

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Fire Safe Santa Cruz County (FSSCC)**

Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018

10:30 AM - Noon

Location:

Solari East Conference Room

7807 Soquel Drive

Aptos, CA 95003

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** At 10:30 by Joe Christy

2. **INTRODUCTIONS & WELCOME** (5 min.)

**Directors Present:** Joe Christy, President  
Chris Coburn, Treasurer  
Chris Berry representative: N. Retford  
Ian Rowbotham  
Ed Hayes  
Jennifer Michelson

**Directors Absent:** Andy Hubbs, Secretary  
Felix Sorrentino  
Nancy Cole  
Trevor Dirksen  
Tim Reilly

**Attendees:** LizAnne Jensen, CERT  
Rich Sampson, CAL FIRE  
Edd Silveira, Friends of De Laveaga Park  
Mike Chiodini, BLM Fire  
Bob Loveland, Santa Cruz County  
Paul Horvat, SCFD  
Fran Albrecht, Cliffwood Estates  
Barbara Schulties, Cliffwood Estates  
Lizzy Eichorn, RCD of Santa Cruz County  
Sarah Collamer, CAL Fire  
Nic Retford, SCWD  
Jessica Martinez-McKinny, private landowner  
Chuck Harmon, Cliffwood Estates  
Leslie Harmon, Cliffwood Estates  
Rosemary Anderson, County of Santa Cruz OES  
Becky Steinbruner, Aptos resident

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT (15 min.)

- Edd Silveira requested that there be more community members represented on the FSC board.

### 4. REPORTS

- 4.1. Review and Approve February 1 meeting minutes (3 min.)- no changes made. Chris Coburn moved approval of the minutes, Ed Hayes seconded. All in favor, motion passed.
- 4.2. Treasurer's report (2 min.)- the FSC has a \$40 cash donation, a \$500 check (unrestricted funding) from the Santa Clara Fire Safe Council, and a \$1,000 check from an anonymous donor. FSC President, Joe Christy, has the funds in safe keeping. A bank account will be opened with Lighthouse Bank once a new Treasurer is appointed as Lighthouse Bank does not charge fees to nonprofits.

### 5. 2018-2019 BOARD ELECTIONS (15min.)

Nominating Committee slate:

Chris Berry

Joe Christy

Nancy Cole

Trevor Dirksen

**Lizzy Eichorn**

Ed Hayes

**LizAnne Jensen**

**Bob Loveland**

**Becky Steinbruner**

New board nominees were asked to give a short background on why they would like to serve. The following is a synopsis of what they shared:

- LizAnne Jensen: Bonny Doon resident for many years, has been evacuated twice due to wildfire, networking is her priority, very active with CERT and other emergency response groups.
- Bob Loveland: County's replacement for Matt Johnston, reviews permits for residential and commercial projects.
- Becky Steinbruner: Aptos Hills resident, very active in community and larger Santa Cruz County especially with regard to road repairs and preparation for fire.
- Lizzy Eichorn: RCD employee, involved in a number of watershed health related projects, personally affected by Soberanes Fire in Big Sur, understands challenges of fire management in WUI.
- Paul Horvat: OES Manager Santa Cruz Fire Department, previous experience in hazmat management, many years of fire management experience.

All board candidates were elected. Nancy Cole was not re-elected. Chris Coburn resigned. Four current board members were re-elected for a new two-year term: Chris Berry, Joe Christy, Trevor Dirksen, and Ed Hayes. The continuing board members whose terms expire in April 2019

are: Andy Hubbs, Jen Michelsen, Tim Reilly, Ian Rowbotham, and Felix Sorrentino. There is now a total of 14 board members.

A discussion followed about amending the FSC bylaws to reduce the number of necessary board members to be able to reach a quorum more easily.

Rosemary Anderson from the Santa Cruz County Office of Emergency Service gave a short presentation on future options for RCD involvement in FSC administration.

**6. REVIEW OF PROJECTS (40 min.)**

6.1. Projects to consider for this year

6.1.1. Grant proposals: CA FSC grant proposals due May 15, CAL Fire grants will be rolled out this spring (fuel reduction on SRA land).

6.1.2. Senior/disabled assistance

6.1.3. Eucalyptus management in multiple neighborhoods (detritus cleanup and/or logging)

6.1.4. Truck trail/ridgetop fire break maintenance

6.1.5. Continued chipping projects

6.2. Priority areas from the CWPP

6.2.1. Truck trail/ridgetop fire break maintenance

6.2.2. Ingress and egress road maintenance

6.2.3. Development of alternated evacuation routes for vulnerable communities with only one way in and out

**7. NEW BUSINESS (as time allows)**

**8. ADJOURN – 11:57**

The next Regular Meeting of the Board will be Thursday, June 7, Location TBD