

Santa Clara County FireSafe Council
Meeting Summary
September 11, 2018
San Jose Fire Dept. Training Center

SCCFSC Regular Meeting – 1:39 PM Call to Order and Introductions – Gary Sanchez

Eugene Zambetti moved to approve the August meeting summary as posted on the website, **Gary Sanchez seconded**, and the motion is unanimously approved.

Treasurer Report – The treasurer’s report will be passed to next month.

Board of Advisors reports

Gary Sanchez - Thank you to the firefighters for the work that they are doing. Please remember to practice Ready Set Go and have your kits ready.

Chief Justice is currently working with the Santa Clara County Office of Emergency Services on grant opportunities to assist in mapping and other modifications to the CWPP. He is trying to identify and map the projects and work on the planning portion.

Chief Orre is working on CEQA projects, including documentation for FSC projects. Jeff Cossins, Santa Clara County Park Ranger Supervisor, active in fire management, passed away and memorials are scheduled.

Dede Smullen - the Development Committee met last month and will meet monthly. The next meeting notice will be sent to everyone to increase attendance. The development committee is planning for steady sustained growth at a 10-20% increase per year. Current goals include: identify and reach out to county and city resources in areas adjacent to the WUI, bring additional stakeholders onto the advisory council, recruit BOD members that can help with fundraising, secure multi-year commitments. Current projects include a Rotary grant due Oct 1 and calendaring development items.

Executive Director’s report - Patty Ciesla

Patty gave a comprehensive presentation for our guests that covered all FSC programs, funding sources and partners.

Insurance Policy Renewal – Eugenia Rendler

The BOD completed a comprehensive risk management review last year. All policies will renew at the same levels, as there have been no major changes to our organization. **Eugene Zambetti moved** to approve the policy renewal, **Dede Smullen seconded**, and the motion is unanimously approved.

California Fire Safe Council – Pat Frost

Pat Frost has been on the CFSC board for about six years. He replaced Tracy Cattleman, representing the far northern counties. They are having their BOD meeting later this week. His area covers the coastal region from the Oregon border to San Louis Obispo. He admires that the SCCFSC has a BOD and a board of advisors. He would like to encourage the CFSC to regionalize so we can be better represented. Federal money is shrinking and there will be less, so we need to diversify our funding sources. He wants to encourage better communication with all sides. They are meeting with CAL FIRE on how they can partner. Pat will ask about reinterpretations of the grant rules as requested by the Diablo FSC and he will send us over a copy of the letter they have used with Caltrans.

Next meeting – Tuesday, October 9, at 1:30 PM at Saratoga Fire District Headquarters.

Directors present: Robert Herrera, Jesse Katz, Gary Sanchez, Dede Smullen, Jim Wollbrinck and Eugene Zambetti.

Coordinators present: J.R. Call, Patty Ciesla, Gretchen Hayes, Carol Mattsson and Eugenia Rendler.

Advisors, stakeholders, and guests present: Don Bullard, Pat Frost, Barbara Goldenberg, Brad Hartzell, Ken Jensen, LizAnne Jensen, Mike Mathiesen, Christie Moore, John Justice, Ed Orre, Sandy Petersen, Arlen Summers and Ciara Wood.

Adjourn at 3:15 PM.

Gretchen Hayes - Administrative Coordinator