

Fire Safe San Mateo County

October 10, 2018 General Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Introductions

Members and Guests introduce themselves.

New Executive Director Agreement with SMRCD-Rich Sampson, Denise

Fire Safe board of directors would like to enter into agreement with San Mateo Resource Conservation District for the position of Fire Safe Executive Director. Board asked for approval of \$11,700 for the next 9-months of the fiscal year. Introduction to RCD staff present at meeting. All in agreement.

Update on Grants and projects-Members

1. **WFPD:** SRA Teague hill grant just awarded for shaded fuel break.
2. **SAN MATEO COUNTY HAZARDOUS REDUCTION GRANT (2016 CLEARING HOUSE):** Fuel reduction in San Carlos, Eaton Park and Big Canyon. Utilizing goats and mastication equipment.
3. **FEMA GRANT:** City of San Carlos. Fuel reduction. WFPD lead.
4. **HIGHWAY 84 CLEARING HOUSE 2016:** Partnership with Caltrans, CalFIRE, Woodside Fire Protection District. Clearing vegetation along roadside. Project stretches from base of Wunderlich Park to top of Highway 35.
5. **WOODSIDE FIRE DISTRICT PG&E GRANT:** WFPD removal of around 25 eucalyptus trees in emerald hills
6. **JASPER RIDGE:** Clearing fire break along west ridge boarder the past year with goat grazing. Implementing fuel management under DOE and Stanford Particle Accelerator powerlines.
7. **Kings Mountain Road:** Clearing of illegal fires and fire road along parkside with CCC crews. Partners: San Mateo County Parks and CalFIRE
8. **MROSD:** Fuel reduction line behind Sequoia Retirement Property at Windy Hill. Portola Valley clearance along boundary (developing fire risk management plan and integrating prescribed fire). Mastication off Native Sons road. Shaded fuel break along Charcoal Road with South Skyline Fire Safe Council. Grand coordinator at MROSD searching for new opportunities.
9. **SMRCD:** Removal of small diameter Eucalyptus project that integrate fuel reduction and soil remediation. Vegetation management in Pescadero and Año Nuevo State Parks.
10. **SFPUC:** Fuel break mastication, fuel management along powerlines. Collaborating with Andy Hubbs with prescribed burns-in the permitting pathway review process
11. **Wunderlich Park:** Tree removal and trimming on SMCP land of trees along lines and eucalyptus removal with oak woodland revitalization (through SMCP and PGE).
12. **Grant Cycles:** CalFIRE Carbon Credit initiative grants

PG&E – Frank and Colby

Enhance Community Wildfire Safety Program introduction and overview. Program is an initiative for fire prevention measure within tier 3 (high risk) priority lands. Identification of tier 3 areas based on California Public Utilities Commission mapping and existing PG&E circuitry. Program includes wildfire risk assessment, enhanced safety measure, and hardening of infrastructure. program recommend 12 ft radius around wires, accelerated wildfire safety work recommends 12' radius and no overhanging

vegetation, offering ground to overhead clearance for willing land owners. Offer 2-hr training program for gas and electric emergency response program.

Expanding meetings to monthly-Denise

Suggestion by board to increase FSSMC meetings from every other month to monthly. Increase in meetings includes site visits multiple times a year to fire related projects around the county. All in agreement.

Correspondence & New Business Items-Ken

- Homeowner and neighborhood watch of San Carlos representative: want to move into fire watch program in San Carlos communities. Suggesting early warning detection system for fires using thermal imagery technologies. Has petition on change.org. suggesting community engagement to move forward with proposal.

Round Table-Members

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

WFPD: Chipping program is winding down in November. For agencies interested in learning about how chipping programs are run, contact Denise.

Bartley Tree Experts: Introduction

SMRCD: Monterey County RCD was awarded NRCS grant across Santa Cruz, Monterey and San Mateo Counties to hire a forester for federal cost share programs for Forest stand improvement and fuel management.

CalFIRE: CalFIRE reminds agencies to reserve Ben Lomond Crews months in advance of work (crews are already scheduling for May). Crew supervisor training coming in May or Aril.

Adjournment: 11:20