



Santa Clara County FireSafe Council
Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

APPROVED 3-15-2022

Topic: SCC FireSafe Council Monthly Board Meeting
 Time: February 15, 2022 01:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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Board Present: Paul,
 Board Absent:

Item	Section Title	Agenda Item	Speaker	Attachment
1	Call to Order and Welcome		Paul Hansen	
		Introductions		
		Roll Call		
		Board Members Present: Paul Hansen, Dede Smullen, Jim Wollbrinck, Erika Ameri, Shana Nelson, Jared Lewis, Joelle Hurlston		
		Board Members Absent: Derek Neumann		
		Board has a quorum		
		Correspondence: Letter received Feb 8, 2022 from Sal Munoz resigning from the SCCFSC Board.		
		Agenda Review		
2	Public Comment, New Business, Special Announcements		All (3 mins each maximum)	
		Lauren Bollard gave update that they're sending WUI letters and finalized firesafe chipping flyer. Shana mentioned several carriers got approval for discounts so folks can go to firewise website to get info for carriers. Sandra mentioned air quality And we need to remind people about the dangers of particles in the air.		
3	Board Annoucements		Paul Hansen	
4	Consent Calendar		Paul Hansen	
		Approve January 2022 Meeting Minutes		1
		Accept January 2022 Financials		2
		Motion to Approve: Joelle Hurlston. Second to motion: Dede Smullen. Aye: 8 votes Nay: none Motion Passes 8/0		
5	Board & Advisors Reports			
		Board Chair Report	Paul Hansen	
		Pual kicked off the first meeting for 2022 as President. Will discuss more in special topic later in agenda. Paul highlighted the committee structure is formed and CWPP management team has been established. We have challenges of workload increasing with staff resources thin as well as Board development and fundraising. His priorities are CWPP, Board developemnt and 2022 plan.		
		Board Committee Report(s)	Paul Hansen	
		Paul outlines and detailed roles for committees. Fundraising is critical and we need people to help. Looking for future board member who is a fundraiser. Joelle commented the structure was well thought out and liked it.		
		CEO Report	Seth Schalet	3
		Details are in his report, but we are working on branching out into non-traditional grants. Broaden family philanthropy. Engagement letter with auditor to be signed this week. Working with attorney to get faster turnaround on 2 FHG contracts.		
		CALFIRE Report	Chief Ed Orre	
		Chief Hess was promoted which leaves them with a void. Weather is nice, but of concern within the state. Adversely impacts prescribed burns. Gave comparison of last year vs. this year so far on fire activity. Staffing ramped up in late March. Next week fine scale mapping. Developed concurrently big implications for CWPP. FRAP thinktank releasing hazard map. Interesting grant applications received with out-of-the-box thinking. Will be competitive. FHG closing soon. Wildfire Resilience block grant will be heavy lift for staff. Resource Management Group meeting possible land trust collaboration.		
		SCCFD	Chief Mathiesen	
		Chipper received 2 weeks ago. Training Camp Steward developing curriculum. They received our invoice and will get to us by March. Hand crew work force stalled into summer. Priority is front line staffing.		
		Other FDs Reports?	Chiefs	
		Sandra mentioned COVID updates.		
6	Special Topic Discussion - 1			
		<i>Considerations for Moving the FireSafe Council to the Next Level</i>	Paul Hansen	powerpoint

Paul had an in-depth presentation of what we think Silicon Valley looks like and the reality. Home to innovators and change agents with enormous capability for revenue. Discussed idea of BHAG and moving from good to great. We need to prepare our wheelhouse, detect a ton of new technology out there, predict fire behavior and how it impacts people, evacuate using real data/better predictors, restore rebuild communities/engage insurance companies. Discussed wireless sensor devices, detector network, open data warehouse and mentioned SJSU fire research lab where AI is changing rapidly. Then the cycle goes back to being prepared. Need to make sure the CWPP lives on. Funding for CWPP should get approved by board of supv by end of year. Reinforced the idea that we should be vision architects, thought leader, stand-out organization, trusted advisor and solutions integrator. Touched on advocacy but to be careful what role we play. We can produce a significant revenue stream and said 5 year goal should be Silicon Valley FireSafe Council. Discussion ensued on how to approach this with emphasis not on competitive but cooperative language. We should include all and a couple of people mentioned how proud they are to be a part of this. Idea is that we use best practices and become the Google that people use us to find the info they're looking for. Info aggregators and disemenators. We don't need to be the experts but help people get to the next step in their journey.

- 7 **Special Topic Discussion - 2**
FSC Staff Progress Report and Outlook
 Jim Young has a slide presentation regarding updates in HFR. We had 5 projects we had committed to that were funded and planned. With COVID restrictions and fewer staff the projects were pushed into fall giving us 3 months to complete. Discussed staffing with Irene coming on and really got a good foothold in a short time and took over Los Altos Hills program. Brought new technology. Andrew Harmon had the same crash course and in short time got 2 escape routes done. Madonna Road is a critical escape route and Upper Hwy 9 - Harmon did on his own with little instruction. Jobs were on time, on budget. Madonna Road Phase II is 152 to Loma Prieta and critical for evacuation and ingress for fire personnel. There was 15-20 years of vegetation growth. Needed a lot of work. Projects completed were LAH chipping, Mid Page Mill Evac Route, Moody Rd. Evac Route, Madonna Rd. Escape Route and Upper Hwy 9 Escape Route.
 FSC Staff powerpoint
- 8 **Financial and Grants Report**
 Reports were included in the packet that was sent
 Chris Sommerfield and Pai Venegas 4
- 9 **Open Discussion - Board, Advisors, Interested Public**
 All
- 10 **Adjournment**
 Paul Hansen

Adjourn General Meeting
Next Meeting Date and Location
 March 15,2022

- Attachments**
- 1 January 2022 Meeting Minutes
 - 2 January 2022 Treasurer's Reports
 - 3 CEO Report
 - 4 Manager's Activities Reports

2022 Meeting Schedule - Zoom

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