

Fire Safe San Mateo County

July 10th, 2019 General Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Introductions

Members and Guests introduce themselves.

Overview of San Mateo RCD Forest Health and Fire Resiliency Program (Joe Issel, Casey Stewman)

Joe Issel introduced Casey Stewman, the RCD's new Forest Health and Fire Resiliency Program Project Manager. Casey went over basic concepts of the program including, a county wide chipper program, programmatic permitting around tree ordinance, CEQA, and other permit streamlining, and project development for both FSSMC and RCD related work around fire resiliency and forest health.

Casey Stewman: Received his B.S. from Humboldt State University and has been working in plant ecology, forestry and wildfire since 1997. He's managed a number of forestry projects, vegetation mapping projects, prescribed fire, and wildland fire fighter.

His position is funded through Measure K funds through SMC, a half-cent sales tax. This funding is a one-time short-term fund, with the change of renewal.

Fire Science/ Fire Weather Presentation (Craig Clements PhD)

Dr. Craig Clements spoke about his Fire Weather Research Laboratory at San Jose State University, who researches how fires creates its own weather. He spoke on how he and his team study the start and growth of wildfires through different technologies and integrating atmospheric weather.

Round Table-Members

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

WFPD: - Ready Set Go materials

County fire- Follow up letter for weed abatement notice (homeowners for unincorporated county lands) letter on CSF website will be mailed soon.

Adjournment: 11:31 am