

## FIRE SAFE SAN MATEO COUNTY

Minutes  
March 10, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 am by Co-Chair Guido Ciardi

Attendance: John Trewin, SMCO Parks; Rich Sampson, Cal Fire; Selena Brown, Denise Enea, Woodside F. D.; Klaus Zalinskis, North County Fire Authority; Lori Cuesta, PG&E; Brian Malone, Mid-pen Regional Open Space District; Guido Ciardi, San Francisco Water Dept.; Jim Palisi, Belmont San Carlos FD; Steve Richmond, Fire Safe San Mateo County.

Selena Brown was present to review the final draft of Living with Fire. There was good discussion and several editing changes were made. The printed version should be available at the next Fire Safe meeting

Rich Sampson gave a report on the CWPP for San Mateo County. There will be a public hearing on March 11, 2010 at the County Board of Supervisors Hearing Room. The CWPP will be presented to San Mateo County Board of Supervisors in May for their approval and adoption. Each city council will be contacted for their approval and adoption in May and June.

Rich Sampson reported the Hwy 35 Grant Project is moving along well. The crews are now in San Mateo County. Mid-Peninsula Regional Space District has added ten more crew days to the project and will pay for those days.

Sampson updated the Committee on the Cal Fire Crew Grant Projects for San Mateo County. Most of the work will be in County Parks and the San Francisco Watershed. There will be a coordinating meeting with representatives of those agencies on April 14.

Denise Enea stated we had received \$10,000 this quarter for the chipping grant. These funds will be used to print brochures, contacts for the chipping areas and to set calendars for anticipated work. We will also start contacting chipping contractors and writing contracts during this period.

### AGENCY ROUND TABLE

Jim Palisi, Belmont-San Carlos FD, has three projects for the City of Belmont that will require Ben Lomond Crews. FC-32's have been submitted to the Camp for scheduling.

John Trewin, SM Co Parks, says the Parks Department is moving all Area Supervisors to different assignments in April.

Guido Ciardi, SF Water Dept. The City Plans to lay off 14,000 employees, and will allow them all to reapply for work. Guido and his crew are included in this plan. The Water Department plans to host a Cooperators Meeting and Lunch prior to Fire Season. The Department is using their Brontosaurus on upper Hwy 35 and a hired Brontosaurus on Upper Spring Valley.

Denise Enea, Woodside FD, will begin the district's chipping program in May and will continue through September. She has set up a Fire Wise Workshop for the towns of Woodside and Portola Valley on March 20 and 21.

Rich Sampson, Cal Fire reports his office is making a list of foresters, chipping contractors, landscapers, defense able space contractors for use by the public. Cal Fire is looking into revising the LE 100 form so it can be a one time document and not have to issue a new form for each follow up hazard inspection.

Brian Malone, MROSD, reports the district has purchased 60 acres off Hwy 92 between Hwy 35 and Half Moon Bay. He is working on two burns for the summer. The district has convinced renters of communications vaults on Montebello Ridge it is to their advantage to do some clearing around the radio towers.

Lori Cuesta, PG&E says tree crews are on the Peninsula now and will soon be in the Woodside area.

Klaus Zalinskis, NCFA, is looking into having Ben Lomond Crews do maintenance work on the fuel break in Brisbane.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.      Next meeting April 14, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Richmond  
Fire Safe Coordinator