



Motion to approve position of Chair-Elect: Jared L.; Second to motion: Joelle H. AYES: Erika, Jared, Joelle, Paul, Kirk, Jesse, Dede, Jim. Motion passes 8/0

Motion to approve: Kirk S.; Second to motion: Jesse K. AYES: Erika, Jared, Joelle, Paul, Kirk, Jesse, Dede, Jim. Motion passes 8/0

**And the following Advisors for a one year term ending January 2023**

- Jeff Bates, Redwood Estates
- Crystal Bothelio, City of Saratoga
- John DeLong, South Skyline FireSafe Council
- Mike Mathiesen, Santa Clara County Fire
- Gene Zambetti, Saratoga Fire District
- Dwight Good, Morgan Hill Fire, South County Fire Protection District, Cal Fire SCU
- Edgar Orre, Cal Fire SCU
- Amanda Stasiewicz, San Jose State Wildfire .....
- Gregg Winovich, Mount Hamilton Range Improvement Association
- Michael Gorman, Midpeninsula Open Space District
- Sandy Peterson, Loma Prieta RCD

Motion to approve: Paul H.; Second to motion: Jesse K. AYES: Erika, Jared, Joelle, Paul, Kirk, Jesse, Dede, Jim. Motion passes 8/0

**Adopt Resolution 2022-02 Updated Conflict of Interest Policy and Statement**

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(Policy and Statement Exhibit A)

Motion to adopt: Joelle H.; Second to motion: Erika A. AYES: Erika, Jared, Joelle, Paul, Kirk, Jesse, Dede, Jim. Motion passes 8/0

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**Activities Reports**

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CEO Report (5 minutes)

Seth Schalet

Seth kept it short referring to his packet and invited any followup questions. No meeting in December so there was a Finance Committee and budget update work. Moved FHG project forward and still working through contractual piece. Our attorney is engaging with County attorney, parks and mid-pen. Hoping to have resolved by first week of Feb. Eugenia, Stephen and Carla team put out an RFP for main FHG contractor (selected Ascent Environmental). Scope to follow. Have an approved budget approved thanks to finance committee. Received first advance FHG (\$400K) to put in dedicated savings account. Wednesday meeting with Senator Cortese's office to develop relationship and opportunities for engagement. We want a seat at the table as a resource and potential funding. A lot of grant activity thanks to Pai and Eugenia. Expanding from traditional opportunities. Negotiations on update of CWPP. Had meetings and thanked Orre and Hess for their work.

Financials Update (5 minutes)

Chris Sommerfield

Chris went through his slide deck in detail. Our December financial numbers and 2021 YTD actuals overall were planned and in line with projections. We stayed within budget despite COVID. Thanks to all who helped pull this together. Did over \$1.5M revenue. Investing cash into our business so it pays off in 2022. Sustainability account 2022 to \$700K anticipated level. Anticipated 2022 \$3M income and \$2.8M expenses. Chris gave a shoutout to Anneliese for her behind the scenes hard work. Audit and tax returns are coming up. General discussion on how far we've come with financials and how we've gotten through COVID.

Managing Director Report (10 minutes)

Eugenia Rendler

Hazardous Fuel Reduction Program Report

Communications, Outreach and Education Report

Her written report wraps up 2021 projects. Each had it's own final report. Four projects last quarter of 2021 and can send to anyone who wants to see. Her slide showed green projects funded. Orange are partiall funded because we didn't get all the grants we applied for. Instead, we will have partners helping us with in-kind matches such as cash, chipping crews, etc. CAL and CO fire have chipping crews. Blue projects are upcoming grant applicaitons or city partner projects. The slide is broken down into quarters we think the projects will fall into. Dede asked about Hidden Villa. It has a couple of layers because it falls into LAH county fire district. We will start with hardening and expand HIZ for their property near structures, parking lot and vineyards. Willing to be TRA (staging for fire dept to protect people and cars, etc). Evacuation route already hardeneed. We will walk them through and put a report together. Long term strategic fuel break. Hidden Villa will raise funds. Discussion on community chipping program and how it has worked. Last couple of years has drastically increased and last year we had to limit to our county. Also, two grantors don't lean toward community chipping because there is no connectivity between parcels so not as effective. Have upcoming meetings for new format since this is a core program. March 15 starts applications for new year's chipping. Staffing-brought on Jesse Young as an assessor. Good fire experience and has enabled us to get caught up on HIZ assessments. The wait list is shorter.

Grants (5 minutes)

Pai Venegas

Submitted response to State Coastal Conservancy RFP seeking to fund projects that improve ecological health and reduce fire. Guadalupe RCD & Loma Prieta RCD piloting new project mapping rangeland to enhance resilience of ranching communities. Providing tech assistance, mapping landscape. Resilience of ranching communities. CALFIRE fire prevention application to support funding HRF and COE programs due Feb 9. Prospecting family foundations. New application Workforce development -thinking of developing careerpath in HFR for underserved communities (one idea-more planning needed). October and December quarterly reports due for HFR and COE this month. Close out report for Mid Page Mill Evac Fuel Break project. SNAP & HIZ assessments

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 Dave Barnett mentioned Moody/El Monte Rd hardening. Thanks to Eugenia, Irene and Jim. Successful chipping. Researching equipment purchases including green climber to be stored at mid-pen. Jared said open to doing cost sharing or renting theirs. Jeff Bates thanked Dede for her work and Eugenia for Firewise renewal.

8            3:04 PM            **Adjourn General Meeting**  
**Next Meeting Date and Location**  
 February 15,2022  
**Attachments**  
 1                            November 2021 Meeting Minutes  
 2                            December 2021 Treasurer's Reports  
 3                            Resolution 2022-01 2022 Annual Budget (2022 Budget Exhibit A)  
 4                            Resolution 2022-02 Updated Conflict of Interest Policy and Statement (Policy Exhibit A)  
 5                            Manager's Activities Reports

**2022 Meeting Schedule - Zoom**

February 15, 2022	July 19, 2022
March 15, 2022	August - none
April 19, 2022	September 20, 2022
May 17, 2022	October 18, 2022
June 21, 2022	November 15, 2022
	December - none