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Cecily Harris Joins the Santa Clara County FireSafe Council

Former Executive Director of the San Francisco Bay Wildlife Society will provide research analysis for prospective funding and manage grant writing

San Jose, September 20, 2012 – The Santa Clara County FireSafe Council (SCFSC), a non-profit organization dedicated to wildfire prevention, is pleased to welcome Cecily Harris to lead our Resource Development.

Cecily, the former Executive Director for the San Francisco Bay Wildlife Society, will provide prospector donor analysis and manage private, corporate and foundation grant writing for the FireSafe Council. In addition, she will work with the Board of Directors and Executive Director, Bob Livengood, to increase personal donor fundraising efforts.

“Cecily is a great fit with the FireSafe Council to help us diversify our funding and attract new grantors,” notes Livengood. “A career non-profit professional and consultant, Cecily has a passion for environmental stewardship and in depth experience to help the FireSafe Council increase our local funding.”

Before joining the FireSafe Council, Cecily was the Managing Director of the Santa Clara County Audubon Society and Executive Director of the San Francisco Bay Wildlife Society where she worked to preserve natural habitat for threatened and endangered species and migratory birds.

Cecily is a Development Consultant for the San Mateo Department of Public Works and Parks and currently sits on the Board of four local organizations including Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, representing Ward 7.

Cecily is working on a Certificate in Landscape Architecture and holds a Certificate in Fundraising Management from Indiana University. She earned a BS in Renewable Natural Resources Wildlife Sciences from the University of Arizona and a MBA in Marketing from Golden Gate University.

The Santa Clara County FireSafe Council is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Our mission is “Mobilizing the people of Santa Clara County to protect their homes, communities and environment from wildfires.”

Help us keep our community Green - it's our Mission

1. Be [careful with equipment](#) that can start wildfires and observe [Red Flag Days](#)
2. Help protect [migratory birds](#)
3. Use [fire resistant, native plants](#) and trees and remove invasive fire prone species
4. [Educate your children](#) - [Smokey Bear](#) teaches kids to prevent wildfires and protect the environment
5. Educate your neighbors – [Defensible Space](#) can mitigate losses from wildfire and positively impact forest life

The council meets at 2:00 PM on the second Tuesday of each month. Interested organizations and individuals are welcome to attend! For more information and meeting locations, see www.SCCFireSafe.org, e-mail info@SCCFireSafe.org or call (408) 975-9591. SCFSC appreciates tax-deductible donations of any amount.

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