

FIRE SAFE SAN MATEO COUNTY

Minutes

January 11, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. Self- introductions were made.

Attendance: Pam Noyer, Stephen Kraemer, San Mateo Co. Parks; Rich Sampson, Clayton Jolley, Randy Amores John Martinez, Cal Fire; Philipe S. Cohen, Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve; Richard Schwind, South Skyline Fire Safe Council; Steve Daus, Daus Environmental Service; Lori Cuesta, Joel Smith, PG&E Veg. Management; Don Bullard, Scott McKenge, Dan Ghiorso, Woodside Fire; Paul Molder, Cal Water; the Mayor of Woodside; Gayle Ciardi, SF Water; Margaret Glumstad, Highlands; Bryce Robertson, Highlands; Brian Malone, Mid Peninsula Reg. Open Space District and Steve Richmond, Fire Safe Coordinator.

Richmond reported there is currently \$169,482 in the Fire Safe Account with \$17,471 set aside for Ben Lomond Camp leaving \$142,011.

Gary Chang, founder of Wildfire Community Resources, presented some of the items his company sells to assist the home owner in preparing for a wildfire.

Sponsor Training dates for Ben Lomond crews in San Mateo County are January 25 and February 8, 1-5 p.m.

Final Fire Safe Goals for 2012:

- Select a new Fire Safe Coordinator
- Seek Non-Profit status for Fire Safe San Mateo County
- Apply for new grants
- Arrange presentation to local homeowner or interested groups.

Project Updates:

- Wunderlich Project has been started
- SFWD Crystal Springs Fuel Break needs FC 32
- Corta Madera Project funded
- Pescadero Haul Road on going
- Long Ridge Preserve in progress
- Woodside Community Chipper Program – FC 32's submitted
- Highway 35 work looks very good
- Highlands Community Fuel Break will resume in the spring.

AGENCY ROUND TABLE:

Rich Sampson, Cal Fire, reports John Martinez is filling in the vacant VMP slot. A Forester I may be hired in the near future. Rich is working with folks in Half Moon Bay to remove hazardous trees near structures.

Pam Moyer, County Parks - Wunderlich project is in process and they may consider pile burning.

Joel Smith, PG&E – they have finished final stages of line compliance work.

Lori Cuesta, PG&E – crews are working in the Menlo Park area.

Randy Amores, Cal/Co. Fire – John Riddle recently retired from CalFire leaving the Fire Marshal's office one position short. The HMB Coast Side Weed Abatement Program is beginning.

Margaret Glumstad, Highlands Rec. District, is leaving for a new position as Parks and Rec Director in Burlingame. Bryce Robertson will represent the Highlands for the present.

Richard Schwind, South Skyline F.S. Council introduced Steve Daus as their project coordinator for grant work on the Kings Creek Truck Trail and the Skyline Hwy 35 project in Santa Clara County.

Brian Malone, Mid-Pen Open Space District – They are clearing around structures on the Hawthorne Property and are involved in meetings regarding new property and hazard reduction in conjunction with other agencies.

Denise Enea, Woodside FPD is working with a non-compliant facility to create defensible space.

Steve Richmond reports the official measurement of the Sierra Snow Pack is only 27% of normal for this time of year.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

The next meeting is Wednesday, February 8, 2012, 9:30 a.m. at Independence Hall, Woodside.