



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

Thursday, August 6, 2020

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

ZOOM meeting:

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1. CALL TO ORDER: 10:05

2. INTRODUCTIONS & WELCOME 10:05-10:10

Directors Present:

LizAnne Jensen, Vice President
Joe Christy, Treasurer
Ed Hayes
Felix Sorrentino
Marco Mack
Carly Blanchard
Ryan Wall

Directors Absent:

Paul Horvat
Andy Hubbs, Secretary
Rick Rogers
Lisa Lurie
Chris Berry
Bob Loveland
Becky Steinbruner
Tim Reilly
Lisa Ehret
Ian Rowbotham

Attendees:

Edgar Echearrict
Beatrix Jiménez
David Cowman
Robert Gray
Tom Gandesdery
Will Forest
Rich Sampson
Greg Vanderhorn
Elizabeth Quinn
Betsy Stiefelmaier

3. AGENDA REVISIONS/ MINUTES APPROVAL 10:10

4. CONSENT AGENDA 10:10-10:15

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

6. ACTION ITEMS 10:15-10:35

6.1. New Board Member Vote – Felton Fire Chief Bob Gray – APPROVED

6.2 Approve Policies and Procedures Manual – TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING

Social Media and Personal Vehicle policies need to be addressed. Discussion about internal conflict resolution and voting options, brought up Marco Mack. Ed Hayes indicated that the Bylaws cover these issues.

6.3 Cabrillo College Extension Class – MOU -- APPROVED

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS 10:35-10:40

7.1 Request for Board financial support: Executive Council constructed a letter requesting additional funds for support of the FSCSCC that were distributed with the Board Meeting Packet.

8. REPORTS 10:40-11:20

8.1. Executive Committee: Applied for Cal Fire Foundation grant and expecting to hear back mid-August. FSCSCC worked with RCDSCC to apply to EMPG and additional grant. Discussed bringing on a new president – Marco Mack suggested separating Chair of Board and President to reduce the workload on a single person. Ed Hayes brought up in the past using two Vice Presidents.

8.2. Treasurer: FSCSCC received new donations and has over twice the net profit from last year.

8.3. CSAA Grant Committee: FSCSCC closed submittal period on June 1. Six people submitted photos and were award \$1750 on June 15th for projects. Survey of the 62 participants of the six presentations started on July 1st, 17 responded with majority implementing wildfire defense on their own properties (most of which were defensible space). With ~\$10,000 remaining (after administrative tasks) FSCSCC will be asking CSAA to use it to implement 3-4 additional presentation events by the end of this year.

8.4. Education and Outreach Committee: FSCSCC asked Cal Fire Foundation for \$15,000 to: extensively update/reorganize website, produce more pathways to website through social media, produce 3 workshops (create two workshops about home hardening and use Santa Clara County's evacuation workshop with the goal of creating a mutually beneficial cooperation between Santa Clara and Santa Cruz Counties Fire Safe Councils), and help 2 communities achieve Fire Wise Certification.

8.5. TAC: Day-Break Camp project received \$20,000 from OES which allowed work to be started this year. Heard from PG&E on 08/05/2020 that there will be more information about when award can be used. \$100,000 from PG&E will allow evacuation route on Mount Hermon from Felton Safeway to bridge over East Zayante. Fortunately, the Santa Cruz County has been in support of this project and is waiving fees and has made it easier to schedule traffic control.

8.6. Development Committee: Letter was sent out to the board.

8.7. RCD: Update on new Forest Health Program Specialist, Matt Abernathy, being hired. Chipping project in Soquel on 27 properties has been completed, 8 properties in Riva Ridge are schedule to be chipped, and RCD is accepting applications from two neighborhoods in

Aptos, one in Felton, and one in Corralitos. Additionally, website updates are being completed by Ross and Angie.

- 8.8. LizAnne brought up recent Good Times article discussing the need for better communication/organization between all of the fire districts in Santa Cruz County. The FSCSCC would like to demonstrate how they can fulfill this need, but is waiting until website is more organized.

9. ADJOURN

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors will be October 8, 2020 via Zoom.

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