

FIRE SAFE SAN MATEO COUNTY

Minutes
January 13, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 am by Co-Chair Guido Ciardi in Woodside. Self introductions were made. All correspondence has been email to the committee.

Attendance: Rich Sampson John Martinez, Clayton Jolley, Cal Fire; Jim Palisi, Belmont/San Carlos; John Trewin, SM Co Parks; Selena Brown, Denise Enea, Woodside Fire; Philippe Cohen, Jasper Ridge Stanford University; Brian Malone, MROSD; Klaus Zalinskis, North County Fire; Dick Schwind, South Skyline, FSC/ Thadyne Borchert, Soquel FSC; Guido Ciardi, SFWD and Steve Richmond, Fire Safe Coordinator.

Grant Proposals for 2011: Co-Chair Denise Enea announced she and Richmond would work on a proposal for the San Mateo County Parks. Other suggestions were S.F. Water, Eden Park, Alpine Road Project. Steve Richmond, John Trewin and Denise Enea will work on the county park grant request.

Review and Acceptance of 2010 Goals:

- * Each fire agency to contact their public works or parks department for possible projects.
- * Provide speakers and demonstrations for agencies and the general public.
- * Update the Fire Safe web site.
- * Contribute to finalizing the Community Wildfire Protection Program for county.
- * Revise and print Fifth Edition of "Living with Fire".
- * Submit grant proposals for 2010.

Budget Proposals for 2010:

- * It was determined to raise the Fire Safe Administration Fee from \$30/day to \$50/crew day worked effective for all 2010 invoices to the membership. This is necessary to maintain a fund balance.
- * Budget funds to pay speakers for programs.
- * Purchase a supply of revised "Living with Fire".
- * Provide \$26,000 for contracting the Coordinator and Project positions.
- * Provide Signs for completed projects.
- * Set up funds to become a 501-C-3 Non Profit.
- * Marketing to gain donations for the 501-C-3
- * Purchase a covered chipper tow vehicle.

This meeting did not set amounts to be expended for this budget except for the increase in the administration fee for our membership.

SMCO Chipper Grant Progress: County Fire has assigned two Battalion Chiefs and one Fire Captain to handle the local contacts and work with Project Coordinator and Chipping Contractor. We will meet with these folks on February 2 in HMB. A sample mailer was reviewed for the public regarding the chipping program.

“Living with Fire” Review:

Selena Brown will email Philippe a PDF file to the membership all to review and make comments by February 1, 2010. Each agency will be asked to commit to purchasing copies for their specific needs.

The meeting went longer than expected. There was no Agency Round Table except Rich Sampson advised Cal Fire had received grant funding for hand crew work in the unit. Many of the proposed projects on the December2009 list are also on Cal Fire’s list. More to come after a grant funding distribution meeting is held in Sacramento later in January.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Richmond
Fire Safe Coordinator