



# FIRE SAFE SAN MATEO COUNTY

September 11, 2019 General Meeting Minutes

## Attendance:

Barry Biermann	North County Fire Authority
Casey Dunn	Resident Butano Canyon
Chris Barresi	Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
Christy Adonis	Central County Fire District
Cleopatra Tuday	San Mateo Resource Conservation District
Clyde Preston	North County Fire Authority
Colby Peterson	PG&E
Craig Beckman	Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
Daniel Ourtiague	City of Belmont, P&R
Daniel Krug	San Mateo County Parks
Daniel Noe	Redwood City Fire Department
David Shew	National Fire Protection Association
Debra Born	South Skyline Fire Safe Council
Denise Enea	Woodside Fire Protection District/ FSSMC Acting President
Don Bullard	Woodside Fire Protection District
Dudley Carlson	Portola Valley Ranch
Ed Mitchell	Belmont Heights Civic Improvement Association; Belmont Heights Association wildfire committee
Jeff Schwartz	Highlands Recreation District
Joan Dentler	Office of Senator Jerry Hill
Joe Issel	San Mateo Resource Conservation District
Karen Maki	Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter
Ken Castle	San Carlos Homeowner
Leslie Bulbuk	Assembly member Marc Berman
Marshall Hird	Woodside Fire Protection District
Michael Barber	San Mateo County - Supervisor Pine
Patrica Koch	Central County Fire District
Patty Mayall	Protect Our Watershed SMC
Rich Sampson	CAL FIRE/ FSSMC Vice President
Selena Brown	
Steve Johnson	Kings Mountain
William "Bill" Goebner	Kings Mountain

## **Introductions**

Members and Guests introduce themselves.

## **Changes to September Agenda**

The agenda was changed to include:

- I. Peninsula Wildfire Summit
- II. Nominations to FSSMC board
- III. Fire Prevention Grants (presentation by Scott Wit)
- IV. Fire Wise Presentations
- V. Agency Round Table

## **Peninsula Wildfire Summit**

Peninsula Wildfire Safety Summit will be happening on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the College of San Mateo, 1700 W. Hillsdale Blvd in Building 10, room 195 from 8:30 am to noon.

Summit provides information on what residents of Hillside Areas and decision makers in San Mateo County should know and prepare for.

## **Nominations to the FSSMC Board**

Daniel Krug (San Mateo County Parks, Arborist) and Johnathan Perrin (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, Peninsula Area Land Manager) were elected to the FSSMC board.

## **CAL FIRE Fire Prevention Grants**

Presentation on CAL FIRE's Fire Prevention Grant provided by Scott Witt. Presentation included information about the grant, allowable costs and where to apply. For more information please visit: <https://www.fire.ca.gov/grants/fire-prevention-grants/>

## **Firewise Presentation**

David Shew presented on what Firewise USA (NFPA) program is and how it can be utilized within San Mateo County. Firewise is a nation wide program with over 1500 recognized sites composing of neighborhoods, subdivisions, HOA's and other communities. The goal of Firewise is to increase fire prevention and fire resistance on private property. For more information, please visit [NFPA.org](http://NFPA.org) or [Firewise.org](http://Firewise.org)

## **Round Table**

1. **Cal Water Grant Program:** Cal Water Firefighter Grant Program has been released for up to \$60,000 in grants. Visit <https://www.calwater.com/firefightergrant/>
2. **CAL FIRE:** Work is ongoing at Kings Mountain and Quarry Park projects.
3. **RCD:** Currently identifying projects for Forest Health and Fire Prevention grants. Contact joe[ @]sanmateoRCD.org for potential project ideas. The Measure K funded chipper grant is ongoing. Currently looking at a Coastal Conservancy grant to boost current Measure K funds.
4. **Protect Our Watershed San Mateo County, La Honda Area:** POWSMC is looking for assistance in funding and community outreach for reducing fuels along the west side of highway 84. Project must have non-herbicide options.
5. **Butano Canyon Community:** Butano Canyon had high participation for the chipping program. In addition Butano Canyon residence are working with Gazos Creek residents to increase regional fire prevention work.

6. **MROSD:** MROSD is ongoing with their fuel management program planning. Currently, MROSD is looking for public input.
7. **Highlands Community:** Are interested in a community chipping program for the Highlands area. Also interested in how to become a Firewise community through Firewise USA.

**Correspondence & New Business Items**

- No new business

**Adjournment: 11:08 AM**

**The next Fire Safe San Mateo County Meeting will be held on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019**