



Santa Clara County FireSafe Council Regular Monthly Board Meeting

APPROVED APRIL 19, 2022

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

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Board Present: Paul, Jared, Dede, Shana, Jim, Derek (late)
Board Absent: Joelle, Erika, Jesse

Item	Time	Section Title	Agenda Item	Speaker	Attachment
1	1:30 PM	Call to Order and Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introductions Roll Call Agenda Review <p>The meeting was called to order</p>	Paul Hansen	
2		Public Comment, New Business, Special Announcements	<p>There was no new business; Steve Lindsey introduced himself. CPA Fire Interim Deputy. WUI inspections/recommendations; coordinating with County weed abatement; Foothills Park fire pits close for summre. Will keep some bbq pits open anticipating lots of use. Staffing Foothills station day hours.</p>	All (3 mins each maximum)	
3		Board Annoucements	<p>There were no announcements</p>	Paul Hansen	
4	1:40 PM	Consent Calendar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve February 2022 Meeting Minutes Accept February 2022 Financials The Nominating Committee has put forward the following names for a one year term as Advisor ending January of 2023: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jerry Serpa <p>Motion to approve: Shana; Second to motion: Jim. AYE: Paul, Jared, Dede, Shana, Jim. Absent: Derek (late), Joelle, Erika, Jesse. Motion passed 5/0</p>	Paul Hansen	<p>1</p> <p>2</p>
5	1:45 PM	Board & Advisors Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Chair Report <p>CWPP has been handed to Ed. Discussed CWPP timeline. Will leverage time during summer. Discussed support and expansion of Vision 2022 concept. Continuing to work on staffing to support projects. Scope risk assessment. 5m mapping thinking with our partners like Santa Cruz to integrate CWPP across county lines. Discussed continuum of Integrated Wildfire management. We need to prioritize building board strength and new forms of sustainable funding.</p> Board Committee Report(s) CEO Report <p>Seth introduced Akilah Pruitt, new Grants Manager. Met with Kevin Conant, new PG&E region contact for vegetation mgt. Sumeet Singh-possible opportunity for presentation/summit for all firesafe councils led by us. Share their workplan/opportunity for visibility and to builds relationship. Met with Sonoma County EMS lead to review fire camera network implementation. Demo next week. Want to know more about their capabilities. FHG negotiations - Ryan Calfire start biosurveys. Will work on process to start. Staffing is a challenge. HFR coordinator hired. Thanks to Eugenia, Irene, Jim Y to vet candidates. Priorities are annual report by end of May using unaudited numbers. Employee handbook state laws have been updated. Working to move that forward. Building a strong pipeline for grants for unrestricted funding.</p> 	<p>Paul Hansen</p> <p>Paul Hansen</p> <p>Seth Schalet</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p>3</p>

		CALFIRE Report	Chief Ed Orre	
		Have a new director in Sacramento. Joe Tyler with 25 years in the department. No new unit chief yet. Possibly this week. Fire activity around the state is picking up. Burning with intensity you don't see until July so it could be a rough year. YTD is up from last year. Just last week 76 fires at 164 acres. Same week last year was 8 fires at 3 acres. Helped pile burning Santa Theresa parks. Can council re-tweet and help them spread the word. Los Gatos HS is doing a documentary and contacted him. Got the terror torch last week. Let's talk soon about forest watch and camera systems. Also need to discuss 2022 projects so they can update their plans.		
		SCCFD	Chief Mathiesen	
		Other FDs Reports?	Chiefs	
6	2:00PM	Special Topic Discussion - 1 Mandated vs. Voluntary Adaptation to Natural Disasters: The Case of U.S. Wildfires	Patrick W. Baylis, Vancouver School of Economics, University of British Columbia Judson Boomhower, Dept. of Economics, University of California San Diego	
		Judson was our speaker. They compiled data for two decades on homes in the US destroyed by wildfire. Looked at 112 wildfires from 2003-2020 in 5 states. He showed map of destroyed and not destroyed and integrated it with a timeline of California building codes and when they were changed/updated. Changing codes in addition to proximity of homes that had upgraded vs not upgraded and which survived fires.		
7	2:30PM	Special Topic Discussion - 2 <i>Staff Spotlight</i>	Tara Wallich	powerpoint
		Tara, discussed community outreach for last year. 6 community presentations given, 4 were zoom meetings and 2 in person meeting. Three are already scheduled for this Spring. We sent weekly emails on wildfire information to over 91,000 with 44% open rate, which is higher than industry average. Lots of positive feedback and forwards. We utilized the website more than ever. Mobile users were up 20% and are working on optimizing website for mobile units as desktop users are down by 20%. Dede mentioned to let board member know about in-person events and Shana remarked it was good to know about mobile platform.		
	2:45PM	HFR/COE Report The teams have been busy. Firewise USA renewal is yearly. Plays into effectiveness of maintenance. Higher participation this year. March 19 chipping applications open. Upcoming projects include Black Road/Charcoal Road/Mt Madonna phase 3. FHG first meetings are this month. Environmental firm and subcontractors are in place. Once a month training meetings with CalFIRE. Cycle - biological surveys discussed blooming plants early in season and bird nesting season starts in March.	Eugenia	
8	2:55PM	Financial and Grants Report Chris said 2021 audit is starting and our current financials are according to plan. Pai discussed 3 grants in process CalFire Fire Prevention @ \$1.45M; CalFire CWPP Update @ \$250K and 22 PG&E @ \$62,500. Also submitted/in pipeline are CalFireSafe Council @ \$200K and Family foundations. Dede was interested in finding out more on the family foundations.	Chris Sommerfield and Pai Venegas	
9		Open Discussion - Board, Advisors, Interested Public	All	
10		Adjournment	Paul Hansen	
	3:00PM	Adjourn General Meeting Next Meeting Date and Location April 19, 2022 Attachments 1 February 2022 Meeting Minutes 2 February 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