



**Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Fire Safe Council of Santa Cruz County**

Thursday, October 8, 2020

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

ZOOM meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89134319744?pwd=WTdrRVJjM09wcDlXMmJtOWYxM3Fwdz09>

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1. CALL TO ORDER: 10:07

2. INTRODUCTIONS & WELCOME 10:07-10:10

Directors Present:

LizAnne Jensen, Vice President
Joe Christy, Treasurer
Ed Hayes
Felix Sorrentino
Marco Mack
Ryan Wall
Ian Rowbotham
Tim Reilly
Lisa Ehret
Bob Loveland
Matt Abernathy for Lisa Lurie
Bob Gray

Directors Absent:

Paul Horvat
Andy Hubbs, Secretary
Lisa Lurie
Carly Blanchard

Attendees:

Lynn Stestak

3. AGENDA REVISIONS/ MINUTES APPROVAL 10:10

3.1. Review and approve 06/04/20 meeting minutes. The motion carried to approve the minutes as written.

4. CONSENT AGENDA 10:10-10:15

- 4.1. New website and Social Media Campaign.
- 4.2. CA Fire Foundation Grant.
- 4.3. Rosewood Family Advisors LLP restricted donation.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

6. ACTION ITEMS 10:15-10:30

6.1. Approve acceptance of Rosewood Family Advisors LLP restricted donation for \$25,000 -- APPROVED

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS 10:30-10:36

7.1 Marco Mack motioned to use Fire Safe Council of Santa Cruz County logo on National "Ready, Set, GO" program printing, instead of using just City of Aptos and Central Fire Station logo – Passed Unanimously.

8. REPORTS 10:36-12:00

8.1. Treasurer: PG&E Grant funding was received, allowing forward movement on Day Break Project.

8.2. Education & Outreach: (I) Cabrillo College Extension Course had full attendance, with additional persons on a waitlist. Second class will be held this November. Joe Christy motioned to send Thank You Letter to Ellen Farmer and Cabrillo College – APPROVED. (II) Home Hardening Presentation has been very successful. (III) Three new communities in Santa Cruz Mountains and four in greater Santa Cruz area are interested in becoming Fire Wise Communities.

8.3. Technical Advisory Committee: Day Break Project will start back up within a few weeks. Some concern with access due to EPA's staging site, however it is confirmed by Bob Gray that access will not be an issue.

8.4. Development Committee: (I) Personal Facebook Fundraiser implemented by LizAnne Jensen was successful and received \$780 in funds. (II) Cabrillo College Extension Course brought in \$740. (III) Joe Christy is still collecting donations from individual via mailed donations. Still in the process of counting.

8.5. RCD: (I) Matt Abernathy provided update on the RCD's Post-fire Site Assessments. To date, the RCD has had 397 requests, of which, 120 have been visited. (II) SFA Grant was awarded and will aid in the ramp-up of the FSC website and social media presence. Additionally, Marco Mack and Matt Abernathy will meet to coordinate a united front when discussing defensible space and defensive landscaping when talking with landowners.

9. Reports from Directors:

9.1. Bob Gray: Interest in Fire Wise Community certification has taken off in Felton.

9.2. Ryan Wall:

9.3. Ian Rowbotham: 90% of Semper Virens land burned. Ian did a talk with Emily Burns about fire ecology.

9.4. Bob Loveland: Talked about the work being done at Crest Tree Ranch by Community Tree.

9.5. Lisa Ehret:

9.6. Felix Sorrentino: Discussed tree codes and proving some input to PG&E.

9.7. Ed Hayes: Update about South Skyline Fire Safe Council.

9.8. Joe Christy: FEMA 4558 EMA update.

9.9. Tim Reilly: Provided update on State Parks plan to protect and prepare. Update on 3-mile-long fuels reduction in Castle Rock.

10. ADJOURN

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors will be December 17, 2020 via Zoom.

Last updated: 12/15/2020