

Santa Clara County FireSafe Council
Regular Monthly Board Meeting



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		Paul Hansen	
		Introductions			
		Roll Call			
		Paul H., Jim W., Derek N., Jared L., Dede S., Shana N., Joelle H.			
		Agenda Review			
2	1:35 PM	Board Annoucements		Paul Hansen	
3	1:40 PM	Consent Calendar		Paul Hansen	
		Approve May 2022 Meeting Minutes			1
		Accept May 2022 Financials			2
		Derek N. Motion to approve; Jim W. Second the motion. All Voted Aye Motion Passes 7/0			
4	1:45 PM	Board & Advisors Reports			
		Board Chair Report		Paul Hansen	
		Paul deferred his presentation to later in the agenda			
		Board Committee Report(s)		Paul Hansen	
		CEO Report		Seth Schalet	3
		Seth reported on Forest Health Grant and that all three contracts are executed. The audit is slightly behind scheule due to auditor requesting more time in order to finalize Employee Retention Credits calculations. The HFR FHG Project Managers interviews are currently being conducted and one potential candidate for Eugenia's replacement has gone through two rounds of interviews and references are being checked now. CWPP grant contract signed and received back from CAL FIRE. We did not receive the California FireSafe Council SFA (22 SFA)—this was submitted on 4/13 for \$199,643.00 and included the funding for next year's chipping. No funding was awarded to Santa Clara County. Working with Pai to accelerate more family foundation funding introductions. We have a list of about 40 or so foundations. Held a Zoom call with Tara Sreekrishnan, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of Senator Dave Cortese on June 6th with Stephen Volm from The Villages Fire Safety Committee to discuss options for their 72 Rosemary bushes and high-risk fire zone challenges. They have been working with San Jose Fire and the county on options. We did offer them a cost share grant late last year for up to \$5K to support the removal efforts. They ultimately declined the grant for now. Good meeting. Held several internal team/partner calls regarding the CWPP, the budget and what is needed for the 25% advance once the SWCA contract is signed. 6/3-Participated in a Tree Mortality Mapping project call with Danny Franco, Project Manager, Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy and Stephen Harrington. FHG has budget for this work and we were able to work with Danny so this will come in about \$11K less than the original FHG budget for this work, giving some budget cushion to use against other FHG expenses. Next step is to get an agreement in writing for the FHG documentation, so we have a proper audit trail. Money won't be paid until work is complete.			
		CALFIRE Report		Chief Ed Orre	
		At full staffing. Lots of fire activity. There is an upcoming prescribed burn at Grant Ranch County Park. Ed will invite Seth and others including media to view for educational purposes. Monday at 8am. Also, there is some local classroom training that will also include burn training not open to public. Ed sent a link to some regarding cap radio media attention on CALFIRE again. Those involved in grants should note important messages on need for better and more timely reporting. Ed will be coming to some for more info. Fine scale mapping project grant funded will be imporznt for CWPP and also land owners and others. If anyone is using data on that, any users could help by completing a survey. Let Ed know if you didn't get the email. Possibility of dry lightening starting tomorrow through Thursday.			
		SCCFD		Chief Mathiesen	
		Chief Mathiesen was unable to attend			
		Other FDs Reports?		Chiefs	
		Tammy Schwarta mentioned developing community plan for Aldercroft Heights. Challenges with evacuation routes. Discussion on CWPP and Zonehaven. Need to get to local level to develop a plan which is what they've done. They need advice on easements. Some listed in CWPP are not evacuation routes. Rick mentioned what they've done in Lexington Hills. Identified existing and nice-to-have routes. Sarah Johnsotn mentioned they have been doing these things and have hurdles. Need some other options. Suggestion of feasibility study, but need help taking steps forward. Ed said have to be careful including things in CWPP because they are suggestions, not mandaotry. Denise G gave LAH update. Thanks to Jim Y and Irene for evac route work. Heat, poison oak and traffic were challenges.			

- 5 2:00 PM **Special Topic Discussion - 1**
 Growth Initiatives and CWPP Strategies Paul Hansen
 Paul gave a presentation regarding difficult road and challenges and which road to pursue. Council is at a point where we need to decide how we need to conduct business and grow our ability to support our mission. Most FSC grant based and is hard business to maintain. Most expenses are assigned to a grant, but there is no money to do standard organizational things businesses need to do. We have areas we focus on, but unsustainable and cannot scale up. Funding has created a financial challenge. How do we change this model. Add another revenue stream. This was discussed.
- 6 2:30PM **Special Topic Discussion - 2**
 Projects Overview Andrew Harmon
 Andrew went through a detailed presentation. He explained what he is responsible for. He headed upper Hwy 9 project and highlighted what the project entailed. For example, the averaged depth of treatment was 20' from the edge of the road. The deepest area was 75', Shallowest area was 5'. The Linear Miles totaled 9.63. The acreage treated per day = 2.13
 The total acreage treated = 21.32 acres. Post Hwy 9, Harmon also is responsible for the Saratoga Dead Tree Program, the HIZ program, SNAP program and the upcoming Black Road and Charcoal Road Projects as well as the county wide chipping program.
- Forest Health Grant Update - Stephen Harrington Seth Schalet
 Seth spoke on behalf of Stephen and went through Stephen's slide updates. He mentioned the majority of work on the FHG over the past month has been on environmental compliance on SJW lands, including that 1) consultants have begun writing the CalVTP PSA and it is on schedule; 2) plant surveys are nearly completed; 3) archaeological surveys have been scheduled for June; 4) meetings with the consultant team and partners, now including MROSD and CEQA work is on schedule. Additionally, Quarterly Progress Report and Employment Outcome Report have been given to CAL FIRE; 2) Development of a RFP for vegetation treatment contractor; 3) Planning meetings with consultant team; and 4) Long-range planning meetings for future FHG and other opportunities
- 7 2:45 PM **Financial and Grants Report** Chris Sommerfield and Pai Venegas 4
 Pai went through her slide page and explained the grants she has been working on. We just submitted California Fire Foundation (proposed projects: CWPP Community Outreach and Education Spanish and Vietnamese Translations. Proposed project cost & request :\$15,000) and we submitted to William D. Smythe Family Foundation (for general operating support (proposed project cost & request: \$8,000).
 Grants in Progress/Pipeline
 Family/Corporate Foundations for general operating/capacity building funding o Intuitive Foundation o In-N-Out Burger Foundation o Sharks Foundation o Campbell Foundation o Yellow Chair Foundation.
 Grant Reports Due include 20FHG Q4 (Apr - Jun) due 07/31
- 8 2:55 PM **Open Discussion - Board, Advisors, Interested Public** All
- 9 3:00 PM **Adjournment** Paul Hansen

Next Meeting Date and Location

July 19, 2022

Attachments

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

2022 Meeting Schedule - Zoom

July 19, 2022
 August - none
 September 20, 2022
 October 18, 2022
 November 15, 2022
 December - none