



Promoting Wildfire Safety Through Education and Action

## Meeting Agenda: Thursday - October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

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Meeting Facilitator: Maeve Juarez

### BOARD MEETING:

- 0900 - 0905: Treasury Report; PG&E Grant Update (N. Elmquist)
- 0905– 0915: FSC Vacant Treasurer Position (J. Ahlman)
- 0915 –0930: Gaviota CWPP Update (R. Hazard)
- 0930 - 0945: Regional Wildfire Mitigation Program Update (M. Moritz)
- 0945 – 1000: Bin items and Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> agenda
- Bin-Items: FSC website update and possible newsletter, PG&E North County “Next Door Educational Video”, The changing fire environment and how the FSC can adapt to best fulfill its mission
- 1000: End Board Meeting

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

- 1000 – 1010: Welcome and Introduction (M. Juarez)
- 1010 – 1100: Ethan Turpin, The Burn Cycle - Presentation
- 1100-1130: Round-Table (M. Juarez)

*Next Scheduled Meeting: Board Meeting – November 5, 2020 (0900)*



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**Santa Barbara County Firesafe Council**

**Board of Directors' Meeting**

**October 22, 2020**

***Our mission is to promote wildfire safety in Santa Barbara County through education and action.***

Directors present: John Ahlman, Ted Adams, Phil Seymour, Rob Hazard, Ray Smith, Paul Van Leer, Rolf Larsen, Max Moritz, Supervisor Joan Hartman, Abe Powell and Nic Elmquist

Meeting Facilitator: Maeve Juarez (27 total attendees)

Call to Order

09:00 AM- Director Ahlman calls the meeting to order.

Minutes

Previous minutes were approved via email and placed on website.

Treasurers Report

N. Elmquist reviewed the "Profit and Loss Statement" provided by Lynn Shively. Current Balance is \$21,278.93. J. Ahlman provided clarification the recent \$5,000 from PG&E is a contribution and not a grant.

New Business

1. Treasurer Position:
  - a. M. Moritz introduces Kevin Varga who is interested in filling the currently vacant Treasurer position.



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- b. Kevin provides a short introduction on his experience and skills he could bring to the FSC.
  - c. Board expresses general support voting to fill the Treasurer position.
  - d. Elections usually occur each year at the Annual Spring Meeting which was cancelled this year.
  - e. Voting to elect Kevin Varga to the Treasurer position will be put on the Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> agenda.
2. Gaviota CWPP Update:
- a. Short discussion on hiring Scott Coffman as Project Manager (see motion below)
  - b. R. Hazard will outreach the Request for Proposal (RFP) to potential contractors soon. Asks Board to give him any company's information who would be interested.
  - c. R. Hazard is identified in the RFP as the representative for SB County Fire to the CWPP working group. He will also be the point of contact for the FSC. P. Van Leer will be participating in the process and can also help keeping FSC informed.
  - d. S. Coffman expresses appreciation from the Gaviota community about the CWPP project. Informs the Board that community wants to ensure the process is value added to the FSC organization.
3. Regional Wildfire Mitigation Program:
- a. Three main components to the grant (landscape scale analysis, community infrastructure, education / Fire Wise).
  - b. The funding would include enough to hire 2 full time employees for the FSC for 2-years to help focus on the community education/Fire Wise component.
  - c. Funding is anticipated to start within the next several months and a "management team" will be developed.
  - d. Victoria Cooper from Via Regina expressed her interest and willingness to help with the project.

Non-Agenda Items:

1. Michael Ramsey expresses his gratitude to local fire response to a recent lightning fire in which suppression actions were assisted by previous vegetation management projects.
2. Miriam Lindbeck (Safe Tech?) speaks about wireless communication in the county. Asked that County Fire and the FSC provide feedback on how their organization can best advocate for fire safety in SBC.

Action Items:

1. R. Hazard will email out the information regarding the states Fire Hazard Severity Zone maps.
2. N. Elmquist will reach out to California Fire Safe Council to ensure the SB Fire Safe Council is included on their website.



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Motions:

1. N. Elmquist moves to approve hiring Scott Coffman as the Project Manager for the Gaviota Community Wildfire Protection Plan with a “not to exceed” amount of \$30,000.
  - a. P. Van Leer seconds motion.
  - b. Motion carries with unanimous support from the Board.

November 5<sup>th</sup> Agenda Items:

1. Motion to approve vacant Treasurer position (All)
2. Christina McGinnis presentation to the Board
3. Safe Public Recreational Access and Public Use Ordinance (?)
4. Agriculture Pass update (P. Van Leer)
5. Discussion on FSC Boards role in the Regional Wildfire Mitigation Program (M. Moritz)

Future Meeting Schedule and Guest Speakers:

1. November 5<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting
2. December – No Meeting

Guest Speaker:

Ethan Turpin – The Burn Cycle; presentation can be viewed here:

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Board Adjourned at 12:10 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted: Nic Elmquist