

Fire Safe San Mateo County

December 12, 2018 General Meeting Minutes

**Attendance:**

Anthony Barnosky	Stanford University
Brian Molver	Sheriff/OES Coastside
Cathy Haas, Ph.D.	Highlands Recreation District
Chris Barresi	Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
Cleopatra Today	San Mateo Resource Conservation District
Coty Sifuentes-Winter	Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
Craig Beckman	Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
Daniel Franco	Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy
Daniel Noe	Redwood City Fire Department
Deborah Hirst	San Mateo County - Supervisor Horsley
Debra Born	South Skyline Fire Safe Council
Denise Enea	Woodside Fire Protection District- FSSMC Acting President/Treasurer
Don Bullard	Woodside Fire Protection District
Erin McDermott	Nomad Ecology
Jim Mort	Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
Joe Issel	San Mateo Resource Conservation District
Jonathan Perrin	San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
Kass Green	Kass Green & Associates
Ken Castle	San Carlos Homeowner
Lance Lougee	SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory
Michael Barber	San Mateo County - Supervisor Pine
Nicholas Calderon	San Mateo County Parks
Paul Wendt	Sierra Club San Carlos/Belmont Chapter
Rich Sampson	CAL FIRE -FSSMC Acting Vice President
Rogelio Castaneda	San Mateo County Parks
Sarah Collamer	CAL FIRE

**Introductions**

Members and Guests introduce themselves.

**San Mateo Vegetation Mapping – Daniel Franco and Kass Green**

Fine scale vegetation mapping of San Mateo County through lidar and ground truthing. Pervious and impervious datasets to show existing infrastructure (fire roads, single track trails, paved and unpaved areas). Fuels layer to assist in management decisions. The lidar and vegetation analysis is fully funded. Project currently in phase 1. Imagery has been taken. Sampling of vegetation planned for Spring 2019. Final map to be publicly available 2022 for San Mateo County. Similar projects in Marin and Sonoma Counties. Funded through multiple land management agencies. Analysis for fire fuels needs an approximate \$25,000 for San Mateo County. Additional efforts also needed for 5-year cycle updates.

### **Discussion of Fuel Load Reduction Funding Proposal to San Mateo County-Denise Enea, Rich Sampson and Joe Issel**

Proposal to San Mateo County for short-term and long-term fire programs by Fire Safe San Mateo County, San Mateo RCD and CAL FIRE. Group brain storming around what the needs are for San Mateo County around fire management. Some needs suggested were updated coding and zoning for home hardening, building placement, and access for emergency crews. Vegetation management is needed for evacuation routes. There is also a need for a County-wide master fire management and safety plan. Increase in public engagement, outreach and education. Needs have been highlighted for fire management projects around fire prone communities. Road assessments, chipping, fuel reduction, CAL FIRE seasonal crew, FSSMC position funding, land owner assistance.

### **Discussion on potential projects for 2019**

Potential project types for 2019: Shaded fuel breaks, maintenance of previous projects, escape routes, ingress/egress routes, fire management plans (MROSD), vegetation management on public/open space land adjacent to homes, CCI grant projects (for projects over 1000 acres – current cycle ends January, second cycle end in June. CAL FIRE recommends looking into collaborative efforts for June cycle), crews and equipment, community needs driven projects, prescribed fire.

FSSMC recommended a compiled list of current and potential projects from agencies to bring next meeting (January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019).

### **Other Business Items**

CPUC Wildfire Technology Innovation Summit Wednesday, March 20, 2019 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Sacramento, CA. See <http://firetechsummit.cpuc.ca.gov/> for more details.

**Adjournment: 11:39 AM**