



Santa Clara County FireSafe Council

Monthly Board Meeting DRAFT MINUTES

Topic: FireSafe Council Monthly Meeting
 Time: September 21, 2021 01:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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Item	Time	Section Title	Agenda Item	Speaker	Attachment
1	1:30 PM	Call to Order		Dede Smullen	
2	1:31 PM	Board & Advisors Reports			
		CAL FIRE	Got all resources back from other fires (engines, dozers, crews). Ready for next events. Fire stats: 2020 1 million acres affected. 2021 975,000 acres affected. Grant received 17 applications and awarded 4. Adds up to \$7.9M. SCC FireSafe not awarded. Contra Costa received for mapping. Moraga/Orinda received for fuel break. City of Oakland for dead/dying trees along Skyline. Diablo FireSafe Council for fuel treatments and education. Collecting pinecones for seed bank at Davis from Henry Coe and Redwood Regional Parks. Oak mortality task force discussing Bay Area mortality. Dede asked about a second round of funding. Ed replied next year grant cycle but mentioned other grants coming up at other agencies.	Chief Ed Orre	
		SCCFD	Back to full staffing. Went through highlights on slide including hoping for new staff by Spring. Updating CWPP annexes. Zonehaven rollout community education webinar coming up led by Mike. Discussed some CWPP work done.	Mike Mathiesen	
		President's Report	Dede thanked everyone for coming and welcomed new attendees. Explained why Ed and Mike go first and grateful they can do the presentations to update us. Board had a pre-meeting to review the Strategic Plan. It was adopted last July with an in-person meeting then the rest on zoom. It was refreshed and adopted today. We will share with everyone on the website and send around when it's cleaned up. Many thanks to Paul Hansen for his work on this. Trying to make the meetings go smoother so some clerical items are being handled in advance of board meetings. Thanks to Seth for monthly speakers. If anyone has ideas on how to make the meetings more meaningful for them, please let us know.	Dede Smullen	
3	1:48 PM	Consent Items	Approve August 2021 Meeting Minutes Accept August 2021 Financials Accept Renewal of Insurance policies (various)		1 2 3 (link)
		Motion to approve: Paul Hansen Second: Derek Neumann AYES: Smullen, Wollbrinck,			
5	1:55 PM	Speaker	Paradise: One Town's Struggle to Survive an American Wildfire	Lizzie Johnson, Author	
		Author Conversation	Lizzie brought a unique perspective on how wildfire affects a community with her journalism and subsequent book on the Paradise fire which affected Butte County. More human interest than technical but she came away with some lessons learned. She lived there part time while doing the work on the book and said this event was unlike any other because it wasn't just a house or neighborhood that went, but a whole town and world for the people who lived there. The fire took the town in two hours and it outpaced the alert system, which was fractured between different agencies. Now it is centralized with the Sheriff office. She listened to every 911 call, some of which were grave and she realized that not having accurate and timely information leads people to the inability to make a decision which results in inaction. This led to some people dying. Paradise was a town for people who couldn't afford to live in other areas so they're having a difficult time rebuilding. Many hoped to rebuild but moved out of the area. They created block leaders to help gather information on rebuilding		
6	2:30 PM	Activities Reports	CEO Report	Seth Schalet	4
			Went through highlights on his report. Completed FHG with Calfire and started working with collaborators. First draft of service agreement and one more meeting with attorney coming up. In process of onboarding Insperity our new Payroll/HR firm. A lot of work and thanks to the team. Phase I is payroll. Phase II is migrating HR info and getting online self service for employees going. Will bring HR manual up to date. Looking at bylaws and AOI. Meeting with attorney to rewrite and initial review with board will be in next 2-3 weeks. Hope to adopt at October meeting. Received \$20K grant and created go-bags in cooperation with SJ Mayor's office and Sharks and SAP. First 200 people who attended the event got them.		

Financials Update

Chris Sommerfield

Seth spoke for Chris who was absent. Monthly finance committee meeting. Have been able to move forward on revising the budget now with a better picture on timing issues, etc. This will improve the budget.

Managing Director Report

Eugenia Rendler

Hazardous Fuel Reduction Program Report

Communications, Outreach and Education Report

Eugenia gave updates on HFR and COE. Everything is going now with permits in hand. Mt. Madonna is in Phase II cutting down dead trees. Taking longer than planned but going well. Mid Page Mill starts next month and Moody Road starts in November. Hired Stephen Harrington who will be working at the contract level for FHG. Interviews going for COE Manager and its posted on our website. Our in-person requests for activities and education are going up which is great.

Grants

Pai Venegas

Seth went over this since Pai was absent. Working on grants for unrestricted funds. Creating outreach packet for family foundations, which typically have interest in environmental and health based issues. We will know by October 31 if we are awarded PG & E.

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Round Robin Raise your virtual hand!

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Denise G - introduced Dave Barnett and Lisa Schmidt. Shout out to Irene and Lynn S.

Events/festivals are coming up plus emergency wildfire events.

Jeff B- Firewise community update \$24K worth of work/chipping done in Redwood Estates.

Erika A - Gave example of real estate with AB38. Seller needs to provide or buyer needs to complete within one year, but there is some issues with Calfire being backed up to conduct the investigations. Just be aware.

Dave B - Discussed home hardening for fuel breaks with Mid Pen, Palo Alto, etc. Hoping to participate in regional planning with CWPP.

Jared L - mentioned recently installed wildfire camera. S/B operational next week.

Rob R - \$7M from State for West Valley cities. Also, \$70M from Feds through Eshoo.

Derek N - have crews out doing heat and fire watches

Michael G - helpful working with Denise, Dave and J Logan for work on Rancho San Antonio.

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Adjourn General Meeting

Next Meeting Date and Location

October 19, 2021 Zoom Only

Attachments

- 1 August 2021 Meeting Minutes
- 2 August 2021 Treasurer's Reports
- 3 link to documents
- 4 Manager's Activities Reports
- 5 2020 Annual Report
- 6 Correspondence Climate Roadmap Update

2021 Meeting Schedule - Zoom

October 19, 2021

November 16, 2021