



Santa Clara County FireSafe Council
Meeting Summary
April 12, 2006
San Jose Fire Department Training Center

- I. Call to Order: Patrick Congdon, 10:10 AM.
- II. Introductions: Chris Morgan, CDF; Nick Ciardella, CDF
Sheri Busansky, SJFD Public Education
- III. Reports: 10:10 AM. Meeting Summary and Treasurer's Report
A motion was made by Ken Weeks, seconded by Stu Farwell and passed unanimously to approve the Meeting Summary for the March 8, 2006 Meeting as posted on the SCFSC Web site. Allan Thompson presented the Treasurer's Report and summarized the recent and planned expenditures and accruals. Stu Farwell made a motion to accept the report, which was seconded by Ken Weeks and passed unanimously.
- IV. Action Items: 10:20 AM. Grant Reports
Jan Cokely presented the DHS/FEMA Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program Report including Implementation Plan, Tasks and Status. Jan also discussed the grant requirements for a Target Audience Assessment. A motion was made by Michael Newburn and seconded by Jerry Serpa to approve working with local schools or other groups for the purpose of conducting surveys to determine the target audience needs. Compensation for the surveys requires further approval. The motion passed unanimously.
- Jan discussed plans to participate in both the Uvas Volunteer Fire Department Pancake Breakfast on May 13, 2006 and the Loma Prieta Volunteer Fire Department BBQ on June 4, 2006. Stu Farwell made a motion to approve participation in these events, which was seconded by Andy Gere and passed unanimously.
- 11:15 AM. Grant Clearinghouse Concept Papers
Allan Thompson reported that only one Concept Paper submitted to the California Fire Safe Council Grant Clearinghouse in January has been accepted by the BLM for 2007 funding.
- Community Wildfire Protection Plan Grant Report
Allan also presented the Community Wildfire Protection Plan Grant Report and noted that this project will officially start on April 17, 2006 for both the Croy Fire Area and East Foothills.

11:23 AM. Community Outreach and Education

Jan Cokely summarized plans for Wildfire Awareness Week, May 6-13, 2006. The theme this year may be “Why 100 feet?” Andy Gere discussed San Jose Water Company’s plans for Water Awareness Night and possible SCFSC participation at the San Jose Giants game on May 12, 2006.

V. New Business:

11:47 AM. Allan Thompson discussed the proposed DHS/FEMA Grant Policy and Procedure. A motion was made by Chris Morgan and seconded by Ken Weeks to approve the Policy and Procedure and it passed unanimously.

Jan Cokely presented the proposed Press Releases and Media Policy and Procedure. A motion was made by Stu Farwell and seconded by Ken Weeks to approve the Policy and Procedure and it passed unanimously.

Rick Parfitt reported on an article he had written for Mountain Network News.

VI. Meeting Adjourned: 11:59 AM.

VII. Next SCFSC Meeting: Wednesday, May 10, 2006, 10:30 AM
Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
330 Distel Circle, Los Altos

Officers/Directors Present: Patrick Congdon, Dirk Mattern, Michael Newborn, Allan Thompson

Members and Visitors: Sheri Busansky, Nick Ciardella, Jan Cokely, Stu Farwell, Andy Gere, Jose Guerrero, Ray Kwan, Christine Miller, Chris Morgan, Rick Parfitt, Jerry Serpa, Judy Thompson, Kenn Weeks

An Officers and Directors’ Meeting was held after the regular meeting. Jim Ordons has resigned as Second Vice President. Pat Congdon outlined a plan to start the next regular meeting at 10:30 AM and to have a short Officers and Directors’ Meeting from 10:00 AM to 10:30 AM.