



Meeting Summary
June 11, 2003
Santa Clara County Fire Headquarters

- I. Call to Order: Patrick Congdon
- II. Introductions: Nik Gluck (Little Uvas Canyon) and Kenn Weeks (Croy Canyon Crusaders) were introduced. Nik is currently working on developing a Volunteer Fire Department or Fire Brigade for the Little Uvas/Croy Road area. Kenn has organized a group of folks in the Croy Canyon area as a chapter of the Fire Safe Council (Croy Canyon Watershed Fire Safe Chapter).
- III. Action Items: Use of Grant Money Identified as the Purchase of a Chipper or Contractual Work by a Vegetation Management Contractor
Discussion centered on two potential projects - Alum Rock Park/Crothers Road and Loma Chiquita Ridge. Alum Rock Park was dismissed as a possible site this year due to environmental review constraints and the deadline of June 30, 2003. Loma Chiquita Ridge was selected and the following assignments were made:
Mary Ellen LePage to distribute clearance permits to the residents along Loma Chiquita Road.
Dan Clark to coordinate getting the chipping contractor (Arbortek) out to the site.
Pat Congdon to coordinate the work being done by the California Department of Forestry Ben Lomond Fire Crew on the PL 566 project that includes Loma Chiquita Road.
All work needed to be done by the end of June to meet the Grant extension deadline.
- Insurance for the Fire Safe Council
Pat Congdon continues to work with Suhr Risk Services (provider for United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County) on an estimate for general liability and directors insurance.
- Support Letter from the Fire Safe Council Regarding the Casa Loma/Loma Chiquita Watershed Stewardship Grant
Pat Congdon sent out a letter to the Santa Clara Valley Water District on behalf of the Fire Safe Council supporting the grant

application by the Loma Chiquita group. Program goals as funded under the grant would be:

- Develop community-based partnerships to assist in training, surveying, identifying and mapping sedimentation and erosion problems in the Uvas & Llagas watersheds.
- Identify existing and potential problems related to the PL 566 project and fire control efforts during the Croy Fire.
- Enlarge and expand ponds along the ridge used for fire suppression and look to create new water sources in the area.
- Work on erosion problems associated with fire roads in the area.

IV. Old Business

Development of the Fire Safe Council Web Site

This item will be discussed in detail at the next meeting.

V. New Business

Secretary Position with the Fire Safe Council

Due to a demanding workload and the potential to be away on fires during much of the summer, our current secretary Deborah Daly will have to step down from her position. Kenn Weeks offered to take her place until a permanent replacement can be made. Thanks to Kenn for the offer. Members present felt that we should seek nominations and vote on a replacement at the next meeting. Pat Congdon will compile the information from this meeting and distribute it on July 9.

Update on Community Projects and Status of CDF Staffing Within Santa Clara County

Harlan Pester (Montego Homeowners Association) updated the members on the use of goats at Montego to create and maintain a 1-2 acre fuel break. The cost for goats on the 1-2 acres (alley area with brush 10-12 feet high) was approximately \$1700. Follow-up will be undertaken by humans to remove large woody material and apply herbicides to specific areas. The Homeowners Association is paying for the work.

VI. Next Meeting

July 9, 2003 Field Sports Park (Santa Clara County Parks & Recreation), 10:00AM

VII. Meeting
Adjourned

Officers/Directors

Present: Pat Congdon, Dan Clark, Allan Thompson

Members and Visitors:

Nik Gluck, Judy Thompson, Joan Loeffler, Harlan Pester, Gerry Stasko, Dave Stone, Stu Farwell, Mary Ellen Le Page, Kenn Weeks