



Fire Safe San Mateo County

July 10, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Guido Ciardi - President. San Francisco Public Utility District

Philippe S. Cohen - Vice President. Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve

Rich Sampson - Secretary. CAL FIRE

Denise Enea - Woodside Fire Protection District

Todd Lando - Executive Director. Urban Forestry Associates

Ray Moritz - Urban Forestry Associates

Ben Anderson - Urban Forestry Associates

Clayton Jolley - San Mateo County Fire Department/CAL FIRE

Andy Hubbs - CAL FIRE

John Romandia - Black Cat Construction

Margaret Glomstad - City of Burlingame

Steve Richmond - CAL FIRE

Rob Sherman - CAL FIRE

Doug Tolar - BAAQMD

Brian Malone - Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

Jeff Schwartz - Highlands Recreation District

Special Annual Barbecue Luncheon/Meeting at Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve

Presentation by Brian Malone, MidPeninsula Regional Open Space District prior to meeting.

- History of MidPeninsula ROSD.
- Vision Plan.
- Website available at imagine.openspace.org

The Vision Plan process is an opportunity to engage and inspire the public, both by providing information about the District and by involving the community in the creation of a shared vision for the future of the District and the region's open space. A five-phase public engagement effort will integrate with the overall planning process, reaching out to an ever broadening circle of media, partners, and stakeholders.

The Vision Plan will utilize a community value-based planning process that integrates public values and knowledge with scientific data and expertise. The approach will benefit the District by:

- *Enhancing visibility and overall organizational sustainability;*
 - *Building alignment between the District, its partners, and surrounding communities;*
 - *Creating an informed public, who knows what the District does and feels part of it; and*
 - *Defining those priorities that have the greatest public support.*
- Priority Fire Management Plans for Preserves.
- FSSMC will consider submitting a formal response during call for public comment.

Call to order

President Guido Ciardi calls the meeting to order at 10:28 am.

Approval of Minutes

- *Motion (Hubbs), Seconded (Jolley) to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2013 Regular Meeting of Fire Safe San Mateo County with corrections. All in favor. Motion carries.*

Treasurer's Report

- Denise Enea updated group on status of 501(c)3 application and account balances held by San Mateo County.
- Steve Richmond is still invoicing from the Fire Camp.
- Accurate account balance not available. About \$140,000 at last review.

Announcements

- Nothing to report.

New Business/Correspondence

- MidPeninsula Regional Open Space District is accepting public comment on the draft Vision Plan.

Non-profit status

- No update. Application resubmitted. Awaiting response from IRS.

Grant Updates:

- Western States Fire Assistance/WUI.
 - Call for projects received from CAL FIRE.
 - 70% of money to be distributed to fuel treatment.
 - FSSMC to consider application for one or more projects.

- Prioritize the Highlands Recreation District proposal.
- CCC may have 20-30 crew days available.
 - Contact Andy Hubbs at CAL FIRE.
- Todd Lando to attend CA Fire Safe Council Grant Workshop in Sacramento mid June.
 - Will report back on Clearinghouse grant funding opportunities.
 - September 17 deadline for Clearinghouse Grant applications.

Committees

Grant Committee:

- Call for new project proposals for potential grant funding.
- Members are encouraged to email ideas, concepts, or proposals to toddlando@firesafesanteo.org.
- Concepts and proposals needed mid to late August.
- Members are encouraged to participate. Contact toddlando@firesafesanteo.org if interested.
- Clearinghouse Grant cycle announced. Workshop dates are set for mid-July. Applications open in late August.
- Todd Lando to attend workshop at McClellan AFB.
- Deadline September 17.
- Committee members:
 - Denise Enea
 - Andy Hubbs
 - Todd Lando

Public Relations Committee:

- No activity from committee to report.
- Committee members:
 - Denise Enea
 - John Romandia
 - Todd Lando

Living With Fire Update Committee:

- Update suggestions currently requested for defensible space pages.
- Distribution of Living with Fire from CAL FIRE. Guido needs one box. Clayton wants two. County Parks one box.
- Committee members:
 - Andy Hubbs
 - Jim Palisi
 - Christine Reed
 - Philippe S. Cohen

- Joel Smith

Website:

- Agency/Group pages have been added for each regular attending member.
- Please review content for your group or agency, and submit corrections or content to Todd Lando at toddlando@firesafesanteo.org.
- Weekly newsletter is being distributed by email whenever new content is added to the website.
- Detailed reader statistics are being recorded, and will be available for future presentation to the board and analysis.

Agency Roundtable:

San Francisco Water - Guido Ciardi

- Small fires reported on 280 corridor.
 - Disc line fire breaks have held well.
- Southern line fire break:
 - Broom control underway.
- Goats are working on Edgewood Road.

Highlands Recreation District

- Crews cleared behind school July 3rd, pre-fireworks.
- Need crews for clearing, brushing, and fuel breaks.
- Will submit detailed proposal for grant funding/WFA/CAL FIRE.

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District - Brian Malone

- Hot dry 4th of July.
- Ridgetop preserves were open on 4th of July.
 - No issues reported.

San Mateo County Fire Department/Coastside/CAL FIRE - Clayton Jolley

- First round of vacant lot inspections complete.
 - 1400 lots inspected.
 - 250 lots have been abated.
 - County Fire sending additional letters to property owners for weed abatement.

CAL FIRE - Andy Hubbs

- SFA Grant applications approved and open for 2014 cycle.
- Burlingame and Hillsborough funding has received final approval.

- May have 20-30 extra crew days available.
- Live Fuel Moistures are now below normal.

CAL FIRE Ben Lomond - Rob Sherman/Steve Richmond

- Camp has crew days available in July.
- Crews will be held in San Mateo to reduce response times.

Woodside Fire Protection District - Denise Enea

- Chipping program season began in June.
- Crews will be used at least one day per week.
- Private contractor will be used when very busy.
- Lots of small starts have been reported, contained by IA crews.

Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve - Philippe S. Cohen

- Jasper Ridge offered tours to fire crews to familiarize them with JR facilities, emergency access roads, provide up-to-date maps, and solicit feedback on how we can enhance our prevention efforts.

BAAQMD - Doug Tolar

- New open burning fee has been officially adopted.
- Rules will be available online.
- Notification fee.

Urban Forestry Associates - Ray Moritz

- Introduced new UFA Forester Ben Anderson.
- Lots of new projects, with increased focus on Douglas fire invasiveness.
- Individual tree treatments continue to dominate workload.
- Fountaingrove II is an excellent example of a fire safe community, with parallels for many San Mateo communities (located north of Santa Rosa).

Open Forum

- Thank you to Philippe Cohen and Jasper Ridge Open Space Preserve for the generous donation of time and space for this meeting.
- Thank you to Rich Sampson and Denise Enea for coordinating cooking and barbecue.

Meeting adjourned 11:53 am

Respectfully submitted by Todd Lando.

Next meeting will be held at Woodside Town Hall Wednesday August 14, 2013 at 9:30 am.