

Santa Clara County FireSafe Council
Regular Monthly Board Meeting



Topic: SCC FireSafe Council Monthly Board Meeting
Time: June 20, 2023 01:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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PRESENT: Jim W., Jared L., Paul H., Dede S., Rob R., Kevin C. (late), Erika A. (late), Derek N. (late). ABSENT: Shana N.

Item	Time	Section Title	Agenda Item	Speaker	Attachment
1	1:30 PM	Call to Order and Welcome		Jim Wollbrinck	
			Introductions Roll Call		
2	1:35 PM	Board Annoucements		Jim Wollbrinck	
			Jim thanked all who worked on the retreat for planning and day of. Keep Shana in your thoughts - shes having medical procedure.		
3	1:37 PM	Consent Calendar		Jim Wollbrinck	
			Approve May 2023 Meeting Minutes Accept May 2023 Financials		1 2
			Motion to approve: Jared L. Second to Motion: Dede S., AYES: 8/0 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0. Motion Passes		
5	1:45 PM	Board & Advisors Reports			
			Financial Report	Chris Sommerfield	
			Audit is basically done. Just a couple of last minute reports. Meeting with them on Monday then on to tax returns. Sustainability account fell in May but is stabilizing. We're adding to revenue diversity. May revenue right at plan. Seasonality - work has ramped up. FHG work is pressing forward. FHG award \$6.3M. CALFIRE decision for \$1.1M coming soon. Seth clarified there were 250 applications for that grant and decision not made yet.		
			Board Chair Report	Jim Wollbrinck	
			Yielded time to Paul to discuss Board retreat.		
			Board Discussion		
			None		
			Board Retreat Wrap-up	Paul Hansen	
			Paul went through his slides and discussed objectives and results - where the board achieved objectives and where not met. Went through key observations. Top Challenges are Fundraising event and Wildfire Sensor Network pilot. Draft of 3 pillars of philanthropy and fundraising event include: New Firesafe council vision, purpose and possibly new name. Launch of wildfire mitigation partnerships and programs to support reduction in homeowner's insurance risks. Red team/blue team		
			CEO Report	Seth Schalet	3
			Seth highlighted that we are now the authorized reseller for N5 Sensors and Dryad Networks wildfire sensor products/ Funding for county's \$1,250,000 chipping & Dspace approved-working on contract. \$60K PG&E grant secured/ Working on partnership with IBHS to support their Wildfire Prepared Home standard and inspections/ CWPP public comment period now live. August 30, Los Gatos Lodge for final CWPP public meeting. Challenges continue to be Fundraising remains anemic/ Improving productivity for field based projects-faster, quicker execution increased sustainability/ Cash flow and sustainability account trends require faster revenue diversification/ Board recruitment-need for new board members with experience in certain areas. Priorities include Fall fundraising event is top priority for board to organize/ Revenue diversification-make traction on non-grant revenue development/ Get CWPP approval on the board of supervisor agenda for September meeting/ Home Hardening partnerships to offer services through SCCFSC/ FHG media showcase event planning, site and date confirmation/ County Coordinator grant database development and outreach to partners		
			CALFIRE Report	Chief Ed Orre	
			Ed's update included wildfire prevention grant award status has not changed (waiting to hear); 2 awards to 2 RCD in Santa Clara Co for prescribed burn program (\$600K); staffing increasing from winter numbers to summer numbers (crews, dozer, engines, helicopter); comparison of last YTD (4,400 acres in 2022) and this YTD (2023) 772 acres burned; Fire season starting to pick up. Last big winter (2016/17) kicked off 5 years of big fires starting with Oct 2017 Northbay fires. Diable FSC interviewing for new Exec Dir. Grant Ranch Park burn postponed until July - spring burns it's too green.		
			SCCFD	Chief Mike Mathiesen	
			Mike did not attend the meeting		
7	2:15 PM	HFR Program Director		Amanda Brenner Cannon	4

Mount Madonna/Summit Phase 3 broke ground and is set to be completed by the end of June/ Page Mill Rd Escape Route project in Los Altos Hills complete/ Spring chipping events completed and extended summer events are being planned/ CWPP public comment period outreach campaign was implemented and the comment period is open/ Our GIS capabilities are fully functioning and we have taken over the CWPP hubsite and story map, and we are developing the countywide database through our Arc account with the support of Board member, Jared Lewis/ Working with 2 new potential Firewise USA communities and another one on the way/Attended the Wildfire Task Force meeting in Santa Cruz with Stephen/- networking and handing out info on both forest health grant projects. Challenges are Advance requests take a lot of staff time to develop and it takes a lot of time to receive payment/ Demand for chipping during spring events outpaced our budgets and staff capacity./ The discovery of more protected manzanita than anticipated increased costs to the Madonna project/ Volunteer crew limitations on Charcoal Rd and Madonna projects

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| 8 | 2:25 PM | CWPP Outreach Campaign
Included in Director report | Amanda B-C/Tara Wallich |
| 9 | 2:30 PM | FHG Update
Stephen did not attend so Amanda and Ed spoke regarding FHG. About 50 acres/month rate./ Working entirely on SJW land at the moment, probably to the end of the month/ Will be deciding this month whether or not to stay on SJW or move back to MROSD/ Scoping the next sections of SJW and MROSD | Stephen Harrington |
| 10 | 2:35 PM | Grants Report
Seth included grant updates in CEO report heard previously | Seth Schalet |
| 11 | 2:40 PM | Open Discussion - Board, Advisors, Interested Public
Other FDs Reports?
Denise spoke on LAH updates; Dede mentioned the kangaroo rat article; Eugenia said they are putting together next evacuation route project. | All
Chiefs/Advisors |
| 12 | 3:00 PM | Adjournment | Jim Wollbrinck |

Next Meeting Date and Location

July 18, 2023 - Zoom

Attachments

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| 1 | May 2023 Meeting Minutes |
| 2 | May 2023 Financial Report |
| 3 | CEO Report |
| 4 | Program Director Report |

2023 Meeting Schedule - Zoom

July 18, 2023 - Zoom	October 17, 2023 - Zoom
August 15, 2023 - TBD	November 21, 2023 - Zoom
September 19, 2023 - Zoc	December 19, 2023 - TBD