Jeff Jones – Citizen at Large
Russ Johnson – Lake Naci Focus Group	John Owens – CAL FIRE / SLO County Fire
Jim Sasules – First Supervisorial District	Jose Torres – Los Osos Focus Group
Todd Tuggle – City of SLO Focus Group	David Pierson – Cambria Focus Group
Chris Slate – Third Supervisorial District	David Van Son – Atascadero FD Focus Group
Stacy Korsgaden – Insurance Industry	Spencer Gordon – USLT RCD
Reuben Brand – PG&E	

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT:**

Ed Waage – Citizen at Large	Scott Hallett – Fourth Supervisorial District
Freddy Otte – City of SLO Focus Group	Bill Cochran – Cattlemen's Association
Scott Johnson – Citizen at Large	Skip Dyke – Range Improvement Assoc
Bill Tietje – UC Coop Extension	Matt Mohle – SLO County Parks
Dora Drexler – Air Pollution Control District	Tom Peterson – County Fire Chiefs
Ashley Grupenhoff – Cal Poly State University	

### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Dan Turner – Executive Director	Loree McRoberts – CAL FIRE
Greg Alex – SLO FSC Webmaster	Jonathan Gee – CAL FIRE
Baxter Boyington – Focus Group Coordinator	Brandon Sanders – CAL FIRE

### **GUESTS:**

Monica Stant - APCD	Frank Frievalt – Cal Poly WUI Institute
Fred Pena - USFS	Steve Crawford – PG&E
Susie Johnson – Lake Nacimiento	Samantha Alvarez - CSLRCD
Janine Arie – Black Lake HOA	Steve Calvert – Knollwood at Black Lake HOA
Ray Ramos Jr. – Knollwood at Black Lake HOA	Brian Brintle – Nacimiento/Oak Shores
LynnDee Althouse – Althouse & Meade	

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **PRESENTATIONS**

#### Madre Fire Update

The Madre Fire continues to burn. Highway 166 was closed for six days. One structure was lost and 208 people were affected. At peak, the fire had 1,400 people assigned. It has burned 30,000 acres of the Chimineas Ranch which is in the Carrizo Plains Ecological Reserve.

#### Llano Fire

On June 28 a vegetation fire broke out near 6705 Llano Road in Atascadero. Mutual aid assisted City of Atascadero in keeping structures safe and extinguishing the fire. Six structures were threatened, none lost. There were 15 engines, 2 helicopters, 2 dozers and 97 personnel assigned in fighting this fire. Great teamwork among agencies.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### Prior Meeting Minutes

- May 2025 Board of Directors meeting minutes were presented for approval
- June 2025 Executive Committee meeting minutes were presented for review

#### Resolution 2025-7-16 Grant Application Approval

- Recommend approval of resolution authorizing application for 2025-26 CA Climate Investment and Proposition 4 Wildfire Prevention grants

**It was moved, seconded and approved to approve Consent Agenda Prior Meeting Minutes and Resolution 2025-7-16 as presented: Slate Second: Arnold**

#### Good of the Order – Events

- SLO-RESIL – Upper Salinas Las Tablas RCD Cal VTP PSA
  - Approved by US LT RCD Board on June 25
  - CA Coastal Commission August 11-13 for vote
- SLO Blues baseball game on July 10 was a fun time by all in attendance.
- SLO County Hazard Abatement ordinance has received a lot of positive support. BOS hearing scheduled for August 19.

#### Monthly Financial Summary

- SLO FSC Operations Account Summary
- Contract Services Summary ending June 30, 2025
- Abbreviated Bank Statement ending June 30, 2025
- Active Grant Summary

**It was moved, seconded, and approved to approve the Monthly Financial Summary items as presented: Neumann Second: Slate**

## **FIRE SAFE COUNCIL BUSINESS**

- **USLT RCD Board Member Change**

Michael Larcher was recently voted in as the new representative on the SLO FSC Board of Directors. Mr. Larcher has since stepped down from his position with the RCD. It is recommended that Spencer Gordon, the current RCD alternate, be appointed the representative with term expiring January 2027.

**It was moved, seconded and approved to approve Spencer Gordon as the SLO FSC Board of Director representative: Korsgaden Second: Slate**

- **Scholarships/Local Grants**

- Two candidates have applied for scholarship to continue their education at Cal Poly. The scholarship committee has recommended the following awards:
  - Jessica Lee \$2,000
  - Garrett Lee \$2,500
- Executive Committee approved a request of \$2,500 to fund materials for the Mid State Fair that are not likely to be reimbursed by an existing CAL FIRE grant.

**It was moved, seconded and approved to approve the scholarship committee's recommendations and approve the local grant request for Mid State Fair Supplies: Johnson Second: Slate**

- **CAL FIRE CEQA Exemptions and Reversals**

In the 2025-2026 State budget, many wildfire prevention projects were exempted from CEQA to increase pace and scale of treatments which is the Governor's and Legislature's policy. CAL FIRE has issued a new ruling with negative effect on our fuel treatment projects that will slow the pace and scale. Here are key points in the recent ruling:

1. They have disallowed any further use of their own historical notice of exemptions that have been used since 2011. Those exemptions were utilized for many projects including CAL FIRE crews, roadside clearance, chipping, cutting and piling. This disallowance will require agreements by new lead agency and issuance of new notice of exemptions.
2. No other agencies will be able to utilize the Chaparral Management Programmatic EIR (VMP program).
3. CAL FIRE will no longer collaborate with SLO FSC on projects if grant funding is involved.
4. CAL FIRE cannot work on the same project that is using grant funds – this has been done for years. Previously we did CEQA preparation, site surveys and some site work (crews, crush, dozer, etc.) on behalf of CAL FIRE and then CAL FIRE did the burning. That will not be allowed anymore.
5. VMP Projects in Parkhill-Creston (Stagecoach, Sunstorm, Coyote, Chispa); Cal Poly/SLO City/Mioosi; Heritage Ranch/Lake Nacimiento are all paused pending resolution.
6. VTP-PSA project at San Simeon-Cambria is paused pending either CEQA exemption application approval or CAL FIRE agency resolution on previously approved CEQA documents.

- **Chipper Day Scheduling Software**

The program is up and running. People can log in their requests for curbside chipping, and it will be scheduled by SLO FSC.



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- Website and IT Projects  
Things with Scout, Ladriss and Fireshed are moving forward. SLO FSC will be working with City of SLO in Fireshed, Xyloplan, Ladriss and wildfire protection planning process.
- CA FSC County Coordinator Grant  
Funding of \$151,050 has been awarded to July 31, 2026. This grant funds Dan Turner, Loree McRoberts, Greg Alex and Baxter Boyington's positions. These positions are usually paid from our Operating budget. With this grant, more money is available for scholarships and local grants.
- Countywide Activities
  - County Board of Supervisors sent a letter to the State Fire Marshal with their concerns over the new Fire Hazard Severity Zone maps.
  - The final draft of the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan update is being reviewed.
  - Evacuation guides and preplan map updates – City of SLO being used as an example.

## **GRANT / PROJECT ACTIVITY UPDATES**

### Governor's State of Emergency

- SLO Resil has had two approved:
  - Strawberry Canyon – Cambria Greenspace-Contractor Firestorm
  - Sohagi project Cambria – Contractor is SLO FSC
- SLO FSC is submitting two:
  - Hearst Pico Creek
  - Covell Ranch

### Upper Salinas-Las Tablas RCD Projects

- Atascadero – Three Bridges Open Space – ALPS, project has been completed
- McGinley Ranch – Santa Rita Road – Templeton, project has been completed
- Sohagi project – Cambria, started on July 14

### Pico Creek Project – Hearst Ranch

- Bid walk June 5 – 12 contractors participated
- 232 acres to be treated by mastication and hand crews
- 8 bids received, in view of CAL FIRE rule changes review is on hold until resolution
- Goal is to award bid and start work August 1 – September 1 time frame

## **FUTURE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

- 2024 Proposition 4
  - Governor signed early funding release of \$130 million to Department of Conservation
  - Coastal Conservancy \$30 million
- 2025-26 CAL FIRE CCI
  - Application closes August 6
  - Multiple applications by organizations allowed
  - Proposition 4 can only be used for Hazardous Fuel Reduction projects
  - CA CCI can be used for Hazardous Fuel Reduction, Public Education and Planning projects

## **NEXT MEETINGS**

### **Executive Committee Meeting**

- Wednesday, August 20, 2025
- Location: Atascadero City Hall

### **Board of Directors Meeting**

- Wednesday, September 17, 2025
- Location: To be determined

## **ADJOURNMENT**

President Heather Moreno adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Loree McRoberts*

Recording Secretary



# *San Luis Obispo County Fire Safe Council*

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**Executive Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, June 19, 2024**  
**0900-1130 hours**  
**SLO County Government Center and Zoom**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Ed Waage at 9:00 a.m.

Executive Committee: Second Vice President Dave Pierson, Secretary Stacy Korsgaden, Treasurer Bob Neumann, and Member at Large Dan Ponti

Staff present: Greg Alex, Loree McRoberts, and Executive Director, Dan Turner

Guests: Baxter Boyington, Toro Creek Focus Group; Garrett Veyna, SLO County Fire; Dane Mumford, SLO FSC Project Coordinator

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- April 2024 Executive Committee meeting minutes were presented for approval
- May 2024 Board of Directors meeting minutes were received for review
- SLO FSC Operations account summary ending May 31, 2024 was presented
- Contract Services report ending May 31, 2024 was presented
- Abbreviated Bank Statement ending May 31, 2024 was presented
- Active grant fiscal summary 2024 was presented

**Motion to approve April 2024 Executive Committee meeting minutes. All consent agenda items to be adopted as presented: Korsgaden Second: Neumann Unanimously approved**

## **ROUNDTABLE**

- More regulations are coming for the insurance industry. The more commonly known insurance companies may be issuing California Fair type policies for more money and less coverage.
- Matt Pontes, the new SLO County Administrative Officer, wants to enact a weed ordinance for the County.
- Los Osos Townhall meeting to be held August 3. The SIM Table will be demonstrated.
- Work is being done at the SLO Botanical Gardens; new signage will be placed.
- Map issues are occurring with the Ladris program, working with company for resolution.
- State Water Quality Control Board met May 30 at Covell Ranch. They have a draft general order policy being workshopped with comments being accepted. Executive Committee recommends hiring a consultant to review policy and comment by July 17, 2024.

**Motion to approve hiring of a consultant, up to \$10,000, to review the State Water Quality Control Board draft policy and advise SLO FSC of the potential impacts it could cause in meeting our mission: Pierson Second: Korsgaden Unanimously approved**

## **FIRE SAFE COUNCIL BUSINESS**

- Scholarship application reviewed for Kyra Otte and recommended for \$2,500 award.

**Motion to approve scholarship application and move item forward to full Board of Director's vote on July 17, 2024: Korsgaden Second: Korsgaden Unanimously approved**

- Cambria Focus Group requested a local grant of \$1,500 to cover expenses for their Townhall meeting at our last meeting. They would like to amend that request to not exceed \$2,500 to cover the actual expenditures incurred in part by a shortfall from the Board of Supervisor's award.

**Motion to approve a local grant request, not to exceed \$2,500, to the Cambria Focus Group for expenses related to their Townhall meeting that was held on May 11, 2024: Korsgaden Second: Neumann Motion passed with Pierson abstaining**

- The grant management program, eCivis, continues to be challenging with contract language requiring amendments. Currently we have a payment being held up for providing meals to extend the workday. Executive Director, Dan Turner, is making a recommendation that SLO FSC utilize local grant funds if the CAL FIRE grant funds will not cover the meals.

**Motion to allow purchase of extended workday meals and to be funded by local grants if CAL FIRE grant funds will not accommodate the expense: Neumann Second: Korsgaden Unanimously approved**

- The newly awarded Forest Health grant will need someone outside of SLO FSC to work fulltime as an onsite manager.

**Direction given to Dan Turner, Executive Director, to create a policy for this type of situation and present it to the full board for review and approval at July meeting.**

- Cal Trans still has interest in joining our Board of Directors. General consensus of the Executive Committee was Cal Trans representatives need to attend meetings and engage more before holding a seat on the Board of Directors.
- The SLO County Board of Supervisor position for SLO FSC Board in 2025 has Supervisor Ortiz-Legg and Supervisor elect Moreno both interested.

## **GRANT ACTIVITY UPDATES**

### Closeouts

- 19-20 Countywide Hazardous Fuel Reduction Grant -5GG19145
  - All funds expended, final invoice of \$30,250 in process
- 19-20 CWPP Grant – 5GG19146
  - All funds expended; final invoice \$139,423.45 paid
- 21 Evacuation Zonehaven and Ladris planning – 5GA20171
  - All funds expended, final invoice of \$13,932.80 paid

### Award Decisions

#### State FSC County Coordinator Grant

- Grant performance period extended to December 31, 2024
  - Additional funding of \$69,050 granted

#### 2023-24 CCI-CAL FIRE Grants

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- Forest Health - \$6.7 million granted
  - Contract pending, earliest work would start is September 2024 and grant expiration is 2030

### Grants Pending

#### 2023-24 CCI-CAL FIRE Grants

- Wildfire Prevention grant \$2.9 million
  - Decision expected soon

#### State Coastal Conservancy – Wildfire Resilience Grant

- Project concept proposal submitted by City of SLO
  - Project is to develop implementation operational plans for treatments
  - SLO FSC supports the project
  - Local review and site visit by SCC staff

#### PG&E 2024 Grant Solicitation and Proposals

- Seven (7) project proposals submitted with completion by October 2024
- Four projects selected:
  - Lizzie fire follow up – \$100,000 award, project will start in September
  - Toro Creek Road - \$75,000 award, project is complete
  - Davis Canyon – project award declined by SLO FSC due to legal activity in project area
  - Pecho Valley Road - \$75,000 award, project is ready – awaiting State Parks
- Projects denied:
  - Halcyon @ the Pike
  - Mountaintop communication sites – CAL FIRE ECC

#### Review of Ongoing Grant Work

- SIM Table working group
- FIRESHED planning
- Ladris
- Mid-State Fair Fire Safe Education Corner
  - Maintenance and display coordination
- Fuel Treatment Planning
  - Evacuation and SIM Table presentation in Los Osos
  - Archaeology Class – Nate Herring attended
  - VMP/VTP Preparation – SLO FSC and CAL FIRE
  - Cultural Burning workshops – CAL FIRE
  - Chaparral Workshop – Cal Poly
  - Strategy Meeting – Monterey Pine partners
    - Monterey Pine Strategic Plan (update of 2002 plan)
    - Forest Health grant implementation and budget review
- Fuel Treatments
  - Lots of chipping going on Countywide (150+ tons chipped year to date)
  - Roadside Clearance – Adelaide road project complete
  - Avila Valley Focus group projects underway

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- French Broom – local small contractor process underway
- Prescribed fire – Whitney VMP (Parkhill)
- Crushing – Parkhill area on pause pending enviro and arch surveys

### Grant Extension Request

- 2021 SLO County HFR grant (5GA20115) is set to expire 3/15/25
- Miossi major project cannot be completed prior to current grant expiration
  - Cal VTP environmental document still under review by CAL FIRE

**Direction given to Dan Turner, Executive Director, to request an extension of grant**

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- A local company that does Home Inspections-Hardening will do a presentation at our July meeting
- Mid-State Fair July 17 through 28, 2024

### **NEXT MEETINGS**

#### Board of Directors Meeting

- Wednesday, July 19, 2024, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.
- Location: Paso Robles Emergency Services Office

#### Executive Committee Meeting

- Wednesday, August 21, 2024, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.
- Location: County Government Center

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice President Ed Waage adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Loree McRoberts*

Recording Secretary



**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT County Fire	(2) MEETING DATE 7/8/2025	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Chief John Owens / 805 543-4244	
(4) SUBJECT Request to introduce an ordinance amending County Code Title 16, Chapter 16.30 to expand hazard abatement throughout the County Fire Authority Area of the Local Responsibility Area (LRA) of San Luis Obispo County including staffing allocation.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION  It is recommended that the Board: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Introduce the attached proposed ordinance amendments;</li><li>2. Instruct the County Clerk of the Board to set August 19, 2025, as the date to hold a public hearing on the proposed ordinance amendments;</li><li>3. Designate the Fire Chief, or designee, to prepare a summary of the proposed ordinance amendments;</li><li>4. Instruct the County Clerk of the Board to publish the summary in a newspaper of general circulation and post the full text in the clerk's office at least five days prior to August 19, 2025, and within 15 days after adoption of the ordinance amendments.</li></ol>			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S)  N/A	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT  0	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT  N/A	(9) BUDGETED?  No
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. 30 ) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. _____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR)  N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP  N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT?  no	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY  <input type="checkbox"/> N/A   Date _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW  Mia Trevelyan			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S)			



## COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: County Fire / Chief John Owens

DATE: 7/8/2025

SUBJECT: Request to introduce an ordinance amending County Code Title 16, Chapter 16.30 to expand hazard abatement throughout the County Fire Authority Area of the Local Responsibility Area (LRA) of San Luis Obispo County including staffing allocation.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Introduce the attached proposed ordinance amendments;
2. Instruct the County Clerk of the Board to set August 19, 2025, as the date to hold a public hearing on the proposed ordinance amendments;
3. Designate the Fire Chief, or designee, to prepare a summary of the proposed ordinance amendments;
4. Instruct the County Clerk of the Board to publish the summary in a newspaper of general circulation and post the full text in the clerk's office at least five days prior to August 19, 2025, and within 15 days after adoption of the ordinance amendments.

### **DISCUSSION**

The recent updates to Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ), which were adopted by the Board on April 29, 2025, impact the Local Responsibility Areas (LRA) of San Luis Obispo County. The LRA falls under California Government Code Section 51182 which mandates the maintenance of defensible space on occupied dwellings/structures in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones. This requires property owners, lessees, or operators of occupied dwellings or structures within those areas to maintain 100 feet of defensible space on all sides of their structures. Currently, no vegetation hazard abatement or defensible space inspections are conducted for parcels located in the County Fire Response areas within the LRA.

San Luis Obispo County Fire Department oversees approximately 48,778 parcels within its response area. Approximately 72% of the County lies within a State Responsibility Area (SRA), where structures must comply with Public Resources Code 4291 (Defensible Space Regulation). There are approximately 13,808 parcels (4.3%) of the County classified as Local Responsibility Area (LRA). Historically, those 13,808 parcels were not subject to defensible space regulations but with the changes made to the FHSZ maps County Fire is now responsible for



defensible space inspections of 4,036 parcels located in the LRA. County Fire receives approximately five to ten vegetation related complaints daily, all within the LRA, from May to October. That number increases dramatically based on active wildfires in the State.

The County adopted Title 16, Chapter 16.30, "CAYUCOS HAZARD ABATEMENT ORDINANCE SERVICE AREA NO. 10 AND 10A—CAYUCOS" in 2019. This ordinance requires property owners to maintain defensible space and clear fire hazards within 100 feet of structures. When a structure is less than 100 feet from a property line and a fire hazard exists on an adjacent parcel, the property owner of the adjacent parcel is responsible for clearing the hazardous area within 100 feet of the structure.

In July 2024, San Luis Obispo County Administration directed County Fire to develop a hazard abatement ordinance applicable to unincorporated areas of the County. County Fire proposes expanding Title 16, Chapter 16.30 to the LRA, encompassing the approximately 13,808 parcels. This expansion would enable defensible space inspections within the LRA, significantly improving fire safety.

The ordinance defines *defensible space* as:

"The area around a structure within a one-hundred-foot radius or to the property line, whichever is less, in which combustible vegetation and other prohibited materials must be treated, cleared, or reduced to slow the spread of fire to and from the structure."

Under the existing ordinance, property owners must abate the following conditions at their own expense:

1. Prohibited materials within defensible space surrounding any structure.
2. Prohibited materials on undeveloped parcels (one acre or less) within developed neighborhoods, tracts developments.
3. Materials contributing to excessive fuel loads or hinder the clearing of properties to delay firefighting operations on any parcel.
4. Any portion of a tree that extends within ten feet of the outlet of any chimney or stovepipe.
5. Accumulated dead or dying wood in any tree adjacent to or overhanging a structure.
6. Prohibited materials on roofs or in rain gutters of any structure.

Additionally, if a structure is located less than 100 feet from a property line and prohibited materials are present on an adjacent parcel, the owner of that adjacent parcel is responsible for clearing the hazard within 100 feet of the structure.

Beyond expanding the ordinance to encompass the County Fire response area of the LRA, the ordinance includes an amendment to Title 16, Chapter 16.30 section 16.30.070 Duty to Maintain Defensible Space) in relation to:

- (1) Lots one acre or larger: A 30-foot-wide firebreak must be maintained around the property perimeter, with vegetation cut down to no more than 4 inches in height.

**Exceptions:**

- (1) Fenced pastures with livestock that significantly reduce weeds and grasses.

- (2) Hay or grain crops, which must be cut at harvest; any unharvested crop is subject to abatement.
- (3) Vineyards maintained with minimal vegetation not exceeding 4 inches.
- (4) Single specimens of trees, ornamental shrubbery, or cumulative groundcover (e.g., green grass, ivy, succulents) that do not readily transmit fire.

#### **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT**

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the ordinance as to form and legal effect.

#### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

There are no financial considerations associated with the introduction of this ordinance. Financial considerations will be discussed during the hearing requested to be scheduled August 19, 2025.

#### **RESULTS**

The proposed ordinance will enhance fire safety for approximately 13,808 parcels in the Local Responsibility Area (LRA) by ensuring compliance with Government Code Section 51182 and reducing wildfire hazards. Program costs are expected to be recovered through billing or property liens.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Map of Local Responsibility Areas
2. Proposed changes, showing edits, to County Code Title 16, Chapter 16.30
3. Proposed County Code Title 16, Chapter 16.30
4. Hazard Abatement Ordinance Summary

**IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

NINETEENTH DAY OF AUGUST, 2025

PRESENT: Supervisors

ABSENT:

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 16 OF THE SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY CODE, FIRE PREVENTION, TO PROVIDE FOR ABATEMENT OF FIRE HAZARDOUS WEEDS AND RUBBISH IN UNINCORPORATED SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

WHEREAS, it is the desire and intent of the Board of Supervisors of San Luis Obispo County to provide citizens with the greatest degree of protection from fire; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of San Luis Obispo County adopted Fire Hazard Severity Zones as recommended by the Office of the State Fire Marshal pursuant to Government Code Section 51178; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance will amend the San Luis Obispo County Code so that it includes those Local Responsibility Areas (LRAs) of the County that are designated in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones for maintenance of defensible space on occupied dwellings/structures.

NOW THEREFORE, The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, ordains as follows:

Section I: The purpose and Intent of this Ordinance is to amend the title and 9 sections of chapter 16.30 of the San Luis Obispo County Code to expand the scope of 16.30, which governs hazard abatement by the County of San Luis Obispo Fire Department, to apply throughout the Local Responsibility Area serviced by the County Fire Department. All other sections shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

## **Chapter 16.30 SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY HAZARD ABATEMENT ORDINANCE**

- **16.30.010 - Legislative authority.**

Pursuant to the authority granted to it by sections 14930 and 14931 of the Health and Safety Code of the State of California, the Board of Supervisors does enact this chapter for the abatement of fire hazardous weeds and prohibited materials in the unincorporated Local Responsibility Area in County Fire Authority Area.

- **16.30.020 - Policy.**

- (a) The purpose of this chapter is to authorize the abatement of fire hazardous weeds and prohibited materials in the Local Responsibility Area in County Fire Authority Area as a component of fire protection service provided by the county fire department.
- (b) The uncontrolled growth and/or accumulation of prohibited materials on parcels as defined in this chapter is hereby found to create a condition that is a fire hazard and potentially injurious to the health, safety, and general welfare of the public and first responders.

- **16.30.030. - Effect.**

This chapter is not the exclusive regulation of fire protection, including hazardous weeds and prohibited materials, for the County Fire Authority Area. It shall supplement and be in addition to the provisions of Title 16 which incorporates the California Fire Code with local amendments, and the regulating statutes and ordinances heretofore or hereafter enacted by the state, the county, or any other legal entity or agency having jurisdiction.

- **16.30.050 - Declaration of nuisance.**

Weeds, grass, rank growths and combustible vegetation growing or accumulating upon private property within the Local Responsibility Area in County Fire Authority Areas, which do, or will when dry, create a fire hazard

and which by virtue thereof constitute a danger to neighboring property or the health or welfare of residents of the vicinity are hereby declared to constitute a public nuisance which may be abated in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

- **16.30.060 - Definitions.**

Except where the context otherwise requires, the following definitions shall govern the construction of this chapter:

"Abatement costs" means both cost of administration and cost of abatement.

"Cost of abatement" means any and all costs incurred by the County of San Luis Obispo to abate the hazardous weeds or combustible material on any property pursuant to this ordinance, including physical costs and any additional actual costs incurred by the San Luis Obispo County Fire Department for the abatement proceeding.

"Cost of administration," means the cost to the county of doing the acts required under this chapter, except the actual cost of abatement. When a hearing is held to review the determination of the fire code official that a nuisance exists, the reviewing authority shall determine the actual cost of administration attributable to that parcel. When no request for a hearing is timely made, the fire code official shall determine the actual cost of administration. For the purpose of determining the cost of administration, all contiguous property owned by the same person or persons shall be deemed to be a single parcel, even though the contiguous property may be designated with more than one assessor's parcel number.

"County Fire Authority Area" is any area within San Luis Obispo County under County Fire jurisdiction, as shown by the boundary map in Section 16.30.220.

"Defensible space" means the area around a structure within a one-hundred-foot radius or to the property line, whichever is less, in which combustible vegetation and other prohibited materials must be treated, cleared, or reduced to slow the spread of fire to and from the structure. Defensible space also includes the removal of combustible materials within the interior property lines to minimize fire risk.

"Fire code official" means the fire chief of the San Luis Obispo County Fire Department or his/her designated representative.

"Grass" means any herbaceous plant which is cultivated, and which attains, when mature, if uncontrolled, such a height as to be a medium for the rapid spread of fire.

"Local Responsibility Areas (LRAs)" are areas such as incorporated cities, urban regions, agricultural lands, and portions of the desert where the local government is responsible for wildfire protection. This responsibility is typically handled by City fire departments, fire protection districts, Counties, or by CAL FIRE under contract. The LRA boundaries are shown in the boundary map in Section 16.30.220

"Prohibited materials" means combustible vegetation, green waste, rubbish, or weeds, readily flammable products.

"Rank growth" or "hazardous vegetation" means a cover of vegetation of any type, cultivated or not, including trees, which has attained or will, if allowed to mature, attain such a height and density as to be a medium for the rapid spread of fire.

"Weed" means any plant, whether herbaceous or woody and of whatever height, except a tree, which grows wild.

- **16.30.070 - Duty to maintain defensible space.**

Property owners shall service a defensible space as defined by this chapter. The following conditions within the County Fire Authority Area are declared to be nuisances and shall be abated by the owner of each parcel or property where such conditions exist, at the sole expense:

- (1) The presence of prohibited materials within the defensible space surrounding any structure.
- (2) The presence of prohibited materials on undeveloped parcels that are one acre or less in size within developed neighborhoods, tracts, developments.

- (3) The presence of prohibited materials that contribute to the fuel load or hinder the clearing of properties or delay firefighting operations on any parcel.
- (4) A portion of any tree that extends within ten feet of the outlet of any chimney or stovepipe.
- (5) The accumulation of dead or dying wood in any tree shrub, or other plant, adjacent to or overhanging a structure.
- (6) The presence of prohibited materials on the roof or in the rain gutter of any structure.
- (7) Lots one acre or more require mowing or disking of a thirty foot (30') wide break around the property perimeter cut down to 4" in height

(a) The following shall be exempt from the requirements of this Chapter :

- (1) Fenced pastures where existing livestock will significantly reduce weeds and grasses.
- (2) Growing hay and grains that will be cut at harvest time; any hay or grain uncut will be subject to abatement.
- (3) Vineyards when vineyard rows are maintained down to dirt or have minimal vegetation not exceeding 4" mowed height.
- (4) Single specimens of trees, ornamental shrubbery, or cumulative groundcover such as green grass, ivy, succulents or similar plants used as groundcover, provided they do not form a means of readily transmitting fire.

- **16.30.080 - Notice of nuisance and order to abate.**

Whenever the fire code official determines that a nuisance described in Section 16.30.050 of this chapter exists upon any private property within the County Fire Authority Area, the fire code official shall notify the owner of the existence of the nuisance.

- **16.30.110 - Establishment of hearing board.**

A hearing board is hereby established in order to conduct hearings pursuant to this chapter. The hearing board shall be comprised of three persons as follows: one member shall be an officer of the department of the issuing agency selected by the department head, but not the issuing officer; **and two members shall be selected by the** County Administrative Officer. Members shall serve at the pleasure of the County Administrative Officer.

- **16.30.220 - Boundary Map.**

See attached map of areas serviced by San Luis Obispo County Fire.

SECTION II: If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portion of this ordinance. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases or portions be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION III: This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force on and after 30 days from the date of its passage hereof. Before the expiration of 15 days after the adoption of this ordinance, a summary shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, together with the names of the members of the Board of Supervisors voting for and against the ordinance.

SECTION IV: The Board of Supervisors hereby finds that the adoption of this ordinance is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), in that it can be seen with certainty that the adoption of the ordinance is not a project that may have a significant effect on the environment. The proposed ordinance amendments qualify for a Common-Sense Exemption because it can be seen with certainty that they will not result in a direct or indirect physical effect to the environment. Therefore, the adoption of this ordinance and changes to the County's zoning code qualifies for the



common-sense exemption under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061 (b)(3) and no further environmental review is required.

SECTION V: In accordance with Government Code Section 25131, after reading the title of this Ordinance, further reading of the Ordinance in full is waived.

**INTRODUCED** at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors held on the \_\_\_\_\_, and **PASSED and ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, on the \_\_\_\_\_, by the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINING:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors  
County of San Luis Obispo

ATTEST:

Matthew P. Pontes  
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

[SEAL]

Approved as to Legal Form and Effect:

By: Deputy County Counsel

Dated:

DRAFT

**SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE  
AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 16.30 – SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY  
HAZARD ABATEMENT ORDINANCE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 19, 2025, the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing at 9:00 A.M. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 1055 Monterey Street, Room #D170, County Government Center, San Luis Obispo, CA, to consider the following item:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO AMENDING  
CHAPTER 16.30 OF THE SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY CODE TO EXPAND  
FIRE HAZARD ABATEMENT AUTHORITY WITHIN LOCAL  
RESPONSIBILITY AREAS SERVICED BY THE COUNTY FIRE  
DEPARTMENT**

At the August 19, 2025, hearing, the Board of Supervisors will consider adoption of an ordinance amending Chapter 16.30 of the County Code to expand the scope of fire hazard abatement authority of the San Luis Obispo County Fire Department. The amendment clarifies that the County's Hazard Abatement Ordinance applies throughout the Local Responsibility Area (LRA) serviced by the County Fire Authority, not just in previously specified areas.

If adopted, the ordinance will authorize the County to identify and abate fire hazards such as weeds, grass, combustible vegetation, and other prohibited materials within the Local Responsibility Area (LRA) of the County Fire response area. The Board of Supervisors may also consider other items of business before or after the item listed above.

If you challenge the proposed action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at or prior to the public hearing. Failure of any person to receive this notice shall not constitute grounds for any court to invalidate the actions of the legislative body for which the notice was given.

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**SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE**

The proposed ordinance will amend the title and nine sections of Chapter 16.30 of the San Luis Obispo County Code to clarify and expand the County's authority to abate fire hazardous conditions in all Local Responsibility Areas under the jurisdiction of San Luis Obispo County Fire Department.

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## **DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW**

The complete text of the proposed ordinance can be found online at:

Copies of the proposed ordinance and maps are also available for public inspection at the **CAL FIRE/San Luis Obispo County Fire Office** between the hours of **8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday**. Individuals wishing to inspect the proposed ordinance or any referenced codes should ask for the Fire Marshal's Office.

### **CAL FIRE/San Luis Obispo County Fire**

100 Cross Street, Suite 204

San Luis Obispo, CA

Phone: (805) 543-4244

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

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NINETEENTH DAY OF AUGUST, 2025

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**Chapter 16.30 SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY CAYUCOS HAZARD ABATEMENT  
ORDINANCE SERVICE AREA NO. 10 AND 10A-CAYUCOS**

- **16.30.010 - Legislative authority.**

Pursuant to the authority granted to it by sections 14930 and 14931 of the Health and Safety Code of the State of California, the Board of Supervisors does enact this chapter for the abatement of fire hazardous weeds and prohibited materials in County Service Area No. 10 and 10A-Cayucos the Local Responsibility Area in County Fire Authority Area.

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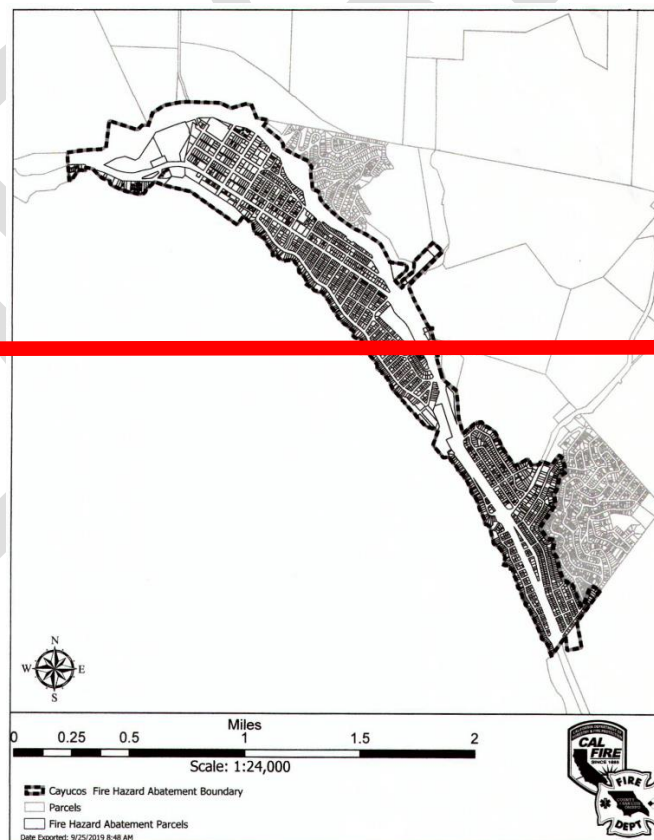
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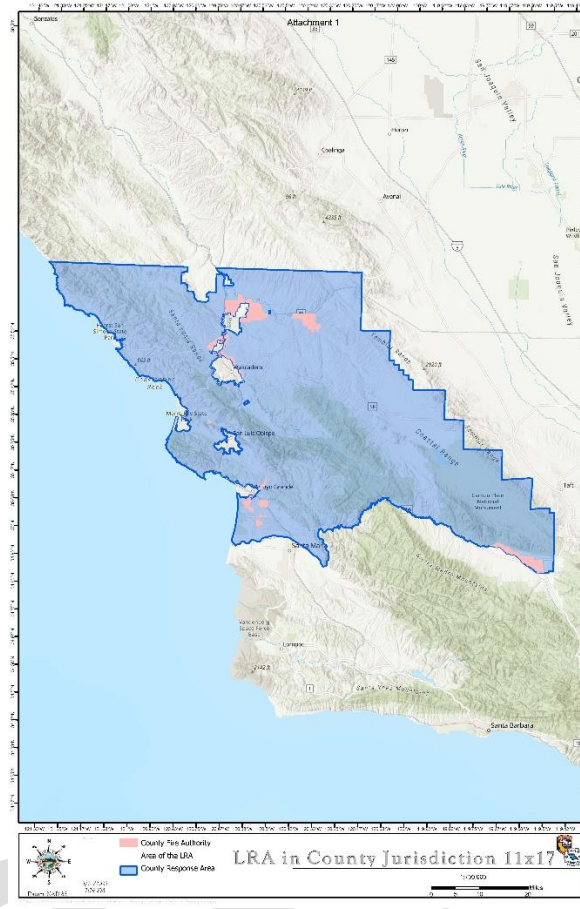
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Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors  
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Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

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APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM AND EFFECT:

JON ANSOLABEHERE

County Counsel

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jon Ansolabehere", is written over a horizontal line.

By: Deputy County Counsel

Dated: June 30, 2025

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## **Chapter 16.30 SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY HAZARD ABATEMENT ORDINANCE**

- **16.30.010 - Legislative authority.**

Pursuant to the authority granted to it by sections 14930 and 14931 of the Health and Safety Code of the State of California, the Board of Supervisors does enact this chapter for the abatement of fire hazardous weeds and prohibited materials in the unincorporated Local Responsibility Area in County Fire Authority Area.

- **16.30.020 - Policy.**

- (a) The purpose of this chapter is to authorize the abatement of fire hazardous weeds and prohibited materials in the Local Responsibility Area in County Fire Authority Area as a component of fire protection service provided by the county fire department.
- (b) The uncontrolled growth and/or accumulation of prohibited materials on parcels as defined in this chapter is hereby found to create a condition that is a fire hazard and potentially injurious to the health, safety, and general welfare of the public and first responders.

- **16.30.030. - Effect.**

This chapter is not the exclusive regulation of fire protection, including hazardous weeds and prohibited materials, for the County Fire Authority Area. It shall supplement and be in addition to the provisions of Title 16 which incorporates the California Fire Code with local amendments, and the regulating statutes and ordinances heretofore or hereafter enacted by the state, the county, or any other legal entity or agency having jurisdiction.

- **16.30.050 - Declaration of nuisance.**

Weeds, grass, rank growths and combustible vegetation growing or accumulating upon private property within the Local Responsibility Area in County Fire Authority Areas, which do, or will when dry, create a fire hazard

and which by virtue thereof constitute a danger to neighboring property or the health or welfare of residents of the vicinity are hereby declared to constitute a public nuisance which may be abated in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

- **16.30.060 - Definitions.**

Except where the context otherwise requires, the following definitions shall govern the construction of this chapter:

"Abatement costs" means both cost of administration and cost of abatement.

"Cost of abatement" means any and all costs incurred by the County of San Luis Obispo to abate the hazardous weeds or combustible material on any property pursuant to this ordinance, including physical costs and any additional actual costs incurred by the San Luis Obispo County Fire Department for the abatement proceeding.

"Cost of administration," means the cost to the county of doing the acts required under this chapter, except the actual cost of abatement. When a hearing is held to review the determination of the fire code official that a nuisance exists, the reviewing authority shall determine the actual cost of administration attributable to that parcel. When no request for a hearing is timely made, the fire code official shall determine the actual cost of administration. For the purpose of determining the cost of administration, all contiguous property owned by the same person or persons shall be deemed to be a single parcel, even though the contiguous property may be designated with more than one assessor's parcel number.

"County Fire Authority Area" is any area within San Luis Obispo County under County Fire jurisdiction, as shown by the boundary map in Section 16.30.220.

"Defensible space" means the area around a structure within a one-hundred-foot radius or to the property line, whichever is less, in which combustible vegetation and other prohibited materials must be treated, cleared, or reduced to slow the spread of fire to and from the structure. Defensible space also includes the removal of combustible materials within the interior property lines to minimize fire risk.



"Fire code official" means the fire chief of the San Luis Obispo County Fire Department or his/her designated representative.

"Grass" means any herbaceous plant which is cultivated, and which attains, when mature, if uncontrolled, such a height as to be a medium for the rapid spread of fire.

"Local Responsibility Areas (LRAs)" are areas such as incorporated cities, urban regions, agricultural lands, and portions of the desert where the local government is responsible for wildfire protection. This responsibility is typically handled by City fire departments, fire protection districts, Counties, or by CAL FIRE under contract. The LRA boundaries are shown in the boundary map in Section 16.30.220

"Prohibited materials" means combustible vegetation, green waste, rubbish, or weeds, readily flammable products.

"Rank growth" or "hazardous vegetation" means a cover of vegetation of any type, cultivated or not, including trees, which has attained or will, if allowed to mature, attain such a height and density as to be a medium for the rapid spread of fire.

"Weed" means any plant, whether herbaceous or woody and of whatever height, except a tree, which grows wild.

- **16.30.070 - Duty to maintain defensible space.**

Property owners shall service a defensible space as defined by this chapter. The following conditions within the County Fire Authority Area are declared to be nuisances and shall be abated by the owner of each parcel or property where such conditions exist, at the sole expense:

- (1) The presence of prohibited materials within the defensible space surrounding any structure.
- (2) The presence of prohibited materials on undeveloped parcels that are one acre or less in size within developed neighborhoods, tracts, developments.

- (3) The presence of prohibited materials that contribute to the fuel load or hinder the clearing of properties or delay firefighting operations on any parcel.
- (4) A portion of any tree that extends within ten feet of the outlet of any chimney or stovepipe.
- (5) The accumulation of dead or dying wood in any tree shrub, or other plant, adjacent to or overhanging a structure.
- (6) The presence of prohibited materials on the roof or in the rain gutter of any structure.
- (7) Lots one acre or more require mowing or disking of a thirty foot (30') wide break around the property perimeter cut down to 4" in height

(a) The following shall be exempt from the requirements of this Chapter :

- (1) Fenced pastures where existing livestock will significantly reduce weeds and grasses.
- (2) Growing hay and grains that will be cut at harvest time; any hay or grain uncut will be subject to abatement.
- (3) Vineyards when vineyard rows are maintained down to dirt or have minimal vegetation not exceeding 4" mowed height.
- (4) Single specimens of trees, ornamental shrubbery, or cumulative groundcover such as green grass, ivy, succulents or similar plants used as groundcover, provided they do not form a means of readily transmitting fire.

- **16.30.080 - Notice of nuisance and order to abate.**

Whenever the fire code official determines that a nuisance described in Section 16.30.050 of this chapter exists upon any private property within the County Fire Authority Area, the fire code official shall notify the owner of the existence of the nuisance.

- **16.30.110 - Establishment of hearing board.**

A hearing board is hereby established in order to conduct hearings pursuant to this chapter. The hearing board shall be comprised of three persons as follows: one member shall be an officer of the department of the issuing agency selected by the department head, but not the issuing officer; **and two members shall be selected by the** County Administrative Officer. Members shall serve at the pleasure of the County Administrative Officer.

- **16.30.220 - Boundary Map.**

See attached map of areas serviced by San Luis Obispo County Fire.

SECTION II: If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portion of this ordinance. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases or portions be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION III: This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force on and after 30 days from the date of its passage hereof. Before the expiration of 15 days after the adoption of this ordinance, a summary shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, together with the names of the members of the Board of Supervisors voting for and against the ordinance.

SECTION IV: The Board of Supervisors hereby finds that the adoption of this ordinance is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), in that it can be seen with certainty that the adoption of the ordinance is not a project that may have a significant effect on the environment. The proposed ordinance amendments qualify for a Common-Sense Exemption because it can be seen with certainty that they will not result in a direct or indirect physical effect to the environment. Therefore, the adoption of this ordinance and changes to the County's zoning code qualifies for the

common-sense exemption under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061 (b)(3) and no further environmental review is required.

SECTION V: In accordance with Government Code Section 25131, after reading the title of this Ordinance, further reading of the Ordinance in full is waived.

**INTRODUCED** at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors held on the \_\_\_\_\_, and **PASSED and ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, on the \_\_\_\_\_, by the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINING:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors  
County of San Luis Obispo

ATTEST:

Matthew P. Pontes  
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

[SEAL]

Approved as to Legal Form and Effect:

By: Deputy County Counsel

Dated:

DRAFT

**IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

NINETEENTH DAY OF AUGUST, 2025

PRESENT: Supervisors

ABSENT:

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 16 OF THE SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY CODE, FIRE PREVENTION, TO PROVIDE FOR ABATEMENT OF FIRE HAZARDOUS WEEDS AND RUBBISH IN UNINCORPORATED SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

WHEREAS, it is the desire and intent of the Board of Supervisors of San Luis Obispo County to provide citizens with the greatest degree of protection from fire; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of San Luis Obispo County adopted Fire Hazard Severity Zones as recommended by the Office of the State Fire Marshal pursuant to Government Code Section 51178; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance will amend the San Luis Obispo County Code so that it includes those Local Responsibility Areas (LRAs) of the County that are designated in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones for maintenance of defensible space on occupied dwellings/structures.

NOW THEREFORE, The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, ordains as follows:

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**Chapter 16.30 SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY CAYUCOS HAZARD ABATEMENT  
ORDINANCE SERVICE AREA NO. 10 AND 10A-CAYUCOS**

- **16.30.010 - Legislative authority.**

Pursuant to the authority granted to it by sections 14930 and 14931 of the Health and Safety Code of the State of California, the Board of Supervisors does enact this chapter for the abatement of fire hazardous weeds and prohibited materials in County Service Area No. 10 and 10A-Cayucos the Local Responsibility Area in County Fire Authority Area.

- **16.30.020 - Policy.**

- (a) The purpose of this chapter is to authorize the abatement of fire hazardous weeds and prohibited materials in the town of Cayucos in the Local Responsibility Area in County Fire Authority Area as a component of fire protection service provided by the county fire department.
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- **16.30.050 - Declaration of nuisance.**

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- **16.30.070 - Duty to maintain defensible space.**

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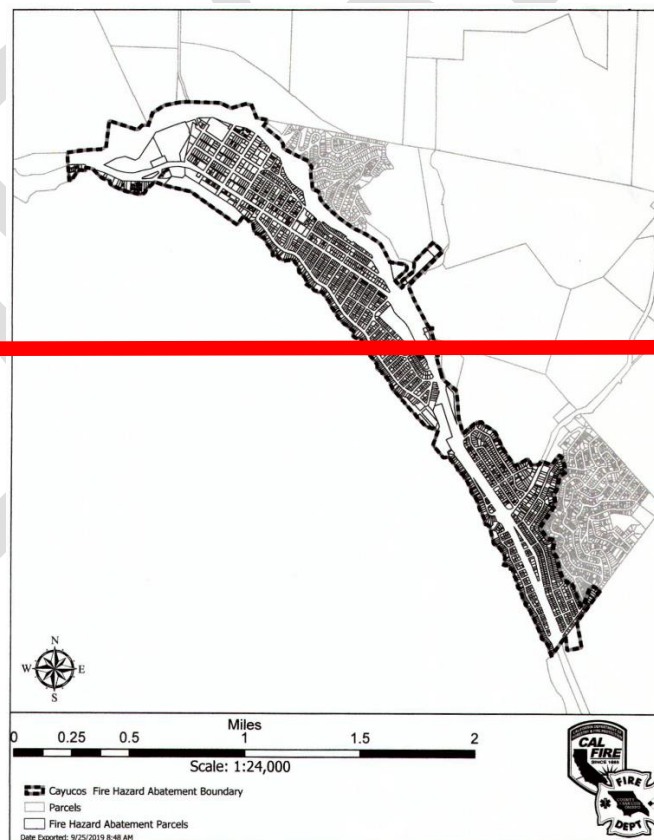
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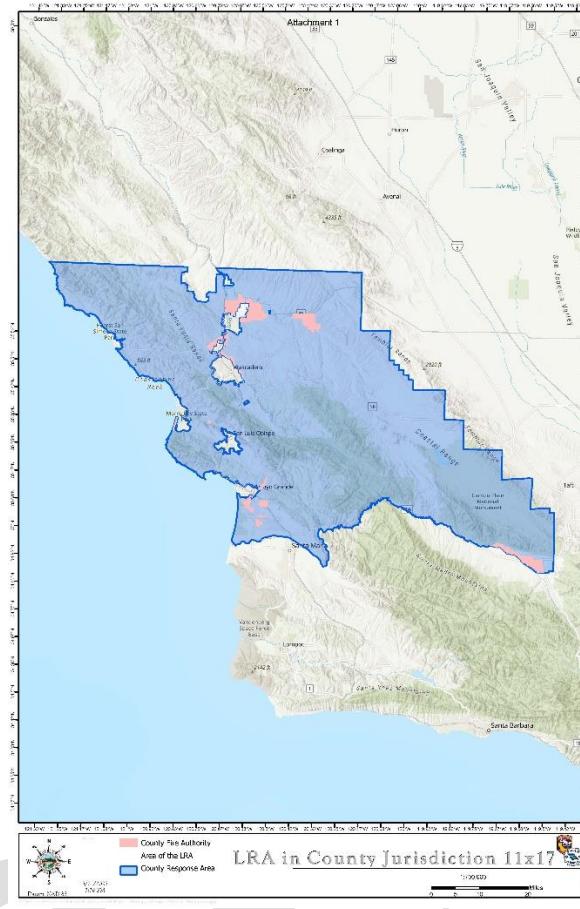
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Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors  
County of San Luis Obispo

ATTEST:

Matthew P. Pontes  
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

[SEAL]

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM AND EFFECT:  
JON ANSOLABEHERE  
County Counsel

  
By: Deputy County Counsel

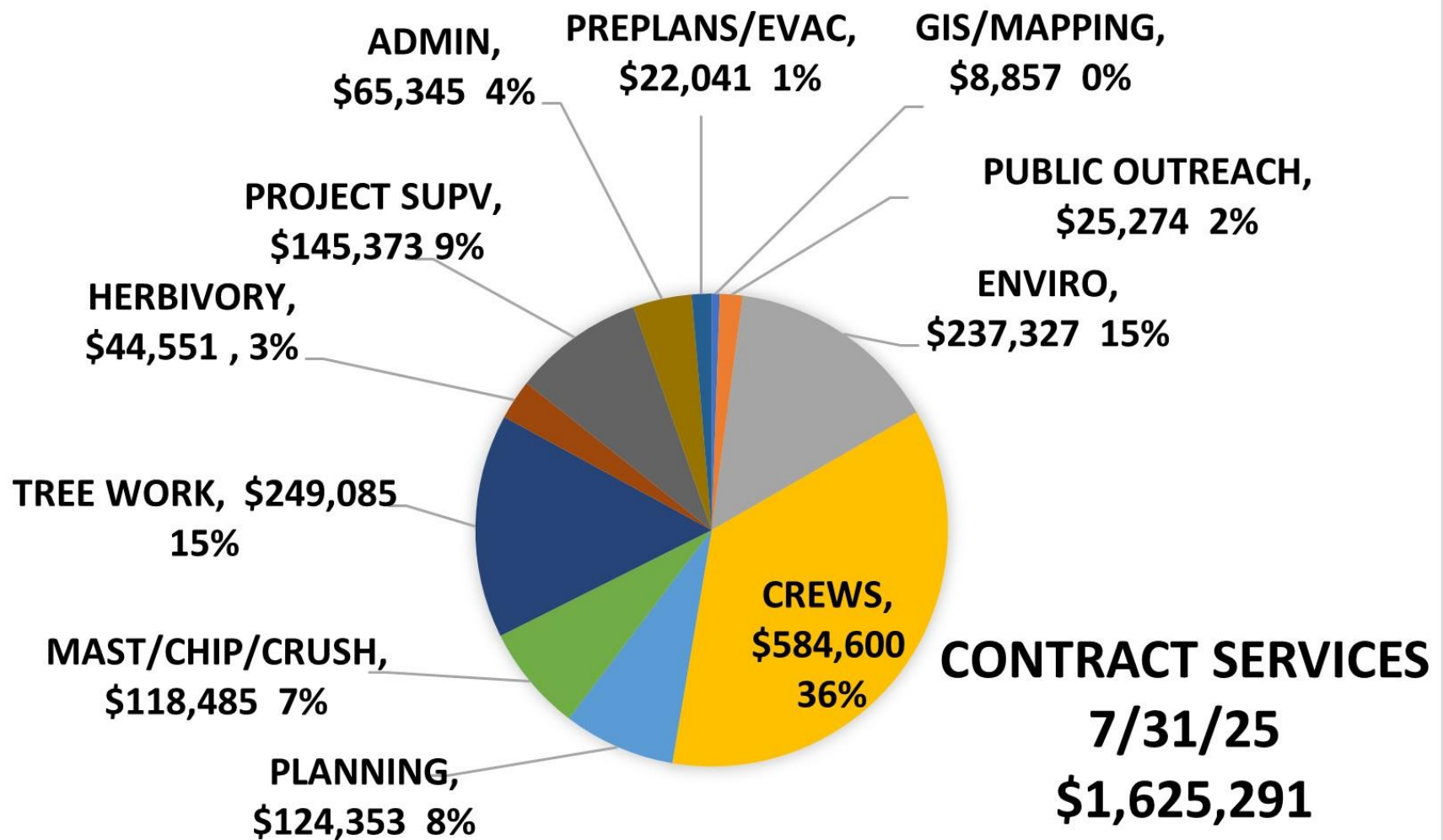
Dated: June 30, 2025

## 2025 SLO FSC OPERATIONS BUDGET

San Luis Obispo Fire SAFE Council	Revenue Budgeted	REALIZED	Revenue Excess/ (-Unrealized)
2024 Carry over Balance (Cash in Bank)*	\$496,383	\$496,383.28	\$0
2025 REVENUE-FROM GRANT PROCEEDS	\$432,025	\$108,057.12	(\$323,968)
2025 TOTAL REVENUE AVAILABLE	<b>\$928,408</b>	\$604,440.40	(\$323,968)
ENCUMBERED FOR 2025 OPERATIONS BUDGET			
Encumber for Prudent Reserves	(\$10,000)	(\$10,000)	\$0
Transfer To FSC Operating Budget	(\$177,455)	(\$177,455)	\$0
Transfer To FSC FOUNDATION / Scholarships	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0
Transfer to Working Capital Fund (realized revenue less Ops budget and Foundation)	\$540,953	\$216,985	(\$323,968)
	<b>FUND ESTIMATE</b>	<b>Loans Still OUT</b>	<b>Available Balance</b>
Working Capital Fund	<b>\$1,071,985</b>	<b>\$855,000</b>	<b>\$216,985</b>

EXPENDITURES	Budget \$ Allocation	Budget \$ Expended	Budget \$ Remaining
Admin Services	\$145,000	\$66,694	\$78,306
Consulting & Professional Srvc	\$3,500	\$1,370	\$2,130
Web Page Srvc	\$4,500	\$3,220	\$1,280
Memberships	\$200	\$0	\$200
Filing Fees	\$420	\$400	\$20
Insurance	\$4,000	\$0	\$4,000
Travel	\$2,000	\$0	\$1,576
Postage and Delivery	\$475	\$0	\$475
Printing	\$500	\$0	\$500
Miscellaneous	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
Supplies	\$13,000	\$6,080	\$6,784
Software subscriptions	\$1,780	\$0	\$1,780
Rentals	\$1,080	\$663	\$417
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>To Date</b>	<b>Unused Balance</b>
<b>SLO FSC OPERATIONS EXPENDITURE BUDGET TOTALS</b>	<b>\$177,455</b>	<b>\$78,427</b>	<b>99,028.14</b>

FOUNDATION/Scholarships	\$200,000	\$79,208	\$120,792
CASH IN BANK		\$397,915.56	8/18/2025







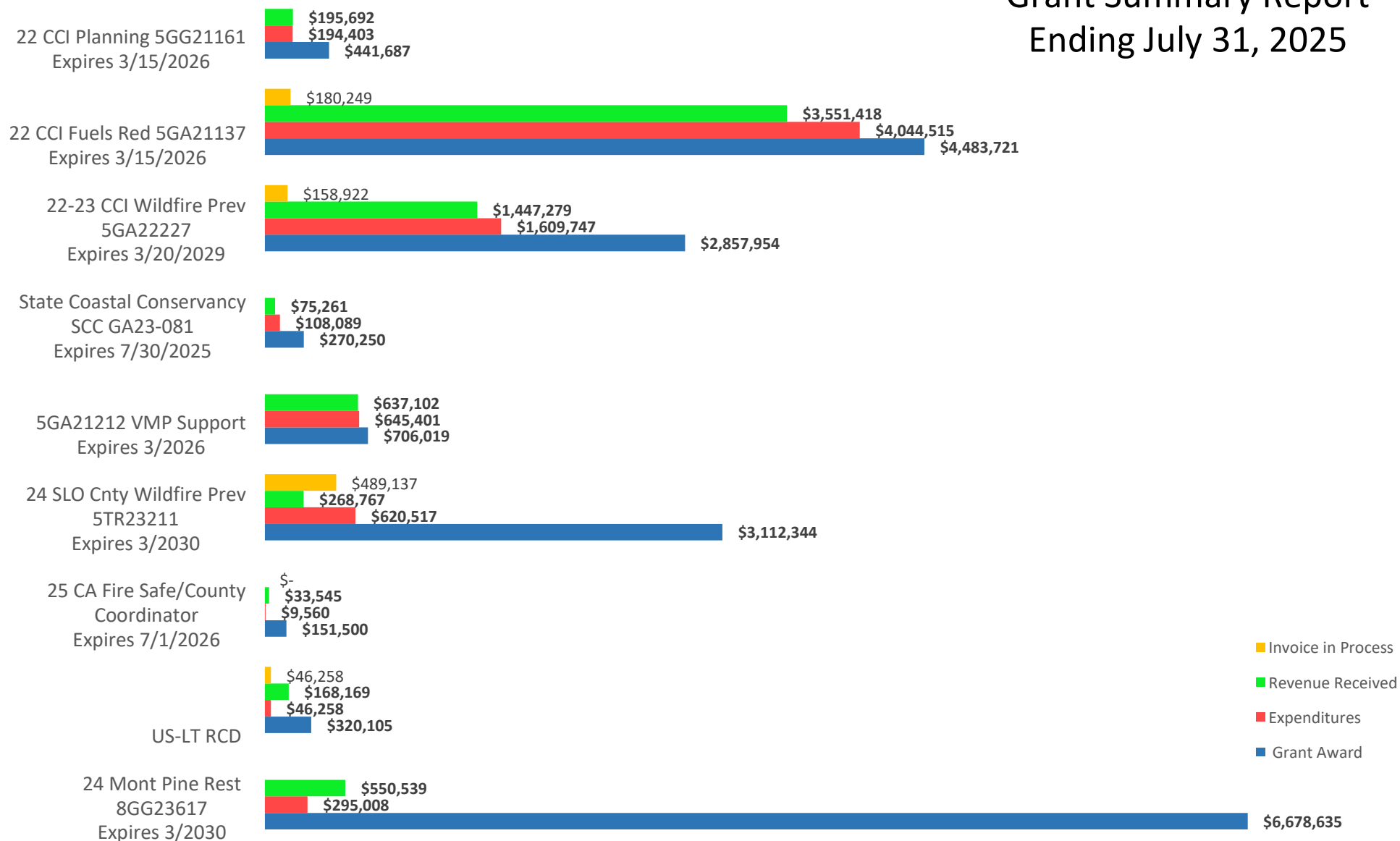
## WUI GRANT

	Date	Check #	Amount	Payee	Invoice	Grant	Notes	
Withdrawals (checks cleared)	7/14/25	3847	\$19,277.76	VMP Inc.				
					\$3,376.50	25-236	8GG23617	Cultural assessments - Hearst/Pico
					\$1,277.50	25-237	8GG23617	Project Supervision - Hearst/Pico
					\$3,054.80	25-238	8GG23617	Project Supervision - Pico
					\$2,735.06	25-239	5TR23211	Project Supervision - Atascadero Roads
					\$1,425.20	25-240	5TR23211	Project Supervision - Atascadero Roads
					\$3,220.70	25-241	5GA22227	Project Supervision - County Parks Project
					\$1,920.00	25-242	5GA21137	RPF - Environmental
					\$1,344.00	25-243	5GG21161	Pre Attack Data Management/Maps
					\$924.00	25-244	5TR23211	Pre Attack Pismo
	7/16/25	3848	\$2,325.48	Althouse & Meade	16106	8GG23617	Nesting Bird Surveys	
	7/15/25	3849	\$2,400.00	Resolute Associates	202332	GA23-081	Local hazard mitigation plan	
	7/16/25	3850	\$887.50	Hannah Newby	8	5GG21161	Firedshed and Ladriss	
	7/21/25	3851	\$1,720.00	Mason Alex				
					\$960.00	7	5GG21161	Firedshed
					\$760.00	8	5GG21161	Data entry
	7/15/25	3852	\$3,740.00	JBD Environmental Consulting				
					\$1,452.50	795	8GG23617	Survey report/maps - Covell
					\$2,287.50	803	5TR23211	Biological Assessment/maps - Chispa
	7/29/25	3853	\$180.00	Clayton Platt	11	5GG21161	FIRESHED project	
	7/17/25	3854	\$5,390.00	Greg Alex	23	5GG21161	Countywide assessment project	
	7/13/25	3855	\$8,535.50	Dan Turner	6-2025	CA FSC 499053	Executive Director 5/16-6/30/25	
	7/28/25	3856	\$10,131.00	Rincon Consultants				
					\$7,120.50	67175	SCC GA23-081	FIRESHED Project
					\$3,010.50	66200	SCC GA23-081	FIRESHED Project
	7/24/25	3857	\$15,815.00	VMP Inc.				
					\$5,009.20	25-247	5TR23211	Project Supervision - Pine Mtn/El Monte
					\$903.00	25-248	5TR23211	Pre Attack Maps
				\$1,120.00	25-249	8GG23617	Project Coordination - Cambria Projects	
				\$1,388.10	25-250	5GA21137	Project Supervision - Chipping	
				\$1,450.40	25-251	US LT RCD	Project Supervision - Sohogi	
				\$1,568.00	25-252	US LT RCD	Project Supervision - Sohogi	
				\$4,376.40	25-253	5TR23211	Project Supervision - Pine Mtn	
7/30/25	3858	\$14,000.00	North Coast Tree Service					
				\$8,000.00	1432	5TR23211	Chipping - 10 CSD owned lots	
				\$6,000.00	1433	5GA21137	Chipping - 47 parcels	
7/29/25	3859	\$1,287.00	Sign Here	7637	5GA21137	Signs for Fair / interactive for kids		
7/29/25	3860	\$23,672.29	Auten Resouce Consulting	841	8GG23617	RPF Environmental		
7/25/25	3861	\$148,900.00	Great Tree Tenders					
Ending Balance	7/31/25	\$	947,568.13		\$37,860.00	1914	US LT RCD	Hand Crews - 3 Bridges
					\$8,100.00	1918	5GA22227	Hand Crews - Knollwood
					\$102,940.00	1943	US LT RCD	Hand Crews - McGinley Ranch
			\$510,282.21					

## FOUNDATION ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance		7/1/2025	\$119,414.21								
				Date	Amount	Payee		Grant		Notes	
Deposits			\$0.91	7/31/25	\$0.91	Pacific Premier Bank				Bank account interest for July 2025	
					\$0.91						
				Date	Check #	Amount	Payee	Invoice	Grant	Notes	
Withdrawals			(\$12,489.50)	7/2/25	114	\$12,487.50	Fence Factory			50% down for new fence at station	
(checks cleared)				7/31/25	ach	\$2.00	Pacific Premier Bank			Paper Statement Fee - June	
						\$12,489.50					

# Grant Summary Report Ending July 31, 2025



**Total Grant Award**  
\$19,022,215

**Total Revenue Received**  
\$6,759,603

**Invoices in Process**  
\$874,566

**Total Expenditures**  
\$7,573,498



Fire Safe Council SLO <firesafeslo@gmail.com>

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## UCCE Representative - FireSafeSLO

1 message

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**Shannon Klisch** <sklisch@ucanr.edu>

Fri, Aug 15, 2025 at 3:52 PM

To: "firesafeslo@gmail.com" <firesafeslo@gmail.com>, "dt5314@gmail.com" <dt5314@gmail.com>

Cc: Lilian Thaoxaochay <lilthaox@ucanr.edu>

Hello Dan Turner,

I hope you are safe and well. Our UCCE Representative, Bill Tietje, retired in June and we need to replace him. I would like to nominate our new Disaster Resilience Advisor, Lilian Thaoxaochay as his replacement, cc'd here. Please let us know if there is a process we should follow to make this happen.

Thank you,

Shannon

Shannon Klisch, MPH (she/her)

Area Director

San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura Counties

University of California Cooperative Extension

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[Schedule a meeting](#)



# *San Luis Obispo County Fire Safe Council*

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**August 15, 2025**

## **CEQA discussion UPDATE from July**

### **There are major updates to the CEQA saga since our July meeting:**

1. SB 131 was signed into law that grants CEQA Statutory Exemptions to many fire prevention projects.
2. Notice Of Exemptions by partner lead agencies (cities) questioned by Cal Fire.
3. Monterey Pine Forest Health Grant PSA (previously approved) being amended by Cal Fire putting project on hold since May 15<sup>th</sup>.
4. SLO FSC applied for and were approved for CEQA Suspension for Covell and Hearst projects
  - a. Project work at Hearst and Covell back on track
5. "VMP" Projects: SLO FSC has applied for 4 (four) CEQA Suspensions for Stagecoach; Coyote; Chispa; and Heritage projects that were previously being conducted collaboratively with Cal Fire-SLU via Cal Fire VMP program.
6. Upper Salinas-Las Tablas RCD applied for CEQA Suspension for Several projects and were approved (Sohagi, Leffingwell, Strawberry Canyon, and Krazzinski)

### **1. CEQA Exemption Changes with SB 131 creates Statutory Exemptions for many SLO FSC type projects**

- B. President Moreno provided a summary of CEQA changes that impact fire prevention work resulting from the Governor signing SB 131 which takes effect immediately.

**SEC. 11. Section 21080.49 is added to the Public Resources Code, to read:**

**21080.49. This division (Division 31 of Health and Safety Code-CEQA) does not apply to any of the following wildfire risk reduction projects, if the project is in compliance with all other applicable laws, ordinances, and zoning requirements:**

**(a) A project consisting of a prescribed fire or fuel reduction to reduce wildfire risk by reestablishing the fire return interval appropriate to the ecosystem for biodiversity or other benefits, excluding projects located on coastal sage scrub habitat or any other sensitive habitat. In order to qualify for the exemption established pursuant to this subdivision, all of the following requirements shall be met:**

**(1) The project shall not exceed 50 contiguous acres and shall be located within one-half mile of a subdivision of 30 or more dwelling units.**

**(2) The lead agency shall consult with the Department of Fish and Wildlife to ensure that, to the extent feasible, the project is designed to avoid or minimize impacts to (A) candidate, rare, threatened, endangered plants and wildlife; and (B) wildlife nursery sites, including nesting rookeries, spawning areas, fawning areas, and maternal roosts.**

*(3) The lead agency shall, to the extent feasible, design the project to avoid impacts to riparian areas and water quality through use of sediment and erosion control measures where there is ground disturbance for control lines.*

*(4) The lead agency shall identify and, to the extent feasible, protect tribal cultural resources that may be impacted by project. This paragraph may be met by reviewing existing records, including the California Historical Resources Information System and Sacred Lands Inventory, or by engaging in consultation with relevant California Native American tribes on identification of tribal cultural resources and appropriate mitigation measures while maintaining confidentiality of sensitive records.*

*(b) A project consisting of "defensible space" fire clearance of up to 100 feet, as measured from the center line of the roadway, for a public roadway identified as an egress and evacuation route for a subdivision or community of 30 or more dwelling units, to remove flammable vegetation or trees of less than 12 inches in diameter as measured at chest height.*

*(c) A project consisting of the establishment or enhancement of residential home hardening or defensible space for wildfire risk reduction within 200 feet of a legal structure located in a high or very high wildfire hazard zone.*

*(d) A project consisting of a fuel break that extends up to 200 feet from structures, including the clearance of flammable vegetation and trees less than 12 inches in diameter as measured at chest height.*

## **2. CEQA: Notice of Exemption (NOE) UPDATE NEW CONDITIONS**

- A. Cal Fire Southern Region is calling into question the methodology used by other agencies (City of Atascadero; City of Arroyo Grande) on their issuance of NOEs. Cal Fire is requiring the agencies to provide a letter justifying why they determined the project is exempt for filing a NOE. This justification back up documentation is not required by CEQA and the NOEs they filed meet all CEQA rules; but Cal Fire says since they are funding the grants they can require it.
- B. Atascadero has provided a letter explaining their process, but we have not heard from Cal Fire if it is acceptable.
- C. SLO FSC is preparing a simple checklist for lead agencies to use to verify they have done their due diligence to meet Cal Fire 's extra standard. Again no confirmation from Cal Fire as to acceptance.

**BACKGROUND: NOTICE OF EXEMPTION (NOE)** is one of the simplest forms of CEQA review. Starts with designating a LEAD AGENCY (must be a government agency; SLO FSC as not for profit cannot be lead agency); then an initial assessment is made to determine if the work proposed at a project is either: 1. statutorily exempt or 2. environmentally exempt (because there will be minimal if any impact by that activity). If the determination is made that either 1 or 2 above applies then a 1 page NOTICE of EXEMPTION is filed with the Clerk of the

County and the CEQA State Clearinghouse. Following the filing there is a 35-day litigation/waiting period for the NOE to be totally effective.

### **3. Monterey Pine Restoration Forest Health Grant (8GG23617) MAJOR UPDATE**

This multi-agency project with SLO FSC as lead and the grantee was approved and funded by a Cal Fire Forest Health grant. Prior to submittal of the grant proposal, SLO FSC had prepared and submitted to Cal Fire (Cal Fire as lead agency) two (2) Project Specific Analysis' for Covell Ranch and Hearst Ranch projects. Both PSA' were approved by Coastal Commission; Cal Fire; and certified by the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection.

After the grant was awarded and project work initiated, Cal Fire Environmental decided they wanted the PSA' amended to remove Cal Fire's role implementing the work. On May 15<sup>th</sup>, our contractor (Auten Resource Consulting) submitted the draft amendment language to Cal Fire with clear statements that we have crews and contractors ready to start work and delays will cause serious concerns. As of July 15 Cal Fire has not completed their review of the amendments.

- 4. On July 16 ARC submitted an application on behalf of the SLO FSC to CA Natural Resource Agency (CNRA) Secretary for Suspension of CEQA** (per Governor's Executive Order) for Covell and Hearst. Both suspension requests were approved and work has begun on both projects while the amendments are being evaluated. The CEQA suspension is effective for 2 years.
- 5. Parkhill-Heritage Ranch Projects Vegetation Management Projects**

Recent decision by CAL FIRE has determined they will NO LONGER allow FSC to participate in joint projects with Cal Fire-SLU that utilize the Chaparral Management Program EIR. CAL FIRE will restrict use to state agencies only and the only partners allowed are landowners of land being treated.

SLO FSC and Cal Fire-SLU have utilized this strategy of several projects in the past and currently in the midst of 5 VMP projects that are now frozen. Parkhill-Creston area (Stagecoach; Sunstorm; Coyote, Chispa) and Heritage Ranch. These projects are in various stages of development.

**SLO FSC has applied for CNRA CEQA Suspension on these projects.** Applications are still in review status with decisions due no later than September 1.

#### **Parkhill/Creston:**

- **Stagecoach project:** Stagecoach Road off of Parkhill Road
- **Coyote Project:** O'Donovan Road and Highway 58 area
- **Chispa Project** (Blue Sky ranch): Highway 229 & Rocky Canyon Road area

#### **Heritage Ranch:**

- **Heritage Ranch** water treatment facility
- **Lake Naci resort** entrance road and G-14 county road

If CEQA Suspension is approved we will initiate work when the Fall weather changes to allow from mechanized work in the project areas. Suspension does NOT include prescribed fire; Cal Fire will use their VMP process to conduct prescribed fire if they choose to do so.

## **BACKGROUND: CALIFORNIA VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (VMP)**

Since 1981 CAL FIRE has conducted fuel treatment projects (principally in chaparral areas) by utilizing a STATEWIDE PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (the Chaparral Management Program EIR). This EIR primarily covers the CEQA analysis and mitigation measures used for prescribed fire and mechanical treatments on chaparral.

Another significant result of this EIR is that it started the CAL FIRE Vegetation Program that allowed the State to actively participate in funding planning, preparation, the actual burning, and very importantly covering the prescribed fire liability with partner landowners. Prior to this program the state's participation was restricted to non-monetary and permitting activities, No actual physical nor fiscal participation.

In San Luis Obispo County, CAL FIRE and SLOFSC partnered to utilize the VMP PEIR program to increase pace and scale of fuel treatments by collaborating on projects. The typical collaboration consisted of:

- joint strategy planning on treatment locations, particularly in WUI areas
- determining roles for the project (landowner, CAL FIRE, SLO FSC)
- SLO FSC applied for grants to fund their portion:
  - FCS conducts environmental assessments (soil, water, air, vegetation, sensitive species, archaeology, scenic, noise. Etc)
  - FSC prepares appropriate reports and submit them to San Luis Obispo CAL FIRE staff for review and submission (CAL FIRE as lead agency)
  - FCS may also apply for funding to conduct some site preparation prior to the burning operations (could include hand crews; mechanized equipment; and other methods)
  - Burning operations are conducted by Cal Fire (SLO FSC does not actively engage in burning due to liability)

The concept was to assist CAL FIRE staff in the non-burning component and allow simultaneous effort in order to pace and scale.

### **6. Upper Salinas Las Tablas RCD applied for CNRA CEQA Suspensions for 4 projects**

- Strawberry Canyon-approved (work underway)
- Sohagi-approved (work complete)
- Leffingwell ranch-approved (contract work out to bid)
- Krazzinski ranch (contract work out to bid)

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#### **July 15 issue of NOEs**

On June 9, 2025 CAL FIRE Southern Region grants notified SLO FSC that 5 specific CEQA Notice of Exemptions (NOE) that were written by CAL FIRE to cover "Countywide crew activities" were invalid and effective immediately FSC could no longer use them as the CEQA approval documents for projects.

The work activity was NOT called into question (the work activity still meets the exemption rules); it is the CEQA notice filing that is concerning.

These NOEs have been in place and used by CAL FIRE crews and FSC since 2011, and another one issued in 2025. (see attached email). The opinion in 2025 (versus 2011) is that the NOE



process was not appropriate because by being “Countywide” they were too broad and the intent of NOE is to be focused at the “specific project site” not a programmatic countywide scale, even though the work activity was the same. Each project site required due diligence and compliance with other laws and regulations (such as nesting bird surveys; Monarch butterfly overwintering site avoidance; water course avoidance, etc.). The CEQA NOE was determined by CAL FIRE at local, regional, and state level to be the appropriate CEQA since the work activity and impacts were the same at all project sites with minor work adjustments necessary to avoid impacts (nesting birds, etc)

**NOE decision IMPACT to SLO FSC:**

First CAL FIRE assured us that we will be reimbursed for work conducted prior to the June 10 stop date.

June 10 and beyond, initially there was minimal impact to SLO FSC since we were working on projects in the City of Atascadero covered by other CEQA documents that were not in question (at that time).



**San Luis Obispo County Community Fire Safe Council, Inc.  
Operating Policy**

<b>Title: Job Description: Executive Director/Business Manager</b>  <b>San Luis Obispo County Fire Safe Council –</b>  <b>Independent Contractor</b>			
<b>Issue Date: 8/20/2025</b>	<b>Revision Date:</b>	<b>Number: 017</b>	
<b>President’s Signature: s/ Heather Moreno, President</b>			

**Job Description: Executive Director/Business Manager San Luis Obispo County Fire Safe Council -Independent Contractor**

**Reports To:** San Luis Obispo County Fire Safe Council, Inc. Board of Directors

**Job Description:**

Independent Contractor that serves as the Executive Director/Business Manager of the San Luis Obispo County Fire Safe Council, Inc (SLO FSC). In this role, as an independent contractor the Executive Director/ Business Manager will have responsibility for managing the strategic direction, operational oversight, financial management, purchasing authority, and billing operations of the SLO FSC. The Executive Director/Business Manager will work closely with the SLO FSC Board of Directors to implement policies, ensure business objectives are met, and maintain financial health through grant and project management, including the acquisition of goods and services.

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**Key Responsibilities:**

**1. Leadership & Strategic Oversight:**

- Implement the SLO FSC Board of Directors strategic vision, mission, and goals.
- Lead organizational operations ensuring operational efficiency.
- Provide leadership in the development and execution of SLO FSC strategies, projects, and initiatives.
- Collaborate with SLO FSC Board of Directors to align business objectives and long-term goals.

## **2. Purchasing & Vendor Management:**

- Oversee purchasing decisions for the SLO FSC, ensuring cost-effective and timely procurement of goods and services.
- Negotiate contracts and agreements with suppliers, vendors, and service providers.
- Evaluate and select vendors, ensuring they align with SLO FSC standards, values, and budget constraints.
- Ensure compliance with SLO FSC policies, legal regulations, and industry standards in purchasing.
- Make purchases, using SLO FSC purchase methods, on behalf of the SLO FSC for projects and other activities.

## **3. Billing & Financial Oversight:**

- Supervise the billing and invoicing processes, ensuring accurate and timely invoicing, collections, and payments, including signing accounts receivable or reimbursement invoices on behalf of the SLO FSC.
- Manage financial accounts, ensuring that invoicing, payment terms, and contractual obligations are met.
- Collaborate with the SLO FSC finance team to develop and maintain budgets, forecasts and financial reports.
- Identify opportunities for cost savings or revenue generation through efficient billing processes.

## **4. Operational Management:**

- Ensure smooth operations of day-to-day activities across all functions of the SLO FSC.
- Evaluate operational systems, identify inefficiencies, and implement process improvements.
- Ensure that projects and initiatives are delivered on time, within scope, and on budget.

## **5. Team Management & Development:**

- Lead, motivate, and manage teams to meet SLO FSC objectives.
  - Foster a culture of continuous improvement and innovation.
6. Establish performance metrics to track team success and operational progress.

## **6. Compliance & Risk Management:**

- Ensure the SLO FSC adheres to legal, regulatory, and compliance requirements.
- Identify and mitigate potential risks to the SLO FSC financial health and reputation.
- Maintain strong corporate governance practices, ensuring transparency and accountability.

	ACTIVE GRANT PROJECT STATUS		7/1/2025
expires July 31, 2026	State Coastal Conservancy SCC GA-23-081		\$270,250
	Project		
	Fireshed Report-Priority Plan-written		partial
	Fireshed dashboard-GIS computer based		partial
	Regional Project Prioritization Portfolio (Project proposals)		partial
	Stakeholder Enagagement (SLO FSC )		partial

expires March 15, 2026	<b>22-23 Countywide Hazard Fuel Reduction 5GA21137</b>	<b>\$4,483,721</b>
	<b>Project</b>	
	<b>ROADSIDE PROJECTS</b>	
	Chimney Rock Road clearance Angus Ranch to Lime Mtn mine	complete
	Town Creek truck trail-Chimney fire cleanup fuel reduction	complete
	Adelaide area roads	complete
	Marsh Road, Cayucos	complete
	Santa Rita Ranch	complete
	See Canyon/Davis Cyn	complete
	Suey Creek/Upper Los Berros treatment	complete
	Highway 41 West-Atascadero	complete
	Diablo Canyon access road clearance	partial
	<b>FUEL REDUCTION PROJECTS</b>	
	Pismo Preserve-SLO Land Conservancy treatment	complete
	Baron Canyon HOA	complete
	Parkhill-Huer Huero Phase 3 Sunstorm 500 acres; Stagecoach 300 acres; Pope 200 acres;) 1,000 acres	partial
	Webster VMP Phase 3	partial
	Salinas Riverbed treatment- In City of Paso Robles Phase 3	partial
	Santa Ysabel Ranch treatment-Phase 2	complete
	Heritage Ranch fuel reduction	partial
	Lake Nacimiento projects-S Shore	complete
	Lake Naci resort to Heritage Ranch fuel reduction	partial
	Miossi Project phase 1 & 2	partial
	Countywide chipping target of opportunity	partial
	Hazard tree removal-Arborist crew days	partial
	<b>EDUCATION PROJECTS</b>	
	Mid State Fair demo projects	complete
	Fire Safe demo garden -Station 30 & 33	complete
	SIM table support	partial
	Communications program	partial
expires March 15, 2026	<b>22-23 Countywide Planning projects 5GG21161</b>	<b>\$441,687</b>
	FIRESHED Hazard /Risk assessment	partial
	ESCAPE risk assessment modeling-Atascadero	complete
	Project planning- Suey Creek-Huasna area	partial
	Irish Hills plan	partial
	Project Planning- Santa Rita	complete
	Lopez Lake VMP Plan	
	Los Osos CWPP Update	complete
expires March 15, 2026	<b>22-23 VMP SUPPORT Direct Award (amended 2-14-2024)</b>	<b>\$706,019</b>
	Long Canyon VMP	complete
	Mc Ginley Ranch	complete

expires March 15, 2029	<b>2022-23 SLO County HFR 5GA22227</b>	<b>\$2,857,954</b>
	<b>NORTH COAST</b>	
	Old Creek Road roadside clearance from Santa Rita to Hwy 46 5.5 miles-10 crew days	complete
	<b>SAN LUIS OBISPO</b>	
	Hazard tree removal-Arborist crew days Utilize arborists to remove hazard trees to dangerous for hand crews for SLO City	partial
	San Luis Creek grazing Maintenance of SL Creek using prescribed herbivory	partial
	<b>AVILA VALLEY</b>	
	Avila Valley Focus Group projects	partial
	Davis Cyn Roadside Davis Cyn-Avila area 4 miles-6 GTT Days	
	Gragg Canyon Gragg Canyon-fuel reduction and roadside evac route 4 GTT Days	complete
	San Luis Bay Estates SLBE-Indian Hill-Pelican Point-Quail Cyn-Heron Crest 6 days	complete
	San Luis Bay Estates SLBE-Skylark Meadow 3 days	complete
	Squire Canyon Squire Canyon- roadside treatment-evac route 1 mile	complete
	Ontario Ridge Ontario Ridge- fuel reduction/repeater site def. space	complete
	Baron Canyon HOA Balm Ridge chimney	complete
	Baron Canyon HOA Rocky Creek chimney	complete
	Baron Canyon HOA Secondary access road 1 mile	complete
	<b>HUASNA -- LOPEZ LAKE</b>	
	Huasna Townsite Huansa Townsite road - Bobcat Lane roadside 1 miles	complete
	Huasna focus group projects roadside clearance Huasna Valley; other projects 4 miles-8 days	complete
	<b>SOUTH COUNTY - - PISMO BEACH</b>	
	<b>NIPOMO -- SUEY CREEK</b>	
	Knollwood eucalyptus remove dead and dying eucalyptus in Knollwood HOA open space area	
	Dunes Lake Duck Club Eucalyptus Dead Eucalyptus removal-WUI zone	
	<b>PASO ROBLES</b>	
	Salinas Riverbed treatment- In City of Paso Robles Phase 3 CITY of PASO ROBLES: Treatment recommended from Salinas River permit 10 GTT crew days	partial
	Salinas river treatment support-Paso Robles Grazing and /or hand crew; chipper, mini-ex and contractor support-3 years	partial
	<b>ADELAIDE -- LAKE NACIMIENTO</b>	
	Adelaide roads-Phase 2 Add additional roads to Adelaide treatments (Peachy Cyn; Kiler Cyn; Shadow Cyn; York Mtn; Dover Cyn,Niderer road; )	complete
	Chimney Rock Road clearance Angus Ranch to Lake Nacimiento Drive Chimney Rock road from Adelaide school to Lake Nacu drive 4 miles 6 GTT days	complete
	Cal Shasta post fire rehab remove dead trees in Cal Shasta community-post Chinmney fire rehab	complete
	Mc Ginley Ranch roadside treatments connecting Santa Rita Creek road to HWY 46	complete
	Oak Shores Entrance Fuel reduction-Oak woodland newly acquired property-30 acres	complete

	<b>ATASCADERO</b>	
	Toro Creek HWY 41 end) -hand crew work from east toward west to connect Toro Creek *Hwy 1 end)	complete
	<b>SANTA MARGARITA</b>	
	Tassajera Canyon Road Roadside clearance 6 crew days	complete
	<b>CRESTON -- PARKHILL-- POZO</b>	
	Santa Margarita Lake treatments hazard fuel reduction public areas and trails	
	Parkhill treatments Hwy 229-Salinas river-Blue Sky ranch; Webster 3 (Coyoye) Webster IV; 500 acres of crushing/crew work	partial
	<b>COUNTYWIDE</b>	
	Environmental Permitting	partial
	Drone usage to monitor treatments and prescribed burns Utilize drones to do pre, during, and post treatment monitoring for projects; particularly LIDAR-20 days	partial
	French Broom followup treatments countywide 6 days	partial
	Hazard tree removal-Arborist crew days Utilize arborists to remove hazard trees to dangerous for hand crews-20 days	partial
	Countywide chipping target of opportunity	partial



expires March 15, 2030	<b>2024 Fuel Reduction Grant-5TR23211</b>	
		<b>\$3,112,344</b>
	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>PROJECT STATUS</b>
	<b>NORTH COAST</b>	
	Strawberry Cyn grazing	
	Cambria CSD open space lots	complete
	Los Osos CSD lot clearance	complete
	<b>SAN LUIS OBISPO</b>	
	San Luis Creek grazing	
	<b>SOUTH COUNTY - -</b>	
	Canyon Crest HOA	
	<b>PASO ROBLES</b>	
	Salinas Riverbed treatment- In City of Paso Robles Phase 3	partial
	Salinas river treatment support-Paso Robles	partial
	<b>ADELAIDE -- LAKE NACIMIENTO</b>	
	High Meadow road-S Lake Naci	
	<b>ATASCADERO</b>	
	Toro Creek roadside clearance maint	
	El Monte	complete
	Santa Cruz	complete
	San Diego	complete
	ATA-Roadside	complete
	Atascadero creek project	partial
	Salinas river-Ferrocarril	partial
	Pine Mountain project	partial
	<b>CRESTON -- PARKHILL-- POZO</b>	
	Parkhill treatments-Chispa VMP 200 acres	
	<b>COUNTYWIDE</b>	
	Environmental Permitting	partial
	Drone usage to monitor treatments and prescribed burns	
	French Broom	partial
	Hazard tree removal-Arborist crew days	
	<b>VMP Support countywide</b>	
	Ladris support	partial
	Supplies and small tools	
	Countywide chipping target of opportunity	partial
	County Preplans Evac guides	partial
	County Owned Parcels	
	Community Risk Assessment	partial

expires March 15, 2026	<b>UPPER SALINAS LAS TABLAS RCD</b>	
		<b>\$6,678,635</b>
	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>PROJECT STATUS</b>
	<b>Three bridges Open Space</b>	complete
	Thinning	
	Chipping	
	<b>Mc Ginley Ranch</b>	complete
	Thinning	
	Chipping	
	<b>Sohagi Property</b>	
	FrenchBroom	complete
	Dead and dying-like Covell	
	<b>Krazzensky property</b>	
	FrenchBroom	
	Dead and dying-like Covell	
	<b>Leffingwell ranch property</b>	
	FrenchBroom	
	Dead and dying-like Covell	
expires March 31, 2030	<b>2024 Monterey Pine Restoration 8GG23617</b>	
		<b>\$6,678,635</b>
	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>PROJECT STATUS</b>
	<b>PICO CREEK-HEARST RANCH</b>	
	Thinning	partial
	Chipping	partial
	<b>COVELL RANCH</b>	partial
	Thinning-Areas 4 & 5	partial
	Chipping- Area 4 & 5	partial
	Thinning-Maintenance Area 1, 2 & 3	
	Chipping-Maintenance Area 1, 2 & 3	
	Tree Planting-	
	<b>CAMBRIA ECOLOGICAL RESERVE-C Dpt Fish &amp; Wildlife</b>	Coordinate with CDFW
	Piling (Manual)	
	Pile Burning	
	Invasive Plant Removal	
	Piling (Manual)	
	Pile Burning	
	<b>FISCALINI RANCH PRESERVE</b>	
	Thinning (Manual)	
	Chipping	
	Thinning (Manual)	
	Chipping	
	Tree Planting (Manual)	

## An announcement

In 2020 UC ANR hosted a webinar in response to the LNU complex fires in Northern California that burned over 360,000 acres. This webinar was recorded and is relevant to the Gifford and Madre Fires in San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties.

**Fire Recovery Webinar** is 3 ½ hour webinar covering small to large property owners and ag operators, with a focus on natural resource issues and concerns.

This webinar has 9 speakers covering topics including:

1-Navigating Agencies, 2-Wildland Fire Impacts, 3-Post Fire Oak Survival, 4-Impacts on Rangelands, 5-Seeding Rangeland After a Fire, 6-Smoke Damage in Orchards and Vinyards 7-Erosion Risk and Critical Focus Areas, 8-Farm Service Agency Wildfire Assistance, 9-Property Value and Tax Reassessment. See links below or use QR code

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fGDEvVRZyMg>



**UC Cooperative Extension San Luis Obispo Website** also has lots of good information relating to fires. See links below or use QR code.

[Fire Information | UC Agriculture and Natural Resources](#)

<https://ucanr.edu/county/county-san-luis-obispo/fire-information>

