

Fire Safe San Mateo County

October 10, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Denise Anea – Woodside Fire Protection District
Guido Ciardi – San Francisco Public Utility District
Clayton Jolly – Cal Fire / San Mateo County Fire / Coastside Fire
Andy Hubbs – Cal Fire
Rich Sampson – Cal Fire
Pamela Noyer – San Mateo County Parks
Stephen Kraemer – San Mateo County Parks
Lori Cuesta – Western ECI / PG&E
Barbara Romandia – Blackcat Construction
Ray Moritz – Urban Forestry Associates

Call to order:

Denise Anea welcomes Ray Moritz and Todd Lando of Urban Forestry Associates as the new Executive Directors of Fire Safe San Mateo County.

Barbara Romandia introduced herself as representing John Romandia's construction land clearing company.

Past and Present Project Summaries, by Agency:

Woodside FD: May-Oct chipper program with hand crews, free to residents, possible HOA projects in November.

SF Water: Southern FB. Revisit Edgewood FB? Crystal Springs FB to continue with or w/o NPS (Todd will invite GGNRA rep to future meeting to discuss possible FBs).

SM County Parks: Per Steve, Wonderlich has scheduled 2 crew at a time for roadside FB and plans to eventually remove all the euc groves in the park (but funding/permit are needed for removal - commercialization may reduce costs). Per Pam, Board of Sup has dedicated some money for fuel reduction (doesn't know how much).

MidPeninsula: Annually mow and disk some grasslands, fire rd brushing, Hwy 35 FB with Cal Trans. Want a FB along Alpine Rd in future.

Highlands: Previous burn pile project, will ask Steve Richmond if more to come.

Grant Applications:

Per Denise Enea and Andy hubbs, there is no word yet on the WUI or CA FSC grants for the chipping program.

Per Rich Sampson, the CWPP will be updated soon. We are looking for RCD funding again. This time look for buy-in from Fire Chiefs, but not the Board of Supervisors.

Bylaws Discussion:

Per Denise Enea, language for the new bylaws will be borrowed from other similar organizations. It is proposed that one representative from each Fire Safe San Mateo County memebr agency be a director (except Clayton from CAL FIRE since he is also the County Fire Marshal). This would entail the appointment of 9-17 directors - currently we would have 10. Of the directors, 4 members would form an executive board. We will also need secretary, and treasurer. Proposed composition of directors would be: SM County agencies, HOAs, utilities, open space groups, fire agencies, NPS, special districts, Brian of MidPen suggests inviting POST. Rich of CAL FIRE suggests large landowners too. Per Denise's suggestion, distribution of funds upon closing of FSC "shall be distributed to CA FSC as trustee for the purpose of fuel projects/education for entities of SMC." FY is one calendar year. Others can review bylaws, Philippe will want to.

Additions to Agenda:

Per Ray, UFA will handle the agenda and minutes for the 10/10/2012 meeting; will email the group his address; would like to review financial reports and wants to discuss future financial reports with yet to be appointed treasurer; wants to start thinking of future projects soon for March grant deadlines; Todd Lando has ideas for web design and electronic outreach, including: publishing of all minutes, better visibility of projects, highlighting a program project once a month on the website to increase visibility.

Todd/Denise will work together to increase membership by groups, agencies.

Goals/Objectives of Executive Director will be gone over next month.

Agency Roundtable:

Woodside FD: Small community fuel projects. City planning department now has new design guidelines for new houses.

SF Water: Crystal Springs watershed road maintenance/culvert replacement, getting ready for winter. Propagating oaks - collecting acorns for possible SOD resistance.

PGE: Crews working La Honda Rd, Hwy 92, Moss beach. To be in Woodside soon.

SM County Parks: More focus on fuel reduction in Parks. Staff redistribution ongoing.

MidPeninsula: wrapping up projects, road brushing , Mont Vista PGE work. Harvest season, incident at Bear creek Stable associated with a nearby grow site.

San Mateo Co Fire/Coastside Fire: Weed abatement and mowing campaign done. GGNRA burn pile need to be addressed. Montero future project (need map for Ray) unused state property - ROW? Cal Trans?

CAL FIRE: Prescribed burns are planned in Cloverdale Ranch and Big Basin this fall.

Meeting adjourned.