



Santa Clara County FireSafe Council
Regular Monthly Board Meeting

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Topic: SCC FireSafe Council Monthly Board Meeting
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Item	Time	Section Title	Agenda Item	Speaker	Attachment
1	1:30 PM	Call to Order and Welcome	<p>Introductions</p> <p>Roll Call</p> <p>Present: Paul Hansen, Shana Nelson, Jared Lewis, Derek Neumann, Dede Smullen, Joelle Hurlston</p> <p>Absent: Jim Wollbrinck (late), Erika Ameri</p> <p>Agenda Review</p>	Paul Hansen	
2	1:31 PM	Public Comment, New Business, Special Announcements		All (3 mins each maximum)	
3	1:35 PM	Board Announcement:	Staffing changes	Paul Hansen	
4	1:40 PM	Consent Calendar	<p>Approve March 2022 Meeting Minutes</p> <p>Accept March 2022 Financials</p> <p>Resolution 2022-06 FHG Signatories</p> <p>Resolution 2022-07 CWPP Signatories</p> <p>Resolution 2022-08 CalSavers Retirement Plan</p> <p>CWPP Grant Submission</p> <p>Motion to approve: Derek N. Second to Motion: Dede S. AYES: 6/0 NAYS: none MOTION PASSES</p>	Paul Hansen	1 2 3 4 5 6
5	1:45 PM	Board & Advisors Reports	<p>Board Chair Report</p> <p>Paul discussed the highlights of his slide CWPP Grant is in process. Had hoped to have closure earlier, but going through a process. Maybe 3-4 weeks more. Have adjusted the calendar to end of May. Ed helped us a lot to tighten up our submission. Paul went through a new CWPP timeline. Pushed out date to May of next year. Discussed scope of work and how CWPP documents might be presented. Discussion on Insurance companies, non-renewal notices, resources and outreach.</p> <p>Board Committee Report(s)</p> <p>CEO Report</p> <p>With Eugenia's departure, focus has been on cross-training, looking at workflows and reassigning tasks and rescoping Eugenia's role to develop a new position to best support both current and future SCFSC needs. •2021 Audit updates-Have held a series of meetings with the auditors and internal staff to keep progress going and meet the deliverable schedule the auditors are requesting. •Forest Health Grant update—our attorney, Tonya is still working with County Parks and Midpen to finalize the agreements for signature—Midpen is done and just needs to work its way for signature. •CalSavers 403B retirement plan. Have been working with a broker to make 403B plan selection choice so we can meet the June 30, 2020, deadline. My recommendation to the board was to engage CalSavers and we brought the broker in during the 4/13 finance committee meeting to review options and answer the committee's questions. The board approved and a resolution was entered into the record to proceed with on-boarding of CalSavers. •CWPP grant application for \$250K submitted after further input and refinement. We expect to know about the award in a month (receive contract) and after contract execution, will request to make the make 25% initial draw and that will take approx. 45 days to receive from CAL FIRE-so still 2 months or so from receiving first tranche of funding. •Attended 4/12 Zoom session for the insurance commissioner's Mitigation in Rating Plans and Wildfire Risk Models Public Hearing.</p> <p>CALFIRE Report</p> <p>They're juggling multiple projects and gearing up for fire season. Fire prevention grants being evaluated at regional level right now. SCCFSC applic looks good. New FireSafe Council in western Contra Costa Co.</p> <p>SCCFD</p>	<p>Paul Hansen</p> <p>Paul Hansen</p> <p>Seth Schalet</p> <p>Chief Ed Orre</p> <p>Chief Mathiesen</p>	7

Mike working on wildland training now getting everyone up to speed. Also chipper training and policies being updated. Legislative file working on last month going before the board this afternoon. Use of Vasona work center, recommendation hiring fuels firefighter crew total 8 positions plus wildfire specialist position asking to create and hire that position. If approved, they should have crew by July. April 1 started defensible space inspections. Launched web based program allows realtime uploading defensible space inspections. Data will be available to engine companies and board of supervisors. This was a 2-3 month process. Working with OEM and Cupertino implementing evacuation element of SB 747 local hazard mitigation. Multifaceted drill - all tabletop not field based. Board of Supervisors meeting will be announcing new Fire Chief. Expect press release later today.

Other FDs Reports?
Various updates were given.

Chiefs

6 2:00 PM

Special Topic Discussion - 1

The fastest population growth in the WUI is in areas most vulnerable to wildfire

Krishna Rao

Graduate Student, Remote Sensing Ecohydrology Group
Stanford University

Krishna Rao was our presenter and gave a report on the research on double-hazard zones. Krishna is a PhD student at Stanford and is interested in future collaboration with us. Discussed risk combination of hazard, vulnerability and exposure.

7 2:30PM

Special Topic Discussion - 2

Goodbye to Eugenia

Staff, board and advisors expressed their appreciation to Eugenia for all the work she has done in the firesafe council for so many years. We wish her the best in her new role but she will be missed.

8 2:45 PM

FHG Update

Stephen Harrington (verbal)

Stephen reported on the FHG. Did field tour with consultants about a week ago on SJ water company property and got good idea of treatment prescriptions that consultants are looking at. Great team of consultants. Working on RFP for hiring veg contractor for the treatment. Working on quarterly report and it's going well and on schedule. Good signs with signing Mid-Pen and then SC Co Parks.

9 2:50 PM

Financial and Grants Report

Chris Sommerfield and Pai Venegas

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Chris reviewed March financials. 2021 Audit is underway. Anticipate to have report by 5/31/22 and tax returns by 8/1/22. Pai reported that we submitted for 2 grants (California FireSafe Council SFA (22 SFA) for \$199,643 and CAL FIRE CWPP Update (21-CNR-SCU-028) for \$250K. There are a couple of grants still in the pipeline (Intuitive Foundation; California Wellness Foundation; and William D. Smythe Family Foundation). All of these are family/corporate foundations for operating funding. There are 3 grant reports due for 20FHG Q3; 20SFA Q6 and 21SFA Q2. They are all being worked on to meet the deadlines.

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Open Discussion - Board, Advisors, Interested Public
Several folks gave updates

All

11 3:00 PM

Adjournment

Paul Hansen

Next Meeting Date and Location

May 17, 2022

Zoom

Attachments

- 1 March 2022 Meeting Minutes
- 2 March 2022 Treasurer's Reports
- 3 Resolution 2022-06 FHG Signatories
- 4 Resolution 2022-07 CWPP Signatories
- 5 Resolution 2022-08 CalSavers
- 6 CWPP Grant Submission
- 7 CEO Report
- 8 Manager's Activities Reports

2022 Meeting Schedule - Zoom

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