

Santa Clara County FireSafe Council
Regular Monthly Board Meeting



Topic: SCC FireSafe Council Monthly Board Meeting
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ATTENDEES: Paul H., Jared L., Dede S., Joelle H., Shana N., Erika A., Jim W. (Late), Derek N.(late)

Item	Time	Section Title	Agenda Item	Speaker	Attachment
1	1:30 PM	Call to Order and Welcome		Paul Hansen	
			Introductions David Fernandez introduced himself. He'll be taking over Jim's position as Director, Emergency Mgt Svcs at SJ Water with Jim's retirement Roll Call Agenda Review Standard agenda; no special speaker today		
2	1:35 PM	Board Annoucements		Paul Hansen	
			Paul announced the board Chairperson transition plan between Jim W and himself. Paul was Chair while Jim was still working for SJ Water, but with his retirement the end of July, Jim will take over as Chairperson in September after time off in August. Paul will be concentraing his efforts on fundraising for unrestricted funds and new business. Jim will be Chairperson, work on CWPP and grant business. Dede will do CWPP work, board development and engagement. Each will work with their strengths and this will provide us a Chairperson who is local. Motion to approve transition plan Jared; Second to Motion Joelle H. AYES: Paul, Jared, Dede, Joelle, Shana, Erika, Jim. Absent Derek. Motion Passes 7/0; 1 Absent		
3	1:40 PM	Consent Calendar		Paul Hansen	
			Approve June 2022 Meeting Minutes Accept June 2022 Financials Motion to approve Dede S. Second to Motion Shana N. AYES: Paul, Jared, Dede, Joelle, Shana, Erika, Jim. Absent: Derek Motion Passes 7/0; 1 Absent		1 2
4	1:45 PM	Board & Advisors Reports		Paul Hansen	
			Board Chair Report Fine scale mapping report is done (completed last Friday). This is the mapping we've been talking about and includes looking at areas that won't catch fire. Discussed committee roles and that committees are not up and running like they should be. Challenges continue to be fundraising. Discussed grants and outside funding strategies/tactics. Prioritize supporters and action plan. Continue to need names of key people so Paul and Seth can reach out. Dede mentioned real estate donations to neighborhoods as houses sell . Erika said she would look into this. CWPP budget challenges. Outside contractor is SWCA. Original scope did not include risk assessment. Had to add into SWCA resulting in a \$60K jump which is big impact on budget. CWPP management group met to discuss options including raising more funds and cutting back on outreach. Team felt we need to scale back on outreach. We will depend on SCCFD and consultants to fill in gaps, but we can move forward.		
			Board Discussion Marjorie K asked about her suggestion on fundraising. Galas need months of prep time and Paul agreed they are a lot of work. Dede mentioned they've discussed forming a committee. Jared offered to participate as well as Dede, Shana, Erika with Marjorie as Chair.	Board	

Seth went through his report highlighting that SCC Board of Supervisors signed the Forest Health Grant Agreement with County Parks; Secured new \$1.5Million fire prevention grant for 4 escape route/fuel break projects south county-2023 work; 20 SFA advance of \$34,358.73 and 21 SFA advance of \$116,334.56 submitted to CAL FIRE. Chris to set aside for grant expenses and minimize cash flow/restricted funds; Submitted 6 new general operating support requests to SVCF, PG&E and several VC firms. Challenges continue to be cash flow; hiring key billable staff-FHG Project Manager + HFR Project Director; and increasing costs and lack of unrestricted funding. Priorities are securing unrestricted funding; Managing increasing costs with low indirect grant reimbursement rates; Creating new partnerships for products/services revenue; Hiring key staff by mid-July-FHG Project Manager & HFR Project Director: FHG candidate hired and Project Director candidate identified and in interview process.

CALFIRE Report

Chief Ed Orre

Ed explained how they're supporting the CWPP and working through issues, but have a good start. He continues to think of unrestricted funding we can get. Fire Hazard Severity Zone - Four test counties done. Ready to go state wide. Working on fire supression repair (fixing what they broke on recent fires). Staffinng. Reorganization Cole taking over coordinating crews. Reports to Ed. Hired new Deputy Chief. Grants agreements should start rolling out soon for signatures. Ag pass for county. Might overlap WUI. AB2911 allows law enforcement to issue pass to go through CalFire blockades for livestock that need water/possible moving. Pass requirement 4 hours training with CalFire.

SCCFD

Chief Mathiesen

For the past 3 weeks they've been conducting background checks on new crew and all have passed. First project is in Los Gatos Aug 8. August 13 is Charcoal Rd includes 8 people and a chipper. New hire Wildfire Specialist. CWPP committed to outreach. John DeLong mid-August to help community education.

Other FDs Reports?

Chiefs

There were no other FD reports

6 2:15 PM

Special Topic Discussion - 1

Forest Health Grant Update

Stephen Harrington

Stephen went through his presentation slide and discussed DRAFT PSA, SPRs and MM for SJW completed on 7-14 and is being reviewed by SCCFSC, SJW and CAL FIRE; DRAFT Agency memos (USFWS, CDFG) for SJW completed 7-15, being reviewed by SCCSFC, SJW and CAL FIRE; Archaeological Resources Surveys are ongoing Bi-weekly meetings with the consultant team and partners, including all partners and CAL FIRE PSA schedule update: PSA should be final by the end of September. This is a month later than the original August 29th deadline. CAL FIRE has verbally accepted this schedule and will be continually updated through bi-weekly meeting and Progress Reports. MidPen has completed all CEQA work and is being reviewed by Andrea Williams of CAL FIRE SCCP is working with Dudek consultants on their PSA, expected to be complete in September; Quarterly Progress Report to CAL FIRE will be completed this week, it will include updated PSA schedule; Development of a RFB for vegetation treatment contractor, draft to be completed this week.

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Financial and Grants Report

Chris Sommerfield and Pai Venegas

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Seth said Chris is out of the country and his report is included in the packet. Seth said Pai is out and went through the grants being worked on, including Sharks Foundation and Yellow Chair.

8 2:38 PM

Open Discussion - Board, Advisors, Interested Public

All

Joelle asked about Sharks go-bags that were made and cost. Discussion about go bags.

9 2:45 PM

Adjournment

Paul Hansen

Next Meeting Date and Location

September 20, 2022

Attachments

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

2022 Meeting Schedule - Zoom

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

