



# FIRE SAFE SAN MATEO COUNTY

April 12, 2017 General Meeting Minutes

## Attendance:

Denise Enea	FSSMC – Acting President
Michael Kubiak	FSSMC - Executive Director
Nicole Stoney	Redwood City Fire
Jay Walter	City of San Carlos
Amy Newby	City of San Carlos
Lou Duran	City of San Carlos
Lisa Guerrero	San Carlos Fire Dept.
Melinda Martin	San Mateo Fire Dept.
Joe Issel	San Mateo RCD
Adrian Shum	Caltrans
William McMahon	Caltrans
Matt Lucett	Belmont Fire
Patty Ciesla	Santa Clara County Fire Safe Council
Jay R. Call	Santa Clara County Fire Safe Council
Tony Barnosky	Jasper Ridge
Stephen Kraemer	SMCo Parks
Sarah Collamer	CAL FIRE
Andy Hubbs	CAL FIRE
Brigitte Shearer	Highlands Recreational District
John Romandia	Black Cat Construction

## Introductions

Members present introduced themselves.

### **“Living with Fire” brochure – Does anyone have extra copies? -- Denise**

Agencies reported that they had extra copies available

Request for 50 copies from San Carlos FD

### **Tracked Chipper Quote Update – Denise**

12” limb capacity

PO for \$97K sent in, CAL FIRE price, 10-11 weeks to build, trailer purchase still needs to be completed.

Hopefully in three mos. we’ll have it here.

Shared resource for our members.

Trained and certified operators needed, agency who uses it will need to pay for operator

### **2017 Clearinghouse Grant Process: Who has a project? – Members**

Members also discussed potential new projects in 2017 which are listed below:

1. **NO, ONLY COUNTY PARK LAND MAKES ACCEPTANCE MORE DIFFICULT:** Meadow in Wunderlich Park: Removal of eucalyptus grove. Separate project in Wunderlich Park for removal of an acacia grove. Lead agency: County Parks
2. **????:** Mills Canyon in Burlingame could also have a potential project. Lead agency: Julie Parenti, CCFD, stated she would talk to her Parks Dept. and get back to the group if there was a potential project.

3. **\*\*\*YES, CONFIRM THE AFFECTED COMMUNITIES:** County-wide community chipping program, including Devonshire Canyon and La Honda neighborhoods were mentioned. Collaborating agencies: County Fire/La Honda Fire Brigade/WFPD, RCD, NEED HELP FROM CAL FIRE AS TO NEIGHBORHOODS, areas along South Skyline Fire Safe Council such as Alpine Road and Middleton Track.
4. **WAIT UNTIL NEXT YEAR, ADDRESS WITH TRACK CHIPPER AND HAND CREWS:** Ridge line between Rocky Way and Canada Road needs maintenance. Possible collaborating entities: WFPD, PGE, SF Water, and County Parks.
5. **NEIGHBORHOOD PROXIMITY, WAIT UNTIL NEXT YEAR:** Quarry Park in El Granada: eucalyptus removal, stump treatment, follow-up treatment. Collaborating agencies: Coastside Fire/County Fire/CAL FIRE/RCD
6. **\*\*\*THINK THAT'S A GOOD ONE:** San Carlos: Eaton Park Canyon, Big Canyon SOD removal, Brittain Road runs between. PGE gas pipeline (#147) runs through the middle, potential grazing. Collaborating entities: County Fire/City of San Carlos/PG&E
7. **BELMONT NEEDS TO FOLLOW UP BY END OF WEEK:** Belmont: Water Dog Lake. Hazardous fuel reduction near homes. Lead agency: Belmont Fire
8. **NO FOR THIS YEAR:** Los Trancos/Vista Verde: shaded fuel break along Coal Mine Ridge. Collaborating entities: WFPD/Portola Valley
9. **IN HOUSE PROJECT:** State Hwy 35 Shaded Fuel Break: CAL FIRE hand crew days. Fuel break along the ridge. Broom is ideal for hand crews. Possible collaborating entities: PGE, Mid-Pen, South Skyline FSC, Cal Fire, and Cal Trans
10. **NO FOR THIS YEAR:** Clearing along Westridge boundary of Jasper Ridge. CC&C crew project.
11. **PGE GRANT???:** Euc's along Sand Hill Road, adjacent to Jasper Ridge. WFPD, San Mateo County, Stanford and PG&E
12. **TBD:** Sugarloaf Mountain: Neighborhood chipper program, City of San Mateo, bids, SOW

#### **Grant Updates – Denise, Mike, Brigitte Shearer**

**Tracked Chipper Award:** See above.

**Highlands Recreational District:** Cal Fire helping to move along.

**Woodside Road/Skywood Acres:** On site visit with Forester. Working on contract. Forester starts within the next couples of weeks. Getting bids for tree removal. Hand crews if available. Need to get together with Cal Trans re tree removal candidates.

**Los Trancos/Vista Verde:** Going gang busters. Hand crews pulling broom, focus on Alpine Road. Excellent feedback from community.

#### **PG&E Funds Update – Kirk Shearer**

PGE RESILIENT COMMUNITIES Grant Program, Dana Edwards, \$1M over the next five years, 2X \$100K grants for PGE services areas, DUE 5/12, Match is important, Denise Enea commented that doing a project close to PG&E infrastructure would be helpful.

#### **Roundtable**

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

**WFPD:** Defensible space training course on 5/13 by WFAP.

**RCD:** Hire 1-2 staff focus on vegetation management programs.

**PGE:** Tree removal for line reliability in South Skyline work. Utility fire risk map by CPUC. 85% of SMCo would be Tier 2 and 3 fire risk. Fire map stage #2 is in process.

**Santa Clara County Fire Safe:** JR Call to coordinate projects along the SC SM County line. Home assessments program being launched. New graphics for outreach: 5' non-combustible, 30' lean, clean and green, 100' defensible, 200' for slopes. 16SFA grant paying for this training. Ember awareness component is key. Education component needed for higher-income demographic engagement. Working on a collaborative project between Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties. Concept application for the greenhouse gas grant for

ridge line between SC and SC Counties submitted, \$500K, \$1M match, Scott Witt, Cal Fire, provided feedback as to why first attempt was unsuccessful.

**CAL FIRE:** Hand crew training wrapping up this week. Prescribed burn with SFPUC. Three engines staffed doing fuel reduction projects. Jasper Ridge CEQA being worked on.

**SMCo Parks:** Dropped 100 trees. Rocking and clearing roads. PGE SH84 euc tree removal completed. Started mowing.

**South Skyline:** Chipping program underway, 30 homes participate each Spring and Fall. Charcoal Creek Road: Shaded fuel break off of SH35, start date June. No Clearinghouse grants.

**WFPD:** Chipper program, start 5/1 and end 11/30, allocated \$65K per year.

**Adjournment: 11:21 am**