



**SCFSC Meeting Summary**  
**May 10, 2006**  
**Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District**

I. Call to Order: Patrick Congdon, 10:40 AM

II. Introductions:

III. Reports: 10:42 AM Meeting Summary and Treasurer's Report

The summary of last meeting is on the SCFSC Web site. Michael Newborn made motion to accept the summary as posted and Dave Athey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Allan Thompson handed out the Treasurer's Report in the new summarized format showing a total of \$30,217.55 in our bank accounts and planned expenditures of \$4,000 Maximum for Target Audience Assessment (DHS Grant), \$500 for Wildfire Awareness Week and other DHS Grant Expenses, \$1,500 for the Dudek accrual for Month 1 Tasks in April (CWPP Grant) and \$500 for printing 1000 copies of the CWPP Handout (CWPP Grant). There were no objections to this new report format. Stu Farwell made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and planned expenditures, Bob Furtado seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Allan also summarized the CWPP grant status.

DHS COE Grant and Executive Coordinator's Report

Jan Cokely handed out her Executive Coordinator's report and summarized the plans for the Target Audience Assessment (demographic analysis) with estimated costs of about \$3,650. Three students and their teacher plan to assist at the SCFSC table at the San Jose Water Company Water Awareness Night on May 12 at the San Jose Giants baseball game. Our display at this event will help show the relationship between watershed protection and wildfire prevention. James Lick High School students take a trip to Death Valley each year and they plan to use our payments to defray these expenses. The students will then use our display for a science class tabling and wildfire awareness survey at James Lick on May 25.

A motion was made by Dave Athey to accept the Coordinator's report and to approve attending the Water Awareness Night and James Lick Science Class events. It was seconded by Michael Newborn and passed unanimously. A follow up is planned in the fall to measure success with wildfire awareness.

Jan sent several press releases regarding Wildfire Awareness Week to several papers and KGO radio. KGO called and did a short interview with Pat. The American Red Cross plans to put wildfire awareness information on their web site.

Jan also discussed the plans for the Uvas Pancake Breakfast on May 13 and the Loma Prieta BBQ on June 4, both approved previously. Rick Parfitt offered to attend and represent SCFSC at the Loma Prieta BBQ as Jan will be unable to attend.

Jan is working on three new grant applications for a total of \$10,000 to Santa Clara Valley Water District, State Farm Insurance and the San Jose Firefighters Union.

IV. Round Table:

11:05 AM

Pat opened the discussion to talk about projects. This meeting format change was to allow attendees update the Council about their projects.

Rick Parfitt has written an article for the Mountain Network News to encourage people to become aware of the new CDF 100 foot Defensible Space and have a courtesy inspection from a fire agency. Rick suggested that better information is needed to education people about the new 100 foot requirement and the idea that it is “interruptive,” not just a 100’ clearance. Loma Chiquita had their annual meeting last weekend and Rick spoke at that meeting. Rick raised the question about who to contact regarding weedy Broom growing on County roads and Caltrans right of ways. Contacts names given were Gene Hewitt for the County and Ray Kwan for Caltrans.

Bob Furtado commented that San Jose went from flood to fire in the last month and his Santa Clara Valley Water District department is very busy.

Stu Farwell from the Los Altos Hills County Fire District is doing their brush pickup and next year they will do it twice. They spend about \$15,000 on 400 goats for about two weeks of work. Ecosystems Inc. provides the goats.

Ken Weeks thanked PG&E and WEC (PG&E contractor) for doing the removals on Croy road to avoid power outages.

Mike McClintock from Alum Rock Park says that due to weather he is behind on weed control like most agencies this year.

V. New Business:

Pat asked that we increase awareness of other fire safe councils’ actions. Mike Newborn and Chris Hughes will provide info from the San Mateo and Monterey County councils respectively.

VI. Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 14, 2006, 10:30 AM  
PG&E Edenvale Service Center  
6402 Santa Teresa Boulevard, San Jose

VII. Meeting Adjourned: 11:32 AM

Officers/Directors Present: Dave Athey, Patrick Congdon, Chris Hughes, Michael Newborn,  
Allan Thompson

Members and Visitors: Jan Cokely, Stu Farwell, Bob Furtado, Nik Gluck, Greg Latronica,  
Mike McClintock, Christine Miller, Rick Parfitt, Jerry Serpa, Bill  
Smith, Judy Thompson, Kenn Weeks

This meeting was preceded by an Officers and Directors Meeting from 10:00 AM to 10:30 AM.  
The attendees were Dave Athey, Jan Cokely, Patrick Congdon, Chris Hughes, Michael Newborn  
and Allan Thompson.