

## FIRE SAFE SAN MATEO COUNTY

Minutes  
February 10, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 by Steve Richmond.

Attendance: John Trewin, San Mateo Co. Parks; John Martinez, Cal Fire; Selena Brown, Woodside FPD; Philippe Cohen, Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve, Stanford U; Dick Schwind, South Skyline FSC; Lori Cuesta, PG&E Veg.; Thadyne Borchert, Soquel Fire Safe; Brian Malone, Midpeninsula Reg. Open Space Dist.; Jim Palisi, Belmont/San Carlos FD; Steve Richmond, Fire Safe Coordinator.

Living with Fire in San Mateo County - Selena Brown presented the latest draft and there was general discussion and a few additional recommendations. A different photo for the cover page was agreed on. John Martinez will scan the picture and crop it to fit the 8 ½ x 11 size. Selena will send Philippe the draft in PDF so he can send it out to all members for final comments. Richmond reported he has orders for 8,000 copies and a minimum of 10,000 will be ordered. PG&E has provided a \$2,000 printing grant.

CWPP Draft has been completed. John Martinez will email the draft and would appreciate feed back.

Grant Request Update – Jim Palisi said he had submitted a request for \$100,000 for a fuel break on Western Ridge. South Skyline, Soquel and Bonny Doon Fire Safe Councils are working on RCD sponsored grants. Steve Richmond and Denise Enea have worked with John Trewin to do shaded fuel breaks in three county parks. This may be a duplication of a grant Cal Fire has been awarded. More on this as details become known.

Sponsor Training Classes – Ben Lomond Camp will provide a class in Woodside on March 31 if there is sufficient sign-up.

### AGENCY ROUNDTABLE

John Trewin, County Parks, worked with Denise and Steve on the grant request.

John Martinez, Cal Fire, reported weather had slowed the Cal Trans on the Highway 35 project.

Jim Palisi, Belmont/San Carlos FD has submitted FC32 for Belmont City for 23 crew days for projects.

Christine Reed, Central Co. Fire says they are gearing up to send hazard letters on April 1 with enforcement May 1 for non-compliance.

Dick Schwind, South Skyline Volunteer FF reports George Johnson, long time South Skyline Volunteer, was the department's Volunteer of the Year and was honored by the County Board of Supervisors.

Philippe Cohen, Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve, reported many branches and trees down on the preserve and staff will be busy chipping. He reports there is a strong possibility we will have a very warm spring.

Lori Cuesta, PG&E, has been looking for a used chipper tow vehicle.

Thadyne Borchert, Soquel FSC is just about ready to submit paperwork for 501-C-3 and will then be looking for tax deductible donations.

Brian Malone, Mid-Pen Regional Open Space District is planning three VMP or training burns. The district will provide \$2,000 to expand the work on the Hwy 35 Project.

Respectfully submitted, Steve Richmond, Fire Safe Coordinator

