



# FIRE SAFE SAN MATEO COUNTY

June 14, 2017 General Meeting Minutes

## Attendance:

Denise Enea	FSSMC – President / Treasurer
Rich Sampson	CAL FIRE, FSSMC Secretary
Stephen Kraemer	SMCo Parks, FSSMC Vice President
Michael Kubiak	FSSMC – Executive Director
Don Bullard	WFPD
Mark Mondragon	CAL FIRE Coastside
Cleopatra Tuday	SMC RCD
Naftali Moed	SMC RCD
Nicole Stoney	Redwood City Fire
Amy Newby	City of San Carlos
Debra Born	South Skyline Fire Safe
Craig Beckman	MROSD
Jon Johnston	Menlo Park Fire Dept.
Steve Daus	Daus Environmental Services
Melinda Martin	San Mateo Fire Dept.
Matt Lucett	Belmont Fire
Tony Barnosky	Jasper Ridge
Sarah Collamer	CAL FIRE
Brigitte Shearer	Highlands Recreational District
John Romandia	Black Cat Construction

## Introductions

Members present introduced themselves.

## Guest Presentation Ideas Aug 9 Mtg / Annual BBQ at Jasper Ridge -- Members

Bring fuel management machines in for BBQ, show demonstrations

Cost and production rates of various pieces of equipment, need to find an individual to conduct this presentation.

RCD presentation – They are open to it

American Conservation Experience – People in interested in participating in conservation efforts such as pulling broom

PG&E -- Available funding, what do we meetings need to attend? Is there a dedicated website? Be sure to contact Chris Hughes (VP, Exec Board) and Kirk Pond.

## Grant Updates:

### Highlands Clearinghouse Grant – Brigitte

Making big progress – 45 hand crew days remaining. May shift funds to publishing additional “Living with Fire” brochures if hand crew funds will not be completely spent. Need approval from CFSC before doing so.

### Hwy 84 Clearinghouse Grant – Denise and Mike

Nadia is our forester. Biological study has been completed. Eucalyptus grove removal quotes are in. NOE scheduled for submission by end of June. Start with eucalyptus grove

because Bear Gulch and HWY84 road repairs are underway. Steve Kramer to check on Bear Gulch completion date. Follow up on the need for another advance payment request.

#### **Los Trancos / Vista Verde SRA Grant – Denise**

Latest pictures have been submitted to CAL FIRE for project update. Tag this program to regular WFPD chipping program. \$35K outstanding in grant funds. One contractor and one chipping crew are focused on this project. Community really appreciates it. Finish by end of summer 2017.

#### **Track Chipper SRA Grant – Denise**

PO is in. 12-week manufacture time. Denise to seek update from CAL Line.

#### **2017 Clearinghouse Grant Application Update -- Mike**

Complex program focused on community chipping program, goat grazing and tree removal. Scheduled to hear back from California Fire Safe Council in August as to whether application has been approved.

#### **Cal Fire Engine Crew Projects – Sarah and Rich**

Engine crews available Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Jasper Ridge to start on Friday, 6/16. Roadside cleanup along Sand Hill Road, local mowing company did grass work. Repair trail work, 70% lost this past Winter vs. 20% in normal year, engine crews are alongside to do chain saw work. SRA Fire Fee appeals number from Rich Sampson to Brigitte Shearer. Get to Sarah Collamer with your requests. Sarah's contact information is: collamer.sarah@fire.ca.gov, 831-254-1792.

#### **Request for Crew Projects from Fire Safe -- Members**

Denise put out a pitch to members to request this service. Belmont waiting to hear back. Crews are now 10 person as compared to 14 previously.

#### **“Living with Fire” Request for Reprint -- Members**

WFPD – 1,000 copies  
RCD / Belmont Fire – 250 copies each  
RWC / SC – 1,000 copies  
South Skyline Fire Safe – 100 copies  
County Fire – 400 copies  
Total -- 3,000 copies

#### **New Business**

Denise -- Check out 60 Minutes video as fire prevention tool.  
Rich -- CWPP – Santa Cruz County Fire Safe Council requested to collaborate with FSSMC and RCD for an update. Both FSSMC and RCD agreed to participate. What new projects have been added? What assets are we missing?

#### **Roundtable**

Members presented what they've been working on since the last FSSMC meeting.

RCD – Reducing your chances of invasive species spread such as the slender false broom.  
South Skyline – Charcoal Road project moving forward; scotch broom removal project in Fall; Mountain Line Road fuel reduction, crossing needs to be replaced before engine crews.  
MROSD – Mowing, slides being cleared, Santa Clara Fire Safe Council – Eucalyptus removal on Page Mill.  
SMCo Parks & Rec – Mowing and hand crew fuel reduction in Wunderlich Park and then shift to Huddard Park.  
Jasper Ridge – Fuel reduction on Sand Hill Rd., two electronic fire lookout towers installed

with links to video feeds, three bridge repair projects underway: replacement to meet compliance requirements, bridge re-decking, culvert out and will be replaced this summer.  
Belmont Fire – Private property behind Carlmont High School had two fires.  
Menlo Fire – Weed abatement will finish end of June.  
Black Cat Construction – Extremely busy cleaning up from record Winter storms.  
City of San Carlos – Amy Newby to update Denise Enea on mowing plans for parks and open space.  
Daus Environmental Services – Steve Daus is working on an informational document for property owners to understand about various vegetation and how fire behaves in correlation with them. He is planning to include best practices for forested properties and rural residential land management techniques. Once complete, the intent is to upload this document to the FSSMC website.

**Adjournment: 10:55 am**