



Agenda

FireSafe Council Monthly Meeting
Saratoga Fire District Headquarters
14380 Saratoga Ave, Saratoga, CA 95070
Tuesday, November 19, 2019 - Regular meeting 1:30PM

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Agenda Item</u>
1	1:30	<p>Call to Order and Introductions (Dede Smullen)</p> <p><i>Dede called to order 1:32</i> <i>Observes change in wildfire status from Oct. Recognizes preparedness of local agencies facing wildfires late in season.</i> <i>Introductions</i></p>
2	1:35	<p>Consent Calendar Accept the treasurer's reports for October (Attachment 1)</p> <p><i>Patty comments that we received payment from CalFire for Hwy 17 and finances are in good shape.</i></p> <p>Approve last meeting summary (Attachment 2)</p> <p><i>Incomplete sentence in RR, should say Joan Sherlock</i></p> <p><i>Motion to approve consent calendar with addition of Joan's name.</i></p> <p><i>Motion: Derek</i> <i>Second: Jim Wollbrinck</i> <i>Motion passed unanimously</i></p>
3	1:40	<p>Board and Advisors reports</p> <p>A. SCCFD (Jason Falarski)</p> <p><i>No report</i></p> <p>B. CAL FIRE update (Ed Orre)</p> <p><i>Focus on Hwy 17. Hoping to hire environmental scientist to expand capacity. Hwy 17 going well, hit stride, 86 people working daily. Vision recycling moving in equipment, will start grinding vegetation tomorrow. Can process 50 tons/day. County Fire sending out someone to capture drone footage. Dudek doing great,</i></p>

providing needed services. AP sending out report, cameraman, videographer. Hopes to get most of project done by end of yr. No lane closures Thanksgiving or Xmas wk. Other officials and dignitary's will tour project at some point.

C. Presidents Report (Dede Smullen)

Re. Resolution 2019-8, Chris Hughes has been promoted and hasn't had time for SCCFSC. Voted via email to temporarily appoint. Kirk Shearer as PG&E rep. Email vote policy calls for ratification of email actions in BOD meeting.

December Meeting
2020 Calendar

Discussed Resolution 2019-9 and meeting schedule. Zoom mtg scheduled in December to adopt budget. Also BOD budget workshop in Dec. BOD will have budget prior to Thanksgiving for review before Dec. budget workshop.

D. Nominating Committee Presentation of Slate (Jim Wollbrinck)

Discussion of prospective new Board of Directors including Paul Hanson from Saratoga, Joan Sherlock from Los Altos Hill and involved in the Committee for Green Foothills, and Shana Nelson, an insurance agent and resident of Redwood Estates.

3 2:05 Action Items

Approve resolution to open a separate operating reserve savings account (Attachment 3)

BOD policy to have \$60,000 reserve set aside, now want to set aside that cash which is 3 months operating expenses. Goal is to increase to 6 months reserve.

Motion to approve resolution 2019-7

Motion: Jim Wollbrinck

Second: Derek Neumann

Motion passed unanimously

Motion to approve resolution 2019-8 to appoint Kirk Shearer to BOD

Motion: Jim Wollbrinck

Second: Derek Neumann

Patty recommends amending motion to appt. as generic BOD member as there are no BOD positions designated specifically for agencies or organization.

Motion passed as amended unanimously

Motion to approve resolution 2019-9 to approve 2020 calendar

Motion: Derek Neumann

Second: Jim Wollbrinck

- 4 2:10 Guest Speaker Paul Hansen from the Arrowhead Community on new concepts in community fire detection and protection.

Been in valley for 40 yrs., experienced on other non-profit BOD. Gives presentation on Arrowhead community water system and fire protection efforts of the community. Discussion of project and insurance issues affecting communities at risk for wildfire.

- 5 2:30 Activities reports (Attachment 4)
Executive Director's report (Patty Ciesla)
- Grants and Administration report

Highway 17 Project report (Jim Young or Doug Mckelvey)

Communications, Outreach and Education Program Report (Eugenia Rendler)

- Website update

Hazardous Fuel Reduction Program report (J.R. Call)

All reports were provided by Patty: HFR projects slow right now, most emphasis on Hwy 17 project. Eucalyptus removal project in Palo Alto is pending. Issue with low bidder on this project as there were problems with their performance on Hwy 17. Notes lengthy list of Education and Outreach programs completed by Eugenia and the success of volunteer program. New staff will be attending Hazardous Ignition Zone training. The new website is up but some issues with the site remain. Contract with Palo Alto expires in June. Currently reviewing Palo Alto budget. Discussion of municipal contracts, we have contracts with Los Altos, Saratoga, and Palo Alto and would like proposals for other cities that we'd like to support SCCFSC. Patty and Gretchen are writing grant for CalFire 2019 CCI Fire Prevention grant. Received Union Pacific grant, Calif. Fire Foundation Grant.

Hwy 17: Started in Los Gatos, going up NB side of Hwy, massive operation. Eight-six people in the field plus admin support. Granite handling lane closures. Vegetation grinder on site, material will be chipped and taken to co-gen facility in Stockton to generate energy. Ed notes value added effort is that trash is being picked up as part of the project.

- 6 2:45
- Round Robin (1 minute Per Person)
 - Jeff Bates Redwood Estates: Thanks all involved in Hwy 17. Community seeing benefit
 - Denise Gluhan Los Altos Hills Fire District: Thanks Eugenia for project. Los Altos voted self out of WUI several years ago. Hoping for 4 firewise communities. Doing HIZ
 - Jay Logan Los Altos fire District: emulate programs.
 - Jim Wollbrinck: Checking on Hwy 17 issue related to water meter.
 - Ed Orre: CCI grant closes Dec 4th. Great deal of interest. He covers 5 counties, will be a lot of competition.
 - Christie Moore: County Fire: Hosted 13 community meetings earlier this year. Survey Monkey results, 3 main issues, insurance, PGE shut offs, and Mid Pen Open Space. Working on plans for 2020. Wanted to host community meeting addressing

insurance issues. Discusses various efforts to address issues in community meetings in 2020.

- *Lauren Linney: Working on log for grant matching purposes. Discusses Structure Ignition Class which will be shorter version of the 2 day HIZ class, will be 2-3 hr.*
- *Michael Gorman: MidPen, finished defensible space at stables, continuing on defensible space projects.*
- *Shana Nelson: Compliments Hwy 17 project.*
- *Sandy Peterson: Message from Albert Escovar re. large animal evacuation. New program for companion animal evacuation. Jan 15-16 companion animal evacuation class at Sheriff's Office. SCCFSC will push out information on class. Ed notes also a class in Alameda for large animal evacuation.*
- *John DeLong, South Skyline. Discussion of insurance, finished fall chipping, 50 homes 5 days, 60,000 cubic feet cleared. Jean Manning interested in generating permissions for goat trail phase 2, info sent to Eugenia. Their Education committee planning two home hardening workshops in Feb/March 2020.*
- *Patty, talked with victim of paradise fire who was burned. Had 20 surgeries, needs more.*

7 3:00 Adjourn general meeting
Next Meeting Date and Location
December 17, 2019 - Location TBD

Attachments:

1. Treasurer's Reports October
2. October 15, 2019 Meeting Minutes.
3. Resolution No.2019-7 Authorizing Creation of A Operating Reserve Saving Acct.
4. Activities Reports

2019 Meeting Schedule

December 17- Tentative Date For Budget adoption.

2020 Meeting Schedule

January 21 - Saratoga Fire District Headquarters
February 18 - TBD
March 17- Morgan Hill Community and Cultural Center
April 21- Redwood Estates Pavilion
May 19- Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
June 16- Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority
July 21- Saratoga Fire District Headquarters
August 18- TBD
September 15- Redwood Estates Pavilion
October 20- Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority
November 17- Saratoga Fire District Headquarters
December 15 - cancelled