

Fire Safe San Mateo County

Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 9:38 am by co-chair Guido Ciradi.

Introductions : Self introductions were made. Brigitte Shearer of the Highlands Recreation District was welcomed to her first meeting.

Attendance: Andy Hubbs, Rich Sampson, Brian Malone, Philippe Cohen, Clayton Jolley, Brigitte Shearer, Pamela Noyer, Lori Cuesta, Guido Ciardi, Denise Enea, Stephen Kraemer, and Steve Richmond.

Philippe Cohen did not have a report regarding the fire detection equipment he is testing since Henry Cowell State Park did not conduct the burn. He is looking forward to the next scheduled burn.

Denise Enea discussed the need to have a special meeting of those interested to discuss a Fire Safe Budget and develop a scope of the required duties of a new Fire Safe Coordinator. The meeting will take place on June 27, 2012 at 9:00 at the Woodside FPD station on Jefferson Ave.

Planning for the annual Fire Safe BBQ, July 11, 2012 was the next item discussed: The FSC will meet from 9:30 to 11:00 to finish a budget and duties of the new Fire Safe Coordinator. Other guests will arrive at 11:00 for a short presentation by Philippe Cohen, lunch at 12:00. Jim Palisi will be contacted to see if he will treat us with his BBQ skills.

Richmond will purchase the food and drinks. Philippe will be sure to have a full tank of propane for the cooking unit. Rich and Andy will assist with setup. The menu-- Tri Tip, beans, salad, veggie burgers, chips, Salsa, and of course--- Watermelon!

Project up Date:

The North Highway 35 Project is about ready and all the players have signed on. The FC 32 still needs to be approved by the camp.

The Camp needs to send Richmond the crew hours for the Brisbane, Woodside, and Highlands projects so they can be invoiced.

Denise has reviewed the Wunderlich Park Project with the Park Director and would like to know how many crew days are available to do more work. More time will be spent monitoring the project to make sure we are creating a true shaded fuel break.

There is more work to be done on existing watershed fuel breaks. Guido needs to submit new F-C 32's.

Edgewood County Park – The original multi-agency work to establish a boundary fuel break has not been maintained by County Parks. Discussion was held about contacting the Board of Supervisors for funds to maintain the fuel break before the original work goes down the tubes.

Andy Hubbs attended a recent grant workshop sponsored by The State Fire Safe Council. Funds are limited so each council can submit two projects and a 50% match will be required.

Andy also mentioned that Cal Fire does handle federal funds for the Western States WUI grant program. There was general discussion regarding grant ideas for our Fire Safe Committee

Guido Ciradi reported the Coast Side Watershed Posse has approached the San Francisco Public Utility Commission to have them consider eliminating all public access to the watershed, lean on adjacent land holders to do fuel reduction and to install automated fire detection systems on the watershed.

AGENCY ROUND TABLE

Pam Noyer, County Parks, reports they are mowing camp and picnic grounds prior to July 4, 2012

Stephen Kraemer, County Parks, said there was a fire on San Bruno Mtn. recently with outstanding cooperation by the various agencies.

Brigitte Shearer, Highlands Rec. District, is the new Director replacing Margaret Glomstad. Brigitte was on the Recreation District Board of Directors for 12 years and is familiar with district issues.

Lori Cuesta, PG&E - Distribution lines are being worked on by crews in the Skyline and Alpine areas. Tree crews working in the in the LRA areas and will move onto the coast side soon.

Clayton Jolly, Cal/Co. Fire - The Coast Side is working to have lots mowed. In the county, area notices to lot owners have been sent. The LE 100 program will be handled by the State Engine Crews. Chief Jalbert is responsible for Cal/Co Fire operations in the SMCo.

Philippe Cohen, Jasper Ridge Preserve – They are in the process of hosting agency fire crews at the preserve. No Cal Fire Crews have made it for their orientation to the preserve.

Steve Richmond has received information that the Cal Fire chipper will be moved to the Davis facility soon for disposal. In fact, most all the Cal Fire chippers will be disposed of, because they don't meet EPA standards.

Rich Samson, Cal Fire - There was a veg fire in Brisbane last Monday.

Brian Malone, MPROSD –They are busy mowing and disking roads in the district. Personnel have received refresher fire training.

Guido Ciradi, SFWD - Thanks to Cal Fire for providing two days of fire training for district personnel. Guido has three really great mowing contactors if someone has a need. The Water District is studying the effects fuel break work is doing to vegetation modification.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 PS: This is my last set of minutes! Thanks to Andy Hubbs for taking on this task. The last 21 years have been such a pleasure and it has been a great ride! Good luck to each of you as you continue to keep San Mateo County FIRE SAFE!

Steve

