



Promoting Wildfire Safety Through Education and Action

## Meeting Agenda: Thursday – November 18, 2021 @ 0900

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### BOARD MEETING:

- 0900 - 0905:** Establish Quorum (P. Van Leer)
- 0905 – 0910:** Treasurer Update (K. Varga)
- 0910 – 0915:** Gaviota Coast CWPP Update (S. Coffman/R. Hazard)
- 0915 – 0930:** Strategic Plan / Potential Facilitated Workshop Discussion (V. Cooper/Committee)
- 0930 – 0940:** RWMP / Community Domain Update (A. Parkinson / Committee)
- 0940 - 0955:** Executive Committee / Director Discussion (All)
- 0955 – 1000:** Review 2022 FSC Meeting Schedule (P. Van Leer / N. Elmquist)
- 1000:** Board Meeting Adjourned
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- 1000 – 1100:** *Regional Priority Plan (<https://www.sbcwildfireresilience.org/>)*  
*The RPP team will present why the RPP was created and how it can be a useful tool for the FSC to identify priority wildfire mitigation projects for grant funding.*
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- Bin Items:** LPF Stakeholders Meeting  
Alisal Fire Update  
Newsletter

***Next Scheduled Meeting (Board Meeting): Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 0900***



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**Santa Barbara County Firesafe Council  
Board of Directors' Meeting  
November 18, 2021**

Directors Present: Paul Van Leer, John Ahlman, Ted Adams, Kevin Varga, Rob Hazard, Phil Seymour, Supv Joan Hartmann, Ray Smith, Victoria Cooper, Scott Coffman, Dan Fawcett, Abe Powell, Max Moritz

Directors Absent: Nic Elmquist, Renee O'Neill

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

Call to Order

09:00 AM- P. Van Leer 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 the FSC account balance sheet and discusses the needs to hire a vendor to assist in bookkeeping (see motions).

Follow Meeting Agenda:

1. Gaviota Coast CWPP Update (S. Coffman)
  - The second Cal Fire grant advance payment has been submitted
  - Recently facilitated zoom meeting and in person community meeting to discuss debris flow and impacts of Alisal fire
  - R. Hazard talks about largest risk being road failure in Refugio Canyon
  - Need early communication with residents, but difficult due to minimal cell coverage
  - Success Story – historic adobe structure protected by proactive sheep grazing (<https://www.sbcwildfireresilience.org/projects/fire-fuel-management-at-arroyo-hondo-preserve>)
  - Bucket Brigade contacted by agencies about potential cleanup assistance for damaged structures within Alisal burn
  - Most structures lost didn't have insurance because it was not renewed
2. FSC Strategic Plan Update (V. Cooper)

- Working with subcommittee to get completed draft by December meeting
  - Recommend getting directors in a room to review before finalizing the document
  - Hoping to organize a retreat on January 15<sup>th</sup> to finalize the document to be accepted at the January 27<sup>th</sup> Board meeting
  - Discussing putting together an executive committee
3. RWMP Update (A. Parkinson / Committee)
- Had field trip and presented at the annual HOA meeting for the Trout Club, they voted unanimously to proceed with Firewise certification.
  - Trout Club is on their way of becoming 1<sup>st</sup> certified Firewise community in SB County - great work Anne-Marie!
  - A. Parkinson and V. Cooper attended CA FSC community education outreach workshop
  - Working on additional avenues to increase outreach (i.e. social media accounts, newsletter, etc.)
  - CA FSC has regional coordinators, Britney holding monthly meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month
  - CA OES has large potential for hazard mitigation grant funding for protecting critical infrastructure, nature-based solutions for risk reduction, and assisting disadvantaged communities
  - R. Hazard emailed Kelly Hubbard at OEM regarding applying for an evacuation planning grant
  - Most important part of evacuation planning is built out notification system – SLO FSC just received grant to purchase Zonehaven for SLO County (<https://www.zonehaven.com/>). SBC FSC could get a grant to do the same (\$177,750 for set-up and 1<sup>st</sup> year, \$127,750/yr after)
  - V. Cooper suggest A. Parkinson present Firewise to Maria Ignacio group in December over Zoom
  - A. Parkinson and S. Coffman coordinating for Hollister Ranch and Firewise
4. Executive Committee / Director Discussion
- Move to December and place higher on the agenda
5. 2022 FSC Meeting Schedule (P. Van Leer)
- Board accepts 2022 meeting schedule (see below for dates) and agrees to move November 2022 meeting to the 17<sup>th</sup> to account for holiday

#### Motions:

1. K. Varga motions to hire the vendor Accountability Plus in a bookkeeping oversight role at no more than \$375/month. (V. Cooper seconds, all in favor)
2. R. Hazard motions to sign board resolution to accept Cal Fire grant funds. (S. Coffman seconds, all in favor)
3. V. Cooper motions to have a retreat on January 15, 2022, venue TDB. (S. Coffman seconds, all in favor)

#### Action Items:

1. December 9, 2021 (1:00 – 2:00 pm) Spatial Tool Tutorial:  
[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/1316372603097/WN\\_AVnrQIULTj6DtCgSTH01jQ](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/1316372603097/WN_AVnrQIULTj6DtCgSTH01jQ)
2. N. Elmquist will place 2022 meeting dates/zoom links on FSC website
3. A. Parkinson working on social media accounts

#### Helpful Links:

1. RPP main website: <https://www.sbcwildfireresilience.org/>
2. Atlas: <https://sbcblueprint.databasin.org/>
3. Fire Portal: <https://sbcblueprint.databasin.org/articles/52a6d858c8914d758e6bef95111ca482/>

#### Next Meeting Agenda Items:

1. Executive Committee formation discussion and hiring of Business Manager/Executive Director – Assist with workload on current Directors and develop a process to make decisions more efficiently
2. Periodic Newsletter (quarterly/bi-annually), subcommittee discussion

#### Future Meeting Schedule and Guest Speakers:

1. December 16<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting
2. January 27<sup>th</sup> – Board and General Membership Meeting
3. February 24<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting
4. March 24<sup>th</sup> – Board and General Membership Meeting
5. April 28<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting
6. May 26<sup>th</sup> – Board and General Membership Meeting
7. June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Board Meeting
8. July 28<sup>th</sup> – Board and General Membership Meeting
9. August 25<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting
10. September 22<sup>nd</sup> – Board and General Membership Meeting
11. October 27<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting
12. November 17<sup>th</sup> – Board and General Membership Meeting
13. December 29<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting

#### Identified Subcommittees:

1. Gaviota CWPP – R. Hazard, J. Ahlman, N. Elmquist, P. Van Leer (S. Coffman as Project Manager)
2. Regional Wildfire Mitigation Program – M. Moritz, R. Hazard, K. Varga, P. Seymour, (A. Parkinson as Project Manager)
3. Membership Management – A. Powell, Supv. Hartmann
4. Strategic Plan Development – R. O’Neill, V. Cooper, P. Seymour, S. Coffman

Board Adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Minutes respectfully submitted: Kevin Varga