



Santa Clara County FireSafe Council Monthly Board Meeting

Topic: FireSafe Council Monthly Meeting
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Item	Time	Section Title	Agenda Item	Speaker	Attachment
1	1:32 PM	Call to Order	Present: Smullen, Hansen, Wollbrinck, Nelson, Hurlston, Lewis, Neumann, Ameri. Absent: Katz, Shearer, Munoz.	Dede Smullen	
2	1:31 PM	Board & Advisors Reports	<p style="text-align: center;">CAL FIRE</p> <p>Just got off a webinar regarding bringing prescribed burns back to California landscapes. Craig Thomas gave shout out to firesafe councils being a go-to place for public on defensible space, etc. Grants office is bogged down on contracts and amendments. Migrating to E-Civis new platform. Training should occur soon. It's being used behind the scenes and should be rolled out between November and January for everyone else. Recommended keeping up on finscale mapping. Going according to plan. Valuable-keep an eye on. Meeting with County OEM & Mike M. on FEMA grant. Need to update CWPP should be priority. Common plan for all of us and is critical to stay focused.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SCCFD</p> <p>OEM has opportunities for grant funding for consulting to write CWPP. Maybe pursue as a group. Coming up with spec on new position Community Wildfire Specialist. Building to work in (annex) is moving forward to determine cost of upgrades. Negotiations right now then cfinishing spec on CommunityFirefighter/Fuels Crew. Then can move forward with hiring.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">President's Report</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Appoint 2021 Board Nominating Committee</p> <p>Resilience & Brilliance Conference - CA statewide Firesafe council distributes Federal funds. We're all a part of something bigger. Other connections in our lives. Get CWPP off the ground, get County commitment. How much time we all waste competing against each other for funding. Strategic Plan - council adopted at pre meeting last month. Copy woth Board packet. Paul will do presentation next month. November will be the last meeting of the year). Board nominating committee-3rd VP typically. Need volunteers to join Erika on committee to present new board members in January.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Chief Ed Orre</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Mike Mathiesen</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Dede Smullen</p>	
3	1:48 PM	Consent Items	<p style="text-align: center;">Approve September 2021 Meeting Minutes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Accept September 2021 Financials</p> <p>Motion: Neumann. Second the montion: Hansen. AYES: Smullen, Hansen, Wollbrinck, Nelson, Hurlston, Lewis, Neumann, Ameri. Motin passes 8/0 with 3 absent</p>		<p style="text-align: right;">1</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2</p>
4	1:50 PM	Action Item	<p style="text-align: center;">Resolution 2021-10 Adopt Updated Bylaws</p> <p>Motion: Hansen. Second the montion: Ameri. AYES: Smullen, Hansen, Wollbrinck, Nelson, Hurlston, Lewis, Neumann, Ameri. Motin passes 8/0 with 3 absent</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Resolution 2021-11 Authorize Forest Health Grant Savings Account and Signatories</p> <p>Motion: Lewis. Second the montion: Hansen. AYES: Smullen, Hansen, Wollbrinck, Nelson, Hurlston, Lewis, Neumann, Ameri. Motin passes 8/0 with 3 absent</p>		<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4</p>
5	2:00 PM	Speaker	Title: DamageMap: AI system identifies buildings damaged by wildfire	<p>Yi-Lin (Aron) Tsai PhD candidate Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering Stanford University</p>	
			<p>Speaker gave an interesting presentation on Damage map - product developed by Stanford students. Just published paper in International Journal Disaster Risk Reduction regarding Damage map. Real time decision making and post-fire damaged building classifier using artificial intelligence. High level discussion of features including demo on how it works. Used Carr and Camp fires data base to build model as example. Important because rapidly surveying damages helps claims process and inspectors.</p>		

Activities Reports

CEO Report

Seth Schalet

Thanks to Joelle City of San Jose Wildfire Awareness Day (9/24) Alum Rock Park with Sharks/SAP. 2000 back packs distributed. Great to be out with real people. Joelle thought it was a great opportunity how folks can collaborate with us. It was well attended. City of Saratoga contract approved. Thanks to Crystal B. FHG process of closing service agreements. Next week or so all will be executed then move to RFP's. On Oct 26 Seth will tour our work sites with Jim Young and Senator John Becker of District 13. Hope to engage in future collaborations. Collaborating with Guadalupe Resource Conservation District for watershed and wildfire activity. Discussions with vendors services and products as we expand revenue opportunities. Attended all 3 Lafco meetings. Thanks to several board members. Jim asked about budget as far as Seth's plans impacting it. Seth replied it needs discussion. Investment in order to make money. What does revenue diversification look like. Grants are cyclical and don't cover all expenses. Joelle asked about the youth in Cupertino and the \$200 sponsorship. Great to engage youth demographic.

Financials Update

Chris Sommerfield

Starting on 2022 budget. Will have rough draft by the holiday with January goal for board approval. Thank you to Board for approving savings account. Projects are ramping up end of September. Cash is on the flat side but invoices are coming due. Everything in statements are to plan.

Managing Director Report

Eugenia Rendler

Hazardous Fuel Reduction Program Report

Communications, Outreach and Education Report

Wrapping up Mt. Madonna Phase II 9/30/21 which was 4.5 miles x both sides of the road (almost 17 acres). HFR Coordinator Harmon has been a great asset. Mid Page Mill kicked off yesterday and is providing connectivity. Irene was new in August but is running this solo. Rain might slow things down. Welcome Stephen Harrington, newest HFR Coordinator, who joined in September. Will focus primarily on FHG. Upper Hwy 9 - made it up to Hwy 35 last section. Meeting with CalTrans tomorrow. Nov 1 scheduled kickoff, but might be Nov 15. Also, Nov 8 kickoff for Moody/El Monte. Intensive outreach/permission gathering. Environmental paperwork being finalized. FHG Carla, Stephen and Eugenia working on draft for RFQ environmental firms. COE Four new Firewise communities Santa Cruz area. Lynn S. has been outstanding. Nov renewals are due for existing Firewise. In person requests are returning. Jim asked about grow backs. Maintenance is hard to get from grantors. We convert to an advisory role.

Grants

Pai Venegas

Discussed current status of grants

Round Robin

Raise your virtual hand!

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Eugene Zambetti - sat on Board years ago. Enjoys our meetings. Trina has some questions on brochure. Enjoyed speaker from Stanford. Hopes to be on the board again in the future. **Rob Rennie** - Los Gatos. Tonight's council agenda will have ad hoc fire safety update. July 24 mock evac drill had 50 households participate. Using social media. Working on audible notification system. **Denise Gluhan**: Moody/El Monte ROad. Met with FOothill Community which has major frontage. **Victoria Bebe**: preparedness fair. Thanks to Eugenia and Tara. Jim W: event with Los Gatos Nov 3. URL in chat box. Hoping for 500 attendees at Calvary Church. Help push it out. **Jeff Bates**: preparing for Firewise renewal. **Erika Ameri**: asked how are we measuring outreach to community? Denise G responded evac workshops 20-30 residents at a time. Discussion on how many in WUI, how many we have contact with, resources for tracking and how do we measure metrics? KPI - internal and external. Marketing needed/how do we advertise? Dede suggested reviewing Annual Report, but it's a drop in the bucket vs. what needs to happen. Needs to be Strategic Plan.

Adjourn General Meeting**Next Meeting Date and Location**

November 16, 2021 Zoom Only

Attachments

- 1 September 2021 Meeting Minutes
- 2 September 2021 Treasurer's Reports
- 3 Resolution 2021-10 Adopt Updated Bylaws with draft from attorney
- 4 Resolution 2021-11 Authorize Forest Health Grant Savings Account and Signatories
- 5 Manager's Activities Reports
- 6 Strategic Plan
- 7 DamageMap Article