



FIRE SAFE SAN MATEO COUNTY

December 11, 2019 General Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Christy Adonis	Central County Fire District
Michael Barber	San Mateo County - Supervisor Pine
Anthony Barnosky	Stanford University
Chris Barresi	Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
Leslie Bulbuk	Assemblymember Marc Berman
Don Bullard	Woodside Fire Protection District
Liz Chapman	Protect Our Watershed SMC
Aren Clark	City of Pacifica Public Works
Sarah Collamer	CAL FIRE
Maggie Cornejo	Supervisor Warren Solcum - D4
Joan Dentler	Office of Senator Jerry Hill
Casey Dunn	Resident Butano Canyon
Denise Enea	Woodside Fire Protection District
Lorrie Duval	PU EPC, WPV-CERT
Leo Gonzalez	Portola Valley Ranch
David Hibdoon	CalFire/Coastside Fire District
Joe Issel	San Mateo Resource Conservation District
Daniel Krug	San Mateo County Parks
Ray Kurttila	City of Pacifica Public Works
Isabelle LaSalle	Assemblymember Marc Berman
Suzan Lenz	Sab Frabcusci Water
Karen Maki	Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter
Wes Mills	Portola Valley Ranch
Daniel Noe	Redwood City Fire Department
Jonathan Perrin	San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
Colby Peterson	PG&E
Clyde Preston	North County Fire Authority
Rich Sampson	CAL FIRE/ FSSMC Vice President
Gage Schlice	San Bruno Fire
Sheena Sidhu	San Mateo Resource Conservation District
Coty Sifuentes-Winter	Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
Gary Silva	CAL FIRE San Mateo
Dede Smullen	Santa Clara County FSC
Cleopatra Tудay	San Mateo Resource Conservation District

Introductions

Members and Guests introduced themselves.

Presentation:

Coty Sifuentes-Winter, Senior Resource Management Specialist, presenting the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (Midpen) Fire/Fuels Management Draft plan

Mr. Sifuentes-Winter presented on Midpen's Wildland Fire Resiliency program. The plan's main objective is Resource Protection and Resource Enhancement.

This plan encompasses 4 sub-plans and emergency responses for 1) Pre-fire plans, 2) Fuels monitoring, 3) Vegetation Management plan, 4) Emergency Response. The full finalization will be in 2022. This plan does not include Midpen's plans for prescribed burning. The plan will be presented to the board for approval in January 2020

Presentation:

Dr. Graham Kent, University of Nevada, presenting on real-time camera detection of wildland fires and ALERTWildfire network.

The presentation focused on the ALERTWildfire network, using San Diego County as a Model for San Mateo County. Dr. Kent showed videos of cameras detecting wildfires. At the time of the fires, the live feeds provided critical information about fire intensity and precise location decisions related to resource management to control the fires. This information has led to a decrease in response time, provided critical information, and allows easy decisions for scaling fire response resources.

San Mateo county currently as a dearth of cameras, but there has been some strong interest to have wildfire detection specific cameras in the area. ALERT is currently in discussion with some local community colleges about setting up cameras on their campuses, and there is an interest in finding more locations for other cameras. The cameras would have their own independent power source and ALERT would work with a local WISP to ensure that the cameras would be operational when a fire occurs, and power or communication services may be limited. At the present time ALERT has full funding for cameras (through CAL FIRE and PG&E), they just need locations and permission.

Presentation:

Division Chief Jonathan Cox on successes and lessons learned from the Kincade Fire- CANCELLED.

This presentation may be rescheduled for February 2020.

Update on Grants and projects-Members

1. **San Mateo County Resource Conservation District/ Forest Health Grant:** San Mateo RCD submitted a grant for the CAL FIRE Forest Health program. This project mainly focuses forest fuel reduction in four sites in the northern Santa Cruz Mountains: 1) Wunderlich County Park, Huddart County Park, Butano State Park, and Girl Scout Camp at Butano. This covers over 800 acres, and the Huddart County Park site supports previous work done on Kings Mountain Road by CAL FIRE, one of the 35 Priority Projects. This project was developed out of a large collaboration with RCD's participation in the Santa Cruz Mountain Stewardship Network. Parallel to this project, the Resources Conservation District of Santa Cruz County also submitted a similar

project for sites in the southern Santa Cruz Mountain, and collectively the two projects will work together to form a series of fire breaks and fuel reduction that will have a greater impact than just the project sites. The grant funding is requested for \$4.6M and will be announced January 2020.

2. **Fire Safe Council/ Fire Prevention Grant:** A \$400K grant was submitted 1) fuel reduction at Cattle Hill, Pacifica, 2) targeted hazard tree removal at Devonshire Canyon, and 3) purchase of a remote-control masticator that can work on steep slopes. Grant awards will be announced March 2020.

Round Table-Members

Limited time, no discussion. Will be moved to next meeting.

Adjournment: 11:30 AM

The next Fire Safe San Mateo County Meeting will be held on January 9th, 2020