



# FIRE SAFE SAN MATEO COUNTY

November 13, 2019 General Meeting Minutes

## Attendance:

### Introductions

Christy Adonis	Central County Fire District
Emily Aiken	Turf Image Geospatial
Michael Barber	San Mateo County - Supervisor Pine
Anthony Barnosky	Stanford University
Craig Beckman	Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
Debra Born	South Skyline Fire Safe Council
Don Bullard	Woodside Fire Protection District
Ken Castle	San Carlos Homeowner
Aren Clark	City of Pacifica Public Works
Sarah Collamer	CAL FIRE
Tom Cuschieri	Woodside Fire
Casey Dunn	Resident Butano Canyon
Denise Enea	Woodside Fire Protection District/ FSSMC Acting President
Alex Fernandez	Filoli Center
Daniel Franco	Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy
David Gleason	Resident San Carlos
Cathy Haas, Ph.D.	Highlands Recreation District
Glenn Jones	Portola Heights Community / Shelterbelt
Ray Kurttila	City of Pacifica Public Works
Karen Maki	Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter
Melinda Martin	San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department
Jonathan Perrin	San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
Colby Peterson	PG&E
Clyde Preston	North County Fire Authority
Gage Schlice	San Bruno Fire
Gary Silva	CAL FIRE San Mateo
Dawn Smithson	California Water Service
Jeff Solt	Portola Heights Community
Bob Spears	Butano Mutual Water Co. Pescadero
Cleopatra Tuday	San Mateo Resource Conservation District
Gail Work	Portola Heights Community

## **Update of San Mateo Veg Map project (Daniel Franco, Project Manager at Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy)**

See associated power point for presentation slides.

Golden Gate National Park Conservancy, the non-profit arm of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, is managing fine scale vegetation mapping for San Mateo County. The project is on-going and on track to meet expected deliverables. The final vegetation map product is due 2022. Currently, the project has completed the vegetation mapping to the life form scale (grass, shrubs, trees), from this data, they're expecting delivery of ladder fuels, 5-meter fuels, lifeform (5 forest classes) map, trails, roads and dozer lines and impervious surfaces by March 2020. The fuels data will include canopy height. The project is currently developing a floristic key with CNPS (California Native Plant Society) with a Fall 2021 deadline. Current available information from this project includes 1 foot contours and aerial imagery (true color and infrared). Botanical field sampling was completed earlier in 2019. Information will be publicly available through the San Mateo County GIS Portal. Contact Daniel Franco (dfranco [at] parksconservancy.org) for more information on the project.

## **Review of FSSMC website**

Members made general recommendations for the Fire Safe San Mateo County website at <https://firesafesanmateo.org/>. Recommendations included PSPS information, including information on what to do in case of a planned power outage. Links to other County wide programs, such as County OES and SMC Alert system. There was a general need for more information such as actions guides, event calendar and homeowner resources. Lastly, there were recommendations to add current members to the site's member list.

## **Round Table-Members**

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

- **Woodside Fire Protection District:** Finished Chipper program for WFPF. Continuing into Jan-Dec.
- **San Mateo Resource Conservation District:** Hiring Forest Health and Fire Resiliency project manager November 18.
- **Jasper Ridge:** Fuel reduction efforts clearing access roads, eucalyptus removal, etc.
- **South Skyline Fire Safe Council:** 151 customers for chipping program (finished season). Hosted David Shew (National Fire Protection Agency) at public meeting to encourage more Fire Wise communities in the area. 2 projects are ongoing including the Middle Tract CalFire grant. SSFSC is planning Late winter home hardening workshop.
- **Ken Castle** November 13<sup>th</sup> San Carlos City Council hosted a PSPS energy impacts meeting at 6pm City Council Chambers as part of San Carlos' wildfire planning. The Wildfire Taskforce (Office of Sustainability) needs help defining objectives and integrating with other fire agencies.
- **Jonathan Cox** wildfire camera system use during Kincade fire. Chief Cox will be on Dec or Jan agenda to speak about the Kincade fire.
- **Casey Dunn:** South county residence are starting conversations on fire preparedness. In Pescadero, Sustainable Pescadero is discussing emergency response and ways to bolster fire preparedness for everyone in the South County area.
- **CALFIRE:** For the Governor 45-day projects, heavy equipment use is complete. CalFire hired hand crews to prepare burn piles at Kings Mountain, no burn piles will be made at Quarry Park.

- **Sen. Jerry Hill:** Jan 6 Bill submission, send ideas to Sen Jerry Hill.
- **SFPUC:** Fuels management is ongoing. They have increased the WUI interface with work along Highway 280 in Hillsborough and ladder fuel management in Burlingame starting in November or October. SFPUC has completed the mastication project. In December, they plan to start Sudden Oak Death infested tan oak control.
- **FSSMC:** FSSMC will be updating the Living with Fire document. In the meantime, 500 more copies of the current version will be printed. If you need more copies, contact Don Bullard [djbullard\[at\]woodsidefire.org](mailto:djbullard@woodsidefire.org)
- **Portola Heights:** Homeowners are seeking assistance for bridge work needed for emergency evacuation route work.
- **San Mateo Consolidated:** View Ridge work completed including grassy fuels management. Waterdog Park in Belmont there will be a 20 ft setback between park vegetation and homes.
- **MROSD:** Currently taking public comment for Fuel and Fire Program.
- **County Fire:** Working on Evacuation Done Project. Currently they are on round one of the project and anticipating starting round 2 by the end of the year. County Fire will eventually publish the project to the public for comments. County Fire is also interested in installing Alert Wildfire cameras for the county. They're looking for interested landowners with high visibility of the County landscape.

**Adjournment: 11:25 AM**

**The next Fire Safe San Mateo County Meeting will be held on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019**