



Promoting Wildfire Safety Through Education and Action

**Santa Barbara County Firesafe Council
Board of Directors' Meeting
February 25, 2021**

Directors Present: John Ahlman, Ted Adams, Kevin Varga, Nic Elmquist, Phil Seymour, Rob Hazard, Ray Smith, Paul Van Leer, Supv Joan Hartmann, John Powell, Rolf Larsen, Max Moritz, Chris Smith

Directors Absent: All present

Meeting has a quorum as identified in Article IV. Section 9 of the Bylaws

Call to Order

09:00 AM- J. Ahlman calls the meeting to order and confirms quorum

Minutes

Previous minutes approved over email and are available on the website under "Meetings"

Treasurers Report

K. Varga reviews current balance sheet and profit and loss statement (attached). Report shows that after paying for our current commitments (i.e. final payment for video) our current balance is \$10,200.

Funding restrictions include:

- Two - \$5,000 grants from PG&E that needs to be spent toward "Firesafe Council Education/ Communication Plans in northern Santa Barbara County." The resulting educational efforts need to recognize PG&E as the primary funder.
- FSC received \$10,000 in May 2019 from the SB Foundation. FSC used \$4,590 of this grant toward website renovations. FS originally planned to use the remaining \$5,410 toward an outreach/community event in April 2020, but it was cancelled due to Covid. The SB Foundation has requested a final report by April 17, 2021. General guidelines are community level fire preparedness meetings, speaker panels, and community resilience (see motions).

Recommendation made to change funding category from "Public Relations" to "Public Education".

New Business

1. Gaviota Coast CWPP Update – S. Coffman updates the group that the process is going well and there are field trips planned with Dudek next month. The commencement of work will entail the beginning of the invoicing process. R. Hazard, S. Coffman, and K. Varga will coordinate with Jason Sweet (SBC Fire) on the invoicing process. The billing will include a 12% administrative fee that will go into the FSC account with no restrictions. The correspondence with Cal Fire will be sent to J. Ahlman's email and S. Coffman will advise when they are being spent.
2. Agriculture Pass Update – P. Van Leer updates the group on the Agriculture Pass program. Reviews the attached memo regarding the purchase of the printer (see motions).

3. Ethan Turpin provides update to the Board on where we are in the process. Currently working through the list of potential homes where we can film the bulk of the content. There is a completed script drafted identifying the main points we will be highlighting in the video. R. Hazard has offered to be the face of the video. Ethan gained permission from IBHS on using their ember storm burn footage. He hopes to shoot the main portion of the video the week of March 8th. The FSC subcommittee will have a second meeting the week of March 1st. K. Varga reminds the group the need to recognize PG&E as primary funder to meet the requirements of the grant.

Opening day for The Burn Cycle Buellton event is scheduled for April 24th. Tabling will be available and J. Ahlman will coordinate getting the FSC table set up at the event.

4. Via Regina Project - R. Hazard informs the group that the Santa Antonio Creek HOA was originally given \$250,000 to fund wildfire mitigation projects. The money came from settlement funds from the developer. Some of the funds have already been used to maintain/repair community access routes. The HOA reached out to SBC Fire for recommendations on how to best use the remaining funds. This community lies within the San Marcos Pass/ Eastern Goleta Valley CWPP and includes recommended treatments. The project would fall under a "Notice of Exemption" and SBC Fire would take the lead for meeting CEQA requirements. The funds need to pass through a "non-profit" because they want to use Cal Fire Crews to use the project. The crews cost approximately \$250 a day when used by fire agencies within the State Responsibility Area (SRA) compared to \$3k/day for agency crews. Cal fire would invoice FSC and San Antonio Creek HOA would provide the FSC the funds to pay the invoices. There is \$34,000 available for this specific project. J. Hartmann and A. Powell voice support but recommend adding a set admin fee. A. Powell informs the group the industry standard for a non-profits administrative fee is 10% (see motions).
5. Public Safety Task Force Update – R. Hazard provides an update on the Dispersed Camping portion of the counties identified Public Safety Task Force. The recommendations of the subcommittee, headed by R. Hazard, were presented to the Task Force.

Motions:

1. P. Seymour motions to split the remaining SB Foundation grant funds (\$5,410) between the Defensible Space Video and The Burn Cycle Buellton Educational event. – J. Ahlman seconds, (All in favor)
2. P. Seymour motions to donate \$300 to the purchase of the printer for the Agriculture Pass Program. – R. Hazard seconds, (All in favor)
3. N. Elmquist motions to approve sponsoring the Via Regina Project and the FSC acting as a pass through for funding between the San Antonio Creek Homeowners Association and Cal Fire with an administrative fee (negotiated by R. Hazard) not to exceed 10%. – J. Hartmann seconds, (All in favor)

Action Items:

1. R. Hazard will negotiate the administrative fee (not to exceed 10%) with the San Antonio Creek HOA for the FSC.
2. K. Varga will change funding category from "Public Relations" to "Public Education".

Identified Subcommittees:

1. Gaviota CWPP – R. Hazard, J. Ahlman, N. Elmquist, P. Van Leer (P. Coffman as Project Manager)
2. Regional Wildfire Mitigation Program – M. Moritz, R. Hazard, K. Varga, P. Seymour
3. Next Door Video – Supv. Hartmann, C. Smith, N. Elmquist
4. Membership Management – A. Powell, Supv. Hartmann

Future Meeting Schedule and Guest Speakers:

1. March 4th – Board Meeting
2. April 22nd - Board Meeting/Membership Meeting
 - Guest Speaker- Stephane Ma (UCSB Post Doc studying local wildfire recovery)
3. May 6th - Board Meeting (Virtual Annual Meeting??)
4. June 24th - Board Meeting/Membership Meeting
 - Guest Speaker- TBD
5. July 1st – Board Meeting
6. August 26th - Board Meeting/Membership Meeting
 - Guest Speaker – TBD
7. September 2nd – Board Meeting
8. November 4th – Board Meeting
9. December – No Meeting

March 4th Agenda Items:

1. Regional Wildfire Mitigation Program Update (M. Moritz)
2. Membership Donor Management Committee Update (A. Powell/J. Hartmann)
 - a. Creating a Thank You Card using local artist (N. Elmquist)
3. 2021 Annual Spring Meeting/Elections (All)

Guest Speaker:

Dr. Crystal Kolden, UC Merced – “The 2020 fire season in context: was it a disaster?”

Presentation available on website: <https://sbfiresafecouncil.org/featured-presentation-dr-crystal-kolden-uc-merced/>

Board Adjourned at 11:30 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted: Nic Elmquist



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Meeting Agenda: Thursday – February 25, 2021

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81983668222?pwd=OHRmcXpibXdoTUw3c3hWSTY3RzBFZz09>

Meeting ID: 819 8366 8222

Passcode: 156320

BOARD MEETING:

- 0900 - 0905:** Introductions and Rollcall (J. Ahlman)
- 0905– 0910:** Treasurer Report (K. Varga)
- 0910 –0920:** Gaviota Coast CWPP Update (S. Coffman/R. Hazard)
- 0920 - 0930:** Agriculture Pass Update/FSC Financial Support (P. Van Leer)
- 0930 - 0940:** Defensible Space Video Update (N. Elmquist/J. Hartmann)
- 0940 – 0950:** Via Regina Project (R. Hazard)
- 0950 - 1000:** Public Safety Task Force Update (R. Hazard/T. Adams)
- Bin Items:** Regional Wildfire Mitigation Program, FSC Membership Management, 2021 Annual Spring Meeting/Elections
- 1000:** Board Meeting Adjourned
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- 1000 – 1100:** Guest Speaker – Dr. Crystal Kolden, “The 2020 fire season in context: was it a disaster?”
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- Round Table:** As time permits

Next Scheduled Meeting (Board): March 4th at 0900

Memo

To: SBC Fire Safe Council (FSC) Board of Directors
From: Paul Van Leer
cc: Name
Date: 2/16/21
Re: Request of the Board to consider a donation to the Agriculture Commissioner

To the FSC Board,

I would like to make a request to donate some funds to the Santa Barbara County Agriculture Commissioner. The reason for this request is to offset the cost of purchasing the printer for the new SB County Ag. Pass program, the estimated cost of the Machine is \$ 3500.00.

Thank you,



Paul Van Leer, FSC Board Member

Santa Barbara County Fire Safe Council
Balance Sheet
As of February 23, 2021

	<u>Feb 23, 21</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking SBB&T	16,816.37
Total Checking/Savings	<u>16,816.37</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>16,816.37</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>16,816.37</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Unrestricted Funds 2005-2016	10,681.73
Retained Earnings	10,762.68
Net Income	<u>-4,628.04</u>
Total Equity	<u>16,816.37</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>16,816.37</u>

8:28 AM

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Cash Basis

Santa Barbara County Fire Safe Council

Profit & Loss

January 1 through February 23, 2021

	<u>Jan 1 - Feb 23, 21</u>	<u>Jan 1 - Feb 23, 20</u>
Income		
Donations	0.00	5,000.00
Membership Dues	25.00	0.00
Total Income	<u>25.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
Expense		
Post Office Box	146.00	118.00
PayPal Fees	2.06	0.00
Meeting Expenses		
Zoom	29.98	0.00
Total Meeting Expenses	<u>29.98</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Donation	-25.00	0.00
Public Relations	4,500.00	0.00
Total Expense	<u>4,653.04</u>	<u>118.00</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-4,628.04</u></u>	<u><u>4,882.00</u></u>

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Profit & Loss

Cash Basis

February 1 - 23, 2021

	<u>Feb 1 - 23, 21</u>	<u>Feb 1 - 23, 20</u>
Income		
Membership Dues	25.00	0.00
Total Income	<u>25.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Expense		
Post Office Box	146.00	118.00
PayPal Fees	2.06	0.00
Meeting Expenses		
Zoom	14.99	0.00
Total Meeting Expenses	<u>14.99</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Donation	-25.00	0.00
Public Relations	4,500.00	0.00
Total Expense	<u>4,638.05</u>	<u>118.00</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-4,613.05</u></u>	<u><u>-118.00</u></u>

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