



**APPROVED Minutes**  
FireSafe Council Monthly Meeting  
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Tuesday, October 20, 2020  
Regular Meeting 1:30PM

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Agenda Item</u>
1	1:30	Call to Order (Dede Smullen)
2	1:32	Roll Call & Introductions (roll call completed by Admin Asst)
3	1:31	Board and Advisors reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. SCCFD (Jason Falarski) SC Co Fire starting back to normalcy. Most units are back with a couple still deployed. Red Flag Warning Wed through Friday. Fire Academy until mid-Feb. Taking to Board new position F/T Wildfire Battalion Chief for mitigation/prevention of wildfire. Recruitment will begin at the end of the year. Paul asked a question regarding using practice burns with discussion following.</li><li>B. CAL FIRE update (Chief Ed Orre &amp; Friends) Dede spoke on Ed's behalf - Peak season through Dec 31. All SC Units back in service. Fire repair occurring for SCU Lightning fire. 400 points identified to repair including 230 miles of dozer lines and fences and gates. It will take them past Thanksgiving to make repairs.</li><li>C. Presidents Report (Dede Smullen) Forest Grant on hold. Hwy 17 was on hold w/fires. Need the final report since we did a good job and it should help us in the future. Need more BOD in specific areas, but Joan will discuss in her report. Introduced potential new BOD/Advisor members. Need Advisors who can deliver our message and/or bring something to the table. Joelle Hurlston said she's excited to hear what the Board has to say and praised their great work. Justin Fields was not there, but Dede said he's a rancher invited by Ed and is interested in fire safety. Amanda Stasiewicz is a professor at SJSU and focuses on Wildfire policy and management. Patrick Ahrens was not there, but is a representative from Assm. Lowe's office.<p>Dede asked Shana to discuss the Insurance hearing she attended. Shana said various homeowners spoke on their experiences - some had loss, some survived due to defensible space. Discussed building codes, improving resources and materials as well as grants that might be available for seniors/low income. Carriers are pulling out of state due to rates and cost of construction. If not eligible, folks have to use the Fair Program. Premium is cost prohibitive. Trickle down to property value. Consumers need to voice their concerns. Boulder Co Firewise Community. Discussion on possible incentives and certification if homeowner participates in defensible space work.</p><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. CalFire Correspondence/(Attachment 1)</li></ul></li></ul>

- D. Strategic Plan Implementation: Report from Goal Groups 1 & 2 Joan spoke regarding Group 1. Focused on building leadership on the BOD and Advisory Board. Went through what Orientation and Training could look like as well as Organizational Leadership requirements. Asked the group for their top priorities. Dede responded that developing the board because other things will flow after, but need skill levels. Also, sustainable funding. Discussion on whether another group is needed to just focus on funding. Suggestion that the Development Committee gets going again; also new ED and potential new Board members in Jan will help.
- E. Nominating Committee Update (Joan Sherlock) Joan continued this discussion from her above section and requested any names/contact info be given to her.

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Consent Items Derek made a motion to approve; Jim W. second the motion. Erika Ameri AYE; Paul Hansen AYE; Jesse Katz AYE; Shana Nelson AYE; Derek Neumann AYE; Joan Sherlock AYE; Dede Smullen AYE; Jim Wollbrinck AYE. All BOD voted yes with Kirk absent. Motion passed 8-0

- Approve September Meeting Minutes (Attachment 2)
- Accept September Financials, Cash Flow Estimates for 2020 (Chris Sommerfield) (Attachment 3)
- Adopt Resolution 2020-10 for 2019 Audit (Attachment 4)

New Business Paul made a motion to approve; Jim W. second the motion. Erika Ameri AYE; Paul Hansen AYE; Jesse Katz AYE; Shana Nelson AYE; Derek Neumann AYE; Joan Sherlock AYE; Dede Smullen AYE; Jim Wollbrinck AYE. All BOD voted yes with Kirk absent. Motion passed 8-0

- Review the 2019 Annual Report
- Adopt Resolution 2020-11 Setting the 2021 Regular Board Meeting Calendar (Attachment 5)

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Activities reports (Attachment 6)

Executive Director's report (Eugenia Rendler) Carla spoke on Eugenia's behalf. Had a staff meeting Oct 1 which was really valuable since folks are separated with COVID. Sara Williams will be back as bookkeeper. All insurance has been renewed. Sexual harassment training has been done by all staff.

Hazardous Fuel Reduction Program report (Jeff Beren) Old SC Hwy supposed to kick off tomorrow, but Red Flag Warning now. Ready to go and may be done by the end of the week depending on Red Flag. Heberb, both sides of Holy City will be done by the start of rains. Made a new hire for the chipping program so Emily can focus on COE. Parcel project/LAH waiting for film crew to show hazardous fuel reduction. Page Mill Road Phase 2 and 3 getting permissions. Hope to get Phase 2 done by the rains. Saratoga exploring Mt. Winery fuel break and want to get that project off the ground. Mid-Pen Euc job very hazardous. Goat Trail s/b done by Thanksgiving. Clearing 30' off road both sides. Croy Road no update. Dede thanks our partners including So Skyline FSC, Mid-Pen, CalTrans and CalFire for work on various projects.

- Grants and Administration report (Written Report) Detailed information on grants is in packet. For 20SFA we requested \$199K and were awarded \$84,725. Because our projects are scalable, it's not an all or nothing. We've rec'd this grant 5 years in a row and may be able to get more if the funds from the US Forest Svce are not used up by other agencies fulfilling their projects. Funds can still be available and this is a win for us. Two projects extended (Goat Trail and XXX) by 3 months.

- Planning Program Report (Carla Ruigh) City of Saratoga hazardous tree removal will use up all available funds. HIZ needs to be done as there is a backlog. Have a plan to handle it. City of Saratoga residents priority because of rebels by end of the year.
- Communications, Outreach and Education Report (Eugenia Rendler) Carla mentioned Tara working on the website. Dede showed a slide with a message on red flag warning as an example of canned social media content we can push out (Facebook, Twitter, Constant Contact).
- Financial Update (Chris Sommerfield/Dede) Audit complete. Very few material deficiencies. With new staff and it being our first audit, we're on our way to fixing. Things done incorrectly are fixable. Restricted funds going well. Revenue recorded in 2019 had to move to 2020. Tax return 2019 - same company and will be done in the next 2 weeks. We had an extension so the audit could be completed first. Working on the 2021 budget now. Hope to get done for December. That will be an open meeting.

6. 2:54 Round Robin **Paul Hansen** said he and his wife are moving out of California so this will be his last board meeting. Strategic Plan is good. Please Eugenia is Managing Director and we're getting a new ED. Very excited for 2021. **Dede** thanked Paul. He came on when the org was struggling and has been a tremendous asset. **Erika Ameri** has not gotten together with her committee yet for Goal 2 Strategic Plan, but she plans to reach out to her colleagues in the realty world. Compass, Silicon Valley Assoc of Realtors, Brokers Tour, LA Rotary. Insurance incentives were her reason for joining the council. **Jim Wollbrinck**. SJ Water will be making a donation to FSC and he will know the amount by the next BOD meeting. Thanks so much to Paul. **John DeLong** So Skyline closed apps. Have 76 homes. Chipping program is 50% larger than their biggest prior years. Hwy 35 XXX. **Stephanie Moreno** \$10K allocation. 2 site visits set up for tomorrow. **Denise Gluhan** Commissioners could have lost authority. Had 130 comments against consolidation. Parcel project educational video - Ben (was Emily) involved with chipping video. Shaded Fuel break. LAH 60 HIZ. **Mike Gorman** Euc tree removal. Next month Goat Trail. **Sal Munoz** SJC Corp chainsaw training next week. Certified 40 hours. Inviting FSC to send 1-2 people. Connect with Jeff. **Jeff Bates** RWC Estates SR35 Summit Road \$37K project. Firewise Cert. **Chris Barresi** Mid-Pen just here to listen. Prohibiting stoves and areas closed due to Red Flag Warnings. **Maria Biggs** Chimeketa Firewise. In learning mode. Looking at Emergency Communications Systems.

3:17 Adjourn general meeting  
 Next Meeting Date and Location  
 November 17, 2020 - Zoom  
 Attachments:

1. CalFire Correspondence
2. Sept 2020 Meeting Minutes
3. Sept 2020 Treasurer's Reports
4. Resolution 2020-10 2019 Audit
5. Resolution 2020-11 Setting the 2020 Meeting Schedule
6. Manager's Activities Reports

## 2020 Meeting Schedule

November 17- Zoom Only

December 15 - Budget Meeting Zoom Only

2021 TBD