



Santa Clara County FireSafe Council
Meeting Summary
June 14th, 2006
Edenvale PG&E Service Center

- I. Call to Order: Michael Newborn, 10:30 AM
Michael updated the Agenda to include the Officers and Directors meeting report as well as Officer elections to fill vacancies.
- II. Introductions:
- III. Reports: 10:37 AM Meeting Summary and Treasurer's Report
Dave Athey moved to approve the Meeting Summary for the May meeting posted on our Web Site. Rick Parfitt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Allan Thompson distributed the Treasurer's Report in the new summarized format showing a total of \$31,416.70 in our bank accounts and planned new expenditures of \$1,150.00 to Dudek Associates for their work on Community Wildfire Protection Plans in May, \$500.00 maximum for Web Site consulting, \$123.00 for his expenses including Web Site Hosting, Financial Software, Postage and Phone Calls and \$20.00 for the California Secretary of State Statement of Information filing fee. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report and new expenditures. Jerry Serpa seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. For the Web Site consulting, Allan is working Renstar Productions to provide security for some parts of the Web Site so it can have a members-only section.
- Allan also summarized the CWPP grant status. They are behind on the Month 2 tasks and are feeling the challenge of completing the tasks as scheduled but are making good headway.
- Allan discussed the California Fire Safe Council's new mission statement and proposed changing SCFSC's mission statement. The new statement may help with grant applications. Allan made a motion and Kenn Weeks seconded to change our mission statement to read: Mobilizing the people of Santa Clara County to protect their homes, communities and environment from wildfires. It passed unanimously.
- IV. Coordinator Report DHS COE Grant and Executive Coordinator's Report
Jan handed out Coordinator Report and went over the key items. The Demographic Analysis was completed by Corey, Canapary & Galanis and the report was emailed to Officers and Directors. Anyone wishing an electronic copy of the report should contact Jan.

Jan showed the new SCFSC display board that was used at the recent Water Awareness Night at the San Jose Giants Game on May 12th and at James Lick High School on May 25th. The cost of display when it was purchased last year was about \$400.

For the past month, the following events were attended:

- May 12th – San Jose Water Company Water Awareness Night at the San Jose Giants Game. Four James Lick High School students helped us at this event.
- May 13th – UVFD Pancake Breakfast. Several SCFSC participants were at this event.
- May 25th – James Lick High School Science Class Tabling; Received 120 completed Wildfire Awareness surveys from the students. Cost: Two \$25 gift certificates used to encourage students to turn in surveys.
- Meeting with three San Jose City Council Aides to discuss Community Wildfire Protection Plans. As an immediate outcome, a link to the SCFSC Web Site has been added to the San Jose Fire Department Web Site.

The Santa Clara Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross has also added an SCFSC link on their Web Site. Jan is working with a KNBC Channel 11 producer on a Wildfire Awareness story and has asked other council participants to contribute.

Jan also reported that the Santa Clara Valley Water District now plans to consider our \$5,000 local funding request at their June 27th Board Meeting. Jan and Dave Athey plan to attend this meeting. A proposal has also been submitted to State Farm Insurance for \$2,500.

V. Officers/Directors Meeting Report

Michael reported from the Officers and Directors' meeting held before this meeting that they authorized Jan Cokely to hire a subcontractor not to exceed \$20 dollars/hour on an as needed basis. The Officers and Directors, acting as a Nominating Committee, nominated Chris Hughes for Second Vice President. Allan Thompson made the motion to approve this nomination and Greg Latronica seconded. It passed unanimously.

The Nominating Committee had nominated Rick Parfitt for the resulting opening for Secretary. A motion was made by Stu Farwell and seconded by Kenn Weeks to elect Rick Parfitt as Secretary. It passed unanimously.

VI. Round Table:

11:05 AM

Michael opened the floor for a round table.

- On July 29 at 10 am, UVFD will be having an ice cream social at Uvas Park to raise money. Kenn invited everyone to attend.
- Dirk Mattern updated the council on chipping programs in the SCCFD coverage area.

- Dave Athey introduced new CDF Fire Captain Nick Ciardella. He is local to San Jose area, works in the Almaden Fire Station and will be attending our meetings and working on CWPPs.
- Fire Season official started on Monday, June 12th in this area.
- Jerry Serpa reported, Spring Valley VFD is raising money with a SF Giants VIP booth raffle.
- Greg Latronica is working with Bay Area Air Quality Board as there is a new person (Gary Lapari) in charge.
- Stu Farwell handed out some new CDF brochures from the CDF. His Los Altos County Fire District is now chipping twice a year and spends about \$120,000 per cycle.
- Bob Furtado, Santa Clara Valley Water District, is working with public when they call in about dry weeds and informs them of fire safety. His disking operations are delayed due to rain.
- Chris Hughes reported on a recent ATE/PGE status meeting with CDF at the Almaden fire station.
- Rick Parfitt, working with Mid Peninsula to see what a CWPP may look like in his area. Rick has been trying to get in contact with Santa Cruz Fire Safe Council.
- Kenn Weeks reported that they are no longer using chipping in Croy Canyon. They are using heavy equipment that chips as it mows. There is no need for special chipper insurance.
- R.K. Weeks said he has liked seeing the progress that SCFSC has made through the years.
- Allan Thompson passed out copies of Living With Fire and Jan Cokely passed out our Brochure asking for feedback by our next meeting on any changes or additions that may be needed before the next print run later this year.

VII. New Business: None

VIII. Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 12th, 10:30 AM
Location to be announced

IX. Meeting Adjourned: 11:58 AM

X. Tour of PG&E Dispatch Office

Officers/Directors Present: Dave Athey, Chris Hughes, Dirk Mattern, Michael Newborn, Rick Parfitt, Allan Thompson

Members and Visitors: Nick Ciardella, Jan Cokely, Stu Farwell, Bob Furtado, Jose Guerrero, Greg Latronica, Christine Miller, Jerry Serpa, Judy Thompson, Kylee Vicha, Kenn Weeks, R.K. 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, Chris Hughes, Dirk Mattern, Michael Newborn and Allan Thompson.