



FIRE SAFE SAN MATEO COUNTY

October 9th, 2019 General Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Casey Dunn	Resident Butano Canyon, PMAC
Cleopatra Tудay	San Mateo Resource Conservation District
Daniel Krug	San Mateo County Parks
David Gleason	Resident San Carlos
Denise Enea	Woodside Fire Protection District/ FSSMC Acting President
Don Bullard	Woodside Fire Protection District
Jeff Schwartz	Highlands Recreation District
Mel Askay	Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
Steve Daus	Daus Environmental Sciences
Barbara Heydorn	CERT
Chris Barresi	Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
Clyde Preston	North County Fire Authority
Colby Peterson	PG&E
Coty Sifuentes-Winter	Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
Daniel Noe	Redwood City Fire Department
Dawn Smithson	California Water Service
Emily A.	Turf Image Geospatial
Gage Schlice	San Bruno Fire
H.M. Irvin	Portola Ranch Association
Joe Issel	San Mateo Resource Conservation District
Jon Johnston	MPFPD
Jonathan Perrin	San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
Karen Maki	Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter
Ken Castle	San Carlos Homeowner
Leslie Bulbuk	Assembly member Marc Berman
Liz Chapman	Protect Our Watershed SMC
Marshall Hird	Woodside Fire Protection District
Matt Ward	City of Belmont Parks
Michael Barber	San Mateo County - Supervisor Pine
Mike Wischer	CAL FIRE/ San Mateo County Fire
Oscar Mace	GeoEsse
Rich Sampson	CAL FIRE/ FSSMC Vice President
Sarah Collamer	CAL FIRE
Tim Reilly	California State Parks
Chris Zanoni	City of San Carlos

Introductions

Members and Guests introduce themselves.

PG&E Power Outage to (Start October 9th) Updates

Local shut down is expected between 7:30 am and 12 pm. This includes areas from Highway 280 to the coast, south of the Devil Slide tunnel and into Santa Cruz. The outage is expected to last until the wind event subsides (Thursday morning). PG&E will start patrolling as soon as the event subsides to re-energize the grid. Inspections will happen by foot, vehicle and helicopter to repair any faults. Expect interruptions to cell and internet services. For more updates, subscribe to PG&E Alerts.

Presentation by California State Parks on Prescribed Fire (Tim Reilly, Environmental Scientist)

Tim Reilly, Environmental Scientist with California State Parks gave a presentation State Park's fire management program. This presentation included the benefits of prescribed burning for ecosystem function and fuel reduction. Their fire program burns annually for select state parks in Santa Cruz and San Mateo County. Reilly also highlighted specific fuel reduction projects within San Mateo County.

Subcommittee formation for Fire Prevention Grant Projects

Currently, FSSMC is focusing on the CalFire Forest Health grant which is being jointly developed by Santa Cruz and San Mateo RCD. This application has a \$5 million dollar cap, with a minimum of 5,000 acres. In San Mateo County, the proposed project will provide forest health and fuel reduction for Butano State Park, Huddart County Park, Wunderlich County Park, and a local Girl Scout campsite. Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) is assisting with carbon emission calculations needed for the application.

Additionally, CalFire is soliciting applications for the Fire Prevention grant. A subcommittee was formed during this meeting to prepare a grant for submission to the Fire Prevention grant in parallel to the Forest Health Grant.

If you would like to join, please email fire@sanmateorcd.org. The Fire Prevention Grant subcommittee is as follows:

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Update on active fuel management projects (Kings Mountain Rd. Wunderlich, Teague Hill)

Mastication work at Kings Mountain is being wrapped up, which encompasses 84 acres. Quarry Park project is finishing up in the next few weeks. WFPD grant with PG&E along Sandhill Road. This is a two

phased project in and near Jasper Ridge which will utilize measure K funds for tree clearance. The project is expected to finish in 2020.

Updates to Measure K Chipping Program

Palomar Park chipping day, encompassing 300 homes, was completed in late September. The next round of chipping is expected in November for Highlands, Devonshire and Weekend Acres (Alpine Road) neighborhoods.

Discussion on Marin County FIRE AGENCY JPA Formation

Marin County Fire Safe Council is proposing a JPA (Joint Powers Agency) formation, which includes a 0.25 cent sales tax for fuel reduction activities. FSSMC will provide updates when available. See the link provided for by Marin County fire agencies and municipal governments on the joint proposal for the JPA formation. [Read Here](#).

Fuel Mapping Update

National Parks Conservancy will be hosting a project update meeting for the San Mateo Countywide Fine Scale Vegetation Map. Updates will include the 2019 field sampling effort, next steps, project decision - points, alternative mapping options and Q&A. The meeting is confirmed for November 6th from 1 – 3 pm at 4091 Jefferson Ave, Redwood City, CA 94062.

Round Table-Members

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

WFPD: WFPD continues to chip through October. Work at Teague Hill is ongoing.

RCD: The RCD will coordinate with the Santa Cruz Mountain Stewardship Network on their Atlas project, a collaborative GIS-based mapping and data project, to include data from the Fine Scale Vegetation Mapping project on a second platform. Santa Cruz and San Mateo RCD's are jointly developing grant proposals for Forest Health and Fire Prevention Grants. The RCD is also pursuing State Costal Conservancy grant to support Measure K funding for FSSMC.

Belmont Public Works: Fuel reduction continues at Water Dog Trails in Belmont Open Space.

San Carlos/Redwood Fire: Conducting fuel reduction on open space using goats and masticator jointly with Public Works.

Ken Castle: Updates on Peninsula Wildfire Safety Summit that occurred September 14th. The event was hosted by the Loma Prieta Chapter of the Sierra Club. The Sierra Club will be posting video recordings of the event and follow up information on their website. [Link Here](#).

CalFire: Ben Lomond CDC crews are open for booking 6 months in advance.

Central County Fire District: Held 2 wildland fire safety events. One in July and one in September.

County Parks: County parks is wrapping up Kings Mountain Road project with CalFire. County Parks are also planning fuel reduction projects, including fuel reduction project for Wunderlich. Would be willing to host a FSSMC hike to show completed fuel reduction projects.

SFPUC: Wrapping up annual fire break maintenance, which includes ongoing fuel reduction work, pile burning, shaded fuel break, and hazardous tree reduction.

Pescadero: DPW water supply will be limited with power outage.

Adjournment: 11:30 am

The next Fire Safe San Mateo County Meeting will be held on November 13th, 2019