

Minutes

FireSafe Council Monthly Meeting
Saratoga Fire District Headquarters
14380 Saratoga Avenue, Saratoga, CA 95070
Tuesday, March 12, 2019 - Regular meeting 1:30PM

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Agenda Item</u>	
1	1:40	Call to Order and Introductions (Attendance Sheet Attached) Start of Meeting Delayed because of Finance Committee Pre-Meeting ran over. Santa Clara County Water is now called Valley Water. Fire Safe Council of Monterey County sent 2 guests to our meeting today, Pam Peck and Judy Garrison	
2	1:35	Consent Calendar Approve treasurer's report Treasurer's Report Approval was delayed due to Finance Committee Discussion to be continued after the Board Meeting Approve last meeting summary Motion made by Jesse Katz, Seconded by Chris Hughes.	
3	1:35	Action Items Electric Board Action Policy: Motion : Board adopts the following policy: Policy for conducting an official board meeting by conference call: Conference call meeting invitation will be extended to all board members at least 24 hours before scheduled call. A quorum of members may adopt an action by voice vote. Result of the vote will be communicated at next regular meeting and ratified. Motion made by Jesse Katz, Seconded by Chris Hughes. Motioned passed unanimously. AI: Gretchen: Write policy up and post to website under policies, file on google drive for reference	AI
4	1:50	Board and Advisors reports Governance & Administration report (Dede Smullen) A DRAFT of new board member position expectations will be coming out next month. SCC Fire (Chief Orre for Chief Justice) CWPP report will roll out next month CAL FIRE update (Ed Orre) Orre said report has sent report to Governor but no commitment yet IE: Hwy 17. Safe on 17 presentations Wednesday 13 th to engage the community. Dept of Conservation CCI grant is a long term one.	

5 2:00 Activities reports- see written reports in packet
Executive Director's report (Patty Ciesla)
Due to budget, Patty will be doing all reports at this time. Project Reports are attached.

Tool trailer will be housed at Alma Fire Station. tools and equipment will stay there in a SCCFSC shed. Trailer include: Rakes ladders, cones, blowers, pole pruners, saws. Construction could be done before next meeting.

Hwy 17 possible funded... waiting for answer...from CALFIRE. CALFIRE has new Fi\$cal (this is the correct spelling) system for state payments. There are some learning delays going on with this new program. SB 1079 allows for advance payments to non-profits instead of reimbursements. Patty had chat with Senator Bell, about Hwy 17 and he is very interested this project.

Firewise is off and running. Chemeketa Park is underway, program is well received in community. We hope to get 5 Firewise Communities running this year.

Built Environment is a proposed new program for FSC, in addition to our education, planning and fuel reduction programs, to address home hardening, water supply, road access, cameras, sirens, (any projects that are not vegetation related). This program is not currently funded. Jesse Katz is interested in being part of this.

Website (Carol Mattsson)

Carol added Mighty Cause to replace Paypal for donations. Mighty Cause created a nice page about program. Please use it. We have two donations but need more.

6 2:28 New Business NONE

7 2:29 Round Table

San Jose Water: Grant has been submitted for project at top of mountain A summer faire is planned at SJWATER May 8th.

CALFIRE, Ed Orre: Each unit proposed three projects to governor. Santa Clara Unit proposed: Hwy 17, Mt Madonna, and LaMorinda. Mt. Madonna had to be dropped due to lack of advance work on outreach & planning. As other projects are completed and advance work begun it can be renominated, possibly next year.

Press release coming out to hire fire spotter on Copernicus Mt. lookout. Looks like PL-566 fuel break project may get renewal funding from valley water.

Chemekita Park, is getting up and running to push their chipping workshops from Eugene seemed to really help inspire engagement.

Carol, Website: The bad email aliases on our website need to be cleaned up. Patty and Carol will take this on. (ACTION)

Carla Ruigh, South County SCCFSC. Happy to be back working at SCCFSC, moved back to Gilroy.

Monterey County FSC (insert names here) visiting to see how our meetings run. They lean on CWPP as references to help County agencies know where they are working. Looking at other funding sources. Will provide us with their Board duties document to help us develop ours.

Jesse Katz, Board Member: recommended that we advise county to adjust existing regulations to help fire safety. More regulations are not helping. Regulations should be fair for all residents and businesses.

Mid Pen ROSD, Grant Kern is Acting Area Manager and will be our liaison with MROSD.

County Parks, Jered Bond, Parks will group our permit requests, turn in early so they can support us. They adopted a Forest Health Plan for Mt. Madonna County Park.

South Skyline FSC - John Delong- is putting on a sold out WsP training this Friday morning for about 50 folks in their community Center. Spring chipping is now open for applications, with chipping starting in April. They are working on a goat trail now with Jim Young. CalFire awarded them a green house gas grant for Middleton Track and road clearing at entrance to Portola state park. Grant covers 3 Eight Day work projects.

Redwood Estates: trying to clean up property on Bill Ross property with fuel reduction.

SC county peace officers booker creek wants brush chipping help.

Next Meeting Date and Location

April 9, 2019, Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority
33 Las Colinas Lane, San Jose, CA 95119