



## Meeting Minutes - APPROVED

FireSafe Council Monthly Meeting

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Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Regular Meeting 1:30PM

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Agenda Item</u>
1	1:30	Call to Order (Dede Smullen)
2	1:30	Roll Call & Introductions
3	1:35	Board and Advisors reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. SCCFD (Jason Falarski) Car fire on Hwy 17 could have been worse. Aug 16 – weather event/large mutual aid/6 strike teams out/1 support unit. During CZU evacuation, Stonehaven was working on beta test, which was fairly successful. Prediction for rest of fire season is LaNina – could be dry or wet. No active fires in SC County right now. We can continue to help by shaded fuel breaks, property clearance. Warning vs. order. 2018 Camp fire motivated people to do more. This fire continues that.</li><li>B. CAL FIRE update (Chief Ed Orre &amp; Friends) <u>Chief Orre</u>: Discussed SCU Fire - Current situation does not allow CalFIRE to do mop up/suppression repair. Units are already moving. CalFIRE had 6 teams 24/7/365 available. Type 1 – most professional, can handle all hazards and go anywhere in country. Includes planning and logistics, not just fire suppression. The SCU did more good than harm. Herds still rely on feed and fence lines were damaged. Incident was lightning strike 8/16/20/ 27 fires Sunday morning. Up to 5 major fires by 17<sup>th</sup>. Combined 2,000 acres. By 8/19 up to 43,000 acres. Over next several days grew to 86K acres. Evacuations went quite well.  <u>Chief Sampson</u>: Guest Speaker from CalFIRE to discuss CZU Fire – 1 fatality, 49 injuries to firefighters. 20K of timber harvest. Big Basin redwoods 80% will recover. Douglas Fir mostly gone. When citizens stay, they hamper CalFIRE’s efforts. Plastic culverts melted. – hundreds up to 60” in diameter. Need Temporary Refuge Areas (TRA). Managed timberland still burned. Reverse 911. System based on opt-in. 400+ fires around state at same time. This was a 500-year fire. Fairly catastrophic. Fire is an emergency, not an event.</li></ul>
		Presidents Report (Dede Smullen) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Our Role Before the Fire/During the Fire/After the Fire We pushed out CalFIRE/OEM official messaging; learned we need to have messages canned and ready to go; Eugenia and Emily were key on social media all weekend. Need to strengthen relationship with ranchers and farmers; Shana mentioned preparing a media</li></ul>

package. Need to have across platforms like Nextdoor and Facebook.

b. CalFire Correspondence (Attachment 1)

C. Strategic Plan Implementation: Report from Goal Groups 1 & 2 **postpone until next month**

D. Wildfire Cameras: Status, Issues and A Roadmap Forward (Rick Parfitt) **Guest speaker discussed cameras in County. SCCFSC supports 3 cameras currently. Questions are should council continue this, alternatives, and to involve stakeholders. Explained Forest Watch vs Alert Wildfire. Features include fixed camera and 360 degree view. Dedicated staff monitors vs crowdsourcing camera monitoring. Room for improvement. Need to standardize/integrate across state. Base in Sacto? State based would help coordinate resources.**

- 4 2:20 Consent Items **Paul made motion; Jim W second. Passed 5/0**
- Approve July and August Meeting Minutes (Attachment 2)
  - Accept July and August Financials, Audit Report, Cash Flow Estimates for 2020 (Chris Sommerfield) (Attachment 3, 4)
  - Nominate/approve Joan Sherlock as 3rd VP
- Action Items
- Adopt Resolution 2020-9 (Attachment 5) Raising the minimum Operating Reserve account from \$60,000 to \$350,000 equivalent to 6 months basic operating expenses for the corporation **Joan made motion; Jim W second (YES votes Dede, Jim, Paul, Jesse, Joan. ABSENT: Erika, Shana, Derek, Kirk). Motion passed 5/0**
- 5 2:30 Activities reports (Attachment 6)  
Executive Director's report (Eugenia Rendler) **Old SC Hwy escape route have majority of permissions rec'd and contractors. Forest Health Grant has no funds – pushed to when state signs the budget. Our website is live but taking a tactical pause. Brad Hartzell is official staff now.**
- Hazardous Fuel Reduction Program report (Jeff Beren) **LAH contractors onsite. Parcel project start date mid-October. Page Mill Rd Phase II ramping up. Ball is rolling. Mid-Pen Eucalyptus grove is a 4 week job; very hazardous though high benefit.**
  - Grants and Administration report (Written Report)
  - Planning Program Report (Carla Ruigh) **Updating applications/SNAP apps; Saratoga dead tree program; helping Gretchen with WUI grant app; CCI project as needed.**
  - Communications, Outreach and Education Report (Eugenia Rendler) **Nextdoor want to be on Countywide.**
  - Financial Update (Chris Sommerfield) **Audit wrapping up. Waiting for partner buy off. Budget working with management team.**
6. 3:23 Round Robin (1 minute per person please) **John DeLong – apps for Fall chipping; Oakridge Road PG & E grant; Portola Heights funded by CalFIRE and private; New evac handouts. Jeff Bates – 1870 cubic yards chipped Redwood Estates. Denise Gluhan – Dru Anderson/LAH resident. Evacuation drill with 18 participants. Nixel to activate. Went through the drill. Willing to be first Firewise in LAH. Dru Anderson – community awareness went up 40% Saddle Mountain. 40 homes. Co-Chair Ham radio operators. Observed hills July 4 coordinated with Palo Alto. Stephanie/RCD thanked Dede for attending. Reaching out to farmers/ranchers to fill in gaps; re-oaking program. Erika – get the word out. Even with 1 fatality in CZU, public may not still understand real danger. Prevention and education so important.**
- 3:36 Adjourn general meeting

Next Meeting Date and Location

October 20, 2020 - Zoom

Attachments:

1. CalFire Correspondence
2. July and Aug 2020 Meeting Minutes
3. July 2020 Treasurer's Reports
4. Aug, 2020 Treasurer's Reports
5. 2020-09 Resolution Operating Reserve
6. Manager's Activities Reports

**2020 Meeting Schedule**

October 20- Zoom Only

November 17- Zoom Only

December 15 - cancelled