

Santa Clara County FireSafe Council
Meeting Summary
November 13, 2018
Morgan Hill Community and Cultural Center

SCCFSC Regular Meeting –

Gary Sanchez welcomed attendees and announced he will be resigning as president in January but will be remaining on the board as a regular member. He noted that we had special guests today, with outgoing CAL FIRE Unit Chief Derek Witmer, and incoming Unit Chief Jake Hess. He thanked Chief Witmer for his partnership and open door to discuss FireSafe issues with Gary. Incoming Unit Chief Jake Hess expressed intentions to continue to work /partner with and support SCCFSC's work.

Chief Witmer presented Gary with the SCU Challenge Coin as a sincere thank you for his service to the county during his period of leadership as president of the FireSafe Council.

There was no quorum so meeting summaries and financial reports were deferred to the January meeting for approval.

The 2017 tax return is ready for approval. Gary will convene an email meeting of the BOD to ensure a quorum of directors reviews, discusses and votes to approve the return so it can be filed on time.

A wide ranging discussion was held regarding the Camp Fire in Paradise.

Next meeting – Tuesday, January 8, 2019, at 1:30 PM at the Spring Valley Volunteer Fire Department Training Center.

Directors present: Jesse Katz, Gary Sanchez, Dede Smullen and Eugene Zambetti.

Staff and coordinators present: J.R. Call, Randy Castro, Patty Ciesla, Carol Mattsson, Eugenia Rendler and True Tourtillott.

Advisors, stakeholders, and guests present: Jeff Bates, William Baur, Chris del Pilar, John DeLong, Dwight Good, Michael Gorman, Brad Hartzell, David Frazer, Jake Hess, Christie Moore, Ed Orre and Derek Whitmer.

Meeting notes taken by Patty Ciesla and prepared by Gretchen Hayes