

FIRE SAFE SAN MATEO COUNTY

December 9, 2009
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Co-chair Denise Enea at 9:35 am. Self introductions were made. All correspondence received has been emailed to the membership.

Attendees: John Trewin, Pam Noyer, SM Co. Parks; Philippe Cohen, Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve, Stanford U.; Lori Cuesta, WGCI/PG&E Vegetation; Jim Palisi, Belmont-San Carlos F.D.; Clayton Jolley, CAL Fire/Co. Fire; Christine Reed, Central County F.D.; Rich Sampson, Angela Bernheisel, CAL FIRE; Thadyne Borchert, Soquel Fire Safe Council; Brian Malone, MROSD; Guido Ciardi, SFWD; Denise Enea, Woodside Fire P.D.; Dick Schwind, South Skyline F.S and Steve Richmond, Fire Safe Coordinator.

Reviews of 2009 Accomplishments:

- *Crystal Springs Southern Fuel Break completed.
- * "Living with Fire" draft completed.
- *Grant reviewed for \$100,000 for chipping in San Mateo County
- *All 2009 Goals were met except out-reach to other agencies.
- *Hosted three Sponsor Training Sessions
- *Woodside Community Chipping Program completed another successful year.
- *A portion of the Community Fuel Break in Brisbane was completed.
- *Thermo Technologies presented a public and Fire Safe demo on "Thermo Gel" protection of homes.

Suggested Goals for 2010:

- *Outreach to Public Works in San Mateo County
- *Speakers and demonstrations open to the public.
- *Update Fire Safe web site.
- *Contribute to the Community Wildland Protection Program for San Mateo County.
- *Print revised 5th edition of "Living with Fire".
- *Submit grant Proposals for 2010.

Projects and possible Projects for 2010:

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| *San Francisco Watershed | 6 Crew Days |
| *Mid Penn, Structure Clearance, (Road Clearance several projects | 15 Crew Days |
| *Complete Hwy 35 Grant | 30 Crew Days |
| *Edgewood Park Fuel Break | 40 Crew Days |
| *San Bruno Mountain Park | 8 Crew Days |
| *Sawyer Camp Road | 5 Crew Days |
| *Upper Skyline, S.F.W.D. – Clean behind equipment | 10 Crew Days |
| *Hazard Reduction in Wunderlich and Huddert Parks | 30 Crew Days |
| *Hillsboro | 10 Crew Days |
| *Devonshire Canyon Fuel Break | 5 Crew Days |
| *Jasper Ridge, use ACE Crews for perimeter hazard reduction | |
| *Belmont, Water Dog Lake | 10 Crew Days |
| *Highland Fuel Break, Cut and burn | 30 Crew Days |
| *County Park, Junipero Serra, San Bruno Parks Hazard Plan | |

Contact Steve Richmond for assistance on work estimates and completion of FC 32's for CAL FIRE Crew work.

Rich Sampson reported John Martinez was back in the unit and working on the CWPP. There should be a draft CWPP out for San Mateo County in January 2010.

Jim Palisi, Selena Brown and Denise Enea worked up a draft with all the necessary revisions for a reprint of "Living with Fire".

Fire Safe Budget Considerations: Denise Enea requested we prepare a Fire Safe Budget for 2010. Richmond reported there is currently \$189,305 in the Fire Safe account. (Note: E-mails were sent to all members stating current obligations and income to the account. Please review this information prior to the January meeting.)

AGENCY ROUND TABLE:

Denise Enea, Woodside Fire P.D. – The Community Chipping Program has expanded by four days. Portola Ranch has requested additional crew days to combat the extensive SOD problems.

Guido Ciardi, SFWD – Masticators are working on fuel breaks on the watershed. Portola Ridge, 5 miles, 400 feet wide; Sawyer Ridge, 7 miles; Spring Valley, 16 miles. Work is planned for Ridge Road and Upper Skyline. They have been using S.F. Conservation Corps to do re-growth management near the Burlingame water tanks.

Brian Malone, MROSD – The Woods property in Portola Valley may be purchased by the district. Canyon Oaks are being infected by SOD. Working to treat the Oaks and removing Bay trees. Tunitis Creek Road widened and brushed. The district has funded and could assist with SOD on the Skyline Grant Project.

Thadyne Borchert, Soquel Fire Safe Council – They need to have income to provide for insurance and other Fire Safe Council start up costs.

Dick Schwind, South Skyline F.S. Council – Santa Clara Fire Safe will be chipping on Skyline in February. They are working with Angela on the Hwy 35 tree removal project.

Christine Reed, Central County Fire – They are receiving many dead tree complaints. They will not be sending out hazard notices until March 2010.

Lori Cuesta, PG&E – Three Trimming Crews are working in Woodside. Line inspectors are working in Atherton.

Philippe Cohen, Jasper Ridge – They will begin installing wireless mesh next week as a part of their facility electronic fire warning devise. The ACE Crews were used to rock the south exposure of the Administration Building.

John Trewin, SMCO Parks – Will facilitate work in Wunderlick, Huddart and Edgewood Parks for crew work.

Next meeting, Wednesday – January 13, 2010