



Santa Clara FireSafe Council
Meeting Summary
September 10, 2003
San Jose Fire Department Station 31

- I. **Call to Order:** Allan Thompson for Pat Congdon, 10:00 AM
- II. **Introductions:** Rick Austin (Santa Clara Valley Water District),
Tom Lausten (Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District),
Chris Morgan (CDF Fire Prevention/VIP Coordinator)
- III. **Reports:** Meeting Summary and Treasurers Report - Approved
August 13, 2003 Meeting Summary posted on Web site
Treasurer's Report by Dave Athey:
- First Quarter funding for new grants sent via Diablo FSC
 - \$5,250 for Community Outreach and Education Grant
 - \$6,150 for Hazardous Fuel Assessment and Strategy Grant
 - Current bank balance remaining from old grants: \$5,260.18

- IV. **Action Items:** BLM Grant Status

Community Outreach and Education Grant:

Allan Thompson summarized the first quarter accomplishments and the proposed organization and plan for the second quarter.

Activities discussed and approved (Organizer, Other participants):

- Sveadal Meeting Hall, September 21, 2:00 PM (Kenn Weeks, SCC Supervisor Don Gage; Steve Woodall, Dave Athey and Chris Morgan, CDF; Pat Congdon, OSA if available).
- YSI Wildlife Festival in Alum Rock Park, October 12, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM (Allan Thompson; Ralph Ortega, SJFD; Chris Morgan, CDF, Other CDF VIPs?; Chris Hughes, PG&E).
- SCFSC Web site: \$120.60 for remainder of grant year

We also discussed participating in the Evergreen Day in the Park on October 18 and Allan Thompson will follow up on this event. Gerry Stasko spoke at one Lions Club Meeting in August and arrangements were made to obtain more support materials for these opportunities. Joan Loeffler's proposed plan for working with schools and mini-grants was presented and discussed.

Hazardous Fuel Assessment and Strategy Grant:

Pat Congdon will be the Project Leader for this grant and will contact the fire agencies identified to begin work on this grant.

Fire Safe Council Insurance Update

Pat Congdon has submitted the SCFSC letter from the IRS acknowledging the Council's request for 501(c)(3) status to obtain a bid from Surerisk for General Liability Insurance for the SCFSC.

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- V. **Old Business:** None
- VI. **New Business:** The request by Kenn Weeks for SCFSC participation in the Sveadal Meeting on October 21 was discussed and approved during the Action Items as noted above.
- VII. **Announcements:** Rick Austin, Santa Clara Valley Water District, outlined their program to eradicate *Arundo donax* (Giant Reed). Interested SCFSC members will follow up with Rick.
- VIII. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, October 8, 2003
Santa Clara County Fire Department Headquarters
14700 Winchester Boulevard, Los Gatos, CA 95032
- IX. **Meeting Adjourned:** 11:45 AM

Officers/Directors Present: Dave Athey, Joe Carrillo, Dirk Mattern, Allan Thompson

Members and Visitors: Rick Austin, Bob Furtado, Chris Hughes, Tom Lausten, Chris Morgan, Ralph Ortega, Harlan Pester, Bill Smith, Gerry Stasko, Judy Thompson, Kenn Weeks

Meeting Summary updated 9/25/03 to change the location of the next meeting and add the current balance remaining from the old grants to the Treasurer's Report.

Community Outreach and Education Grant Meeting, 11:45 AM – 12:15 PM

Important items discussed related to this grant and not covered above included:

- Chris Morgan, CDF summarized and showed examples of the publications they have available. We want to work with the CDF VIPs (and other Fire Departments) to complement their activities and materials.
- Chris Hughes, PG&E described their display (lightning, trees, power lines?) which may be available to support the YSI Wildlife Festival in Alum Rock Park and other community events.
- Gerry Stasko can make arrangements to speak at more Lions Club meetings (there are 27 Lions Clubs in Santa Clara County). Similar opportunities are available at Rotary Clubs, etc. We need to find ways to support these activities in addition to providing publications.
- The discussion on Joan Loeffler's proposed plan for working with schools and mini-grants included the points that programs like this need to be coordinated with and avoid duplicating similar activities organized by various Fire Departments in Santa Clara County. Chris Morgan, CDF and Dirk Mattern, SCCFD have experience working with schools on similar programs. SCFSC activities should be related to our mission (which is: To preserve California's natural and man-made resources by mobilizing the people of Santa Clara County to make their homes, neighborhoods and communities "Fire Safe").