

FSSMC Minutes April 13, 2016

In Attendance:

Guido Ciardi - SFPUC

Steve Kramer – SMC Parks

Jared Fisher – RCD

Michael Kubiak – FSSMC

Mark Mondragon – CAL FIRE

Alessandra Coronas-Wohl – FM Global

Owen T. McDaniel – NPS

Julie Parenti – CCFD

Frank Rodgers – CAL FIRE

Don Bullard – WFD

Ed Hayes – SSFSC

Sophie Louis – Student Conservation Association (SCA)

Brigitte Shearer – HRD

Sarah Collamer – CAL FIRE

Matt Lucett – City of Belmont

Brian Malone – MROSD

Chris Barresi MROSD

Rich Sampson – CAL FIRE

Andy Hubbs – CAL FIRE

Minutes from previous meeting (February 2016), not approved.

Presentation of FM Global Grant: Mike and Sarah accept a check from Alessandra of FM Global for the installation of 5 fire prevention signs in the County. The funding was received as a result of a grant award from FM Global for an amount of \$2,015.

Update on Other Grants:

- 2014 CAFSC Grant – Living with fire is budgeted up to \$5,000. Not expecting much change in the fire code. Mike will speak to Denise about printing 4,000 – 5,000 copies.
- 2015 CAFSC Grant – DRG completed CEQA, will do preoperational walk through on Tuesday. Ben Lomond CC crews start on 4/26. Grant reporting is current. Mike will ask for another \$10k advance.
- 2016 CAFSC Grant – Applications due 4/22. Will recycle the HWY 84 grant. \$2 million available state wide. Will ask for \$153k; \$450k total project amount.
- 2016 CAL FIRE SRA FPF Grant – Grant was awarded March 30 for Vista Verde / Los Trancos. Included money for crew days, tree removal and chipping. Agreement must be signed by 4/22. CEQA will be the first step.
- 2015 CAL FIRE SRA FPF Grant – Palomar park - \$21k spent of the \$79,750 grant total. 5 tree were just removed. Chipping day will occur in June. CEQA is approved; “Goats-R-Us” will begin this spring. Funds must be spent by March of next year.
- Western States WUI Grant possibilities: East Bear Gulch Rd, Ari Delay’s mapping project (RCD may be able to assist), San Bruno Mountain, El Granada/Quarry Park
- PG&E grant projects wanted; must be within 1000’ of power lines. Need descriptions and photos

Additions to Agenda/New Business:

- BLC crews are raining this month. Expected crew days this year in SMC is around 200.
- Woodside Fire is assisting Santa Clara in Los Trancos.
- Mike will work with Todd to update webpage wth pictures and grant budgets (running tally).

Agency Roundtable:

Sophie, CSA – Youth programs available to help with fuel reduction 6/22 – 7/29. No chippers or chainsaw available. Also youth program available to assist with mapping projects/data collection. Adult program is about to end, but next season (Nov – Jan) there will be possibilities for fuel reduction assistance.

Owen, NPS – Nothing to report.

Frank, CAL FIRE – new Prefire Engineer

Andy, CAL FIRE – new VMP possible in Madonna Creek area.

Rich, CAL FIRE – Ben Lomond CC fully staffed with Captains but limited with inmates. Will drop a crew if numbers fall below 12 per crew. SRA fees are funding a fuels crew until peak fire season. Unknown if this will occur next year.

Brian, MROSD – Burn piles at Hawthorn Ranch, Euc removed at Page Mill. Purismo Creek Rd may begin parking charges. Chris Barresi will be new attendee at FSSMC for MROSD as Brian has promoted to Land/Facilities management. Brian would like to thank FSSMC for helping to develop his professional rapport as he was a member early in his career.

Mike, Palomar Park – PG&E will remove 7 trees near the school.

Guido, SFPUC – 100 days of mastication to occur on the Western FB, from Portola Ridge to San Bruno Mountain. Watershed has received 107% of normal rainfall. 13 acre veg fire occurred earlier in the month. Biological assessment is starting for veg work. Dope grows are in full swing with illegal pesticides (banned in the US). Recommend weed fabric around prevention signs.

SMCP, Steve – Wunderlich fuel reduction continues. Euc removal underway along HWY 84. Broom spray in progress. AB 109 crews doing fuel reduction in Quarry Park. Huddard/Kings Mountain Rd tree removal planned. Richards Road: PG&E will grade, rock remove trees and it will be accessible to engines by mid-summer.

Belmont, Matt – Having problems with kids starting fires behind high school. Foster City and Belmont merging fire prevention.

Ed, SSFSC – Chipping program to start May 15-16. Next meeting will be at Fogartys Winery @ 7:00pm, Ari Delay will guest speak.

Brigitte, HRD – nothing additional

Sarah, CAL FIRE – SRA FPF being used to do work in Wunderlich/Huddart and El Granada.

Jarrad, RCD – GIS drought relief and wildlife projects underway/may be available.

Don, WFD – lower Los Trancos Rd fuel reduction in progress. Fire/Evac drill planned for Portola Valley.

Mark, CAL FIRE – County Planning Steering Committee was formed to address WUI issues. County fire will be invited to the next meeting.

Julie, CCFD – Messy properties in Millbrae is a challenge. Hillsborough is ramping up for fire season.

Meeting ended at 10:57.