



Promoting Wildfire Safety Through Education and Action

**Santa Barbara County Fire Safe Council
Executive Committee Meeting
December 14, 2022**

Executive Committee Directors Present: Paul Van Leer, Victoria Cooper, Kevin Varga, Rob Hazard, Nic Elmquist

Executive Committee Directors Absent: N/A

Others Present: Anne-Marie Parkinson, Kian Brouwer,

General Notes:

- **Yesterday we received the Cal Fire Herbivory Advance for \$392,000 and the Cal Fire Chipping Advance for \$378,625**
- No Exec. meeting December 28th: we will come back January 4th
- Will resume meeting every other week
- Contract for Trace has enough votes and is good to go January 4th
- Cal Fire wildfire prevention grants are due March 15th
- V. Cooper suggests that giving Firewise incentives would help us get neighborhoods to join (Ex. we would provide grazing to these neighborhoods)
- N. Elmquist suggests we might need a hired person for finances

Motions:

- Motion to hire cleaning services not to exceed \$250: N. Elmquist, K. Varga seconds (All approve)
- Motion to approve Dudek as CEQA consultant: K. Varga, N. Elmquist seconds

1. Focus Group Idea:

- AMP thought it would be valuable for Trace to give quantitative info on focus groups to hand to someone else who doesn't have her background
- Gustavo/AMP can receive certain training from trace
- It will allow us to become self-sufficient with these focus groups

2. ED Job description:

- If there is a quorum in the votes, the description is good to go
- N. Elmquist says we should have a probationary period per M. Moritz comments

- We should clarify that this person will need to fund themselves on additional funding sources (Grants, etc.)
- We will change deadline to end of February, that way we can get it in the monthly cycle of “fire nation network” job lists
- R. Hazard says the funding for this position most likely won’t be available till april/may
- We have to do more documentation for what this person/position will do for our organization to give to the coastal conservancy
- Meet at P. Van Leer’s ranch to do this documentation/work on our strategic plan?
- Interviews will be taking place in March/April if we delay

3. Station 13 Cleaning

- R. Hazard will contact his facility manager to ask what we can do
- It will cost around \$150-250
- **Motion to hire cleaning services not to exceed \$250**
- **N. Elmquist, K. Varga seconds (All approve)**

4. VRFSC Meeting:

- P. Van Leer, AMP, and V. Cooper met with VRFSC ED (Jill)
- VRFSC ED met with SLO FSC and that the 3 counties should get together
- SBCFSC says we would be interested but our focus will remain in Santa Barbara County
- VRFSC ED goal seemed to be we would apply to grants together, Exec. Committee decides this would not be a good idea
- N. Elmquist is familiar with SLO FSC groups and says they operate much differently. They utilize community liaisons, Cal Fire, and Cal Poly students.
- We will have tri-county meetings every few months, and it will be beneficial to share what we're doing, lessons learned, etc.
- Their director of operations offered to sit down with our new ED and share their help

5. RFP Review (CEQA consultant for CalVTP- Herbivory Project)

- R. Hazard hasn’t received any other RFP’s besides Dudek
- Was supposed to get one from another group, but it never came
- Deadline was Friday
- Dudek is very good, they have done these before
- N. Elmquist says they had the same situation. He doesn’t see the need for trying to get more people to apply
- P. Van Leer and R. Hazard says they missed the deadline, reaching out would add work on us, and they missed the deadline

- R. Hazard has identifies additional potential parcels, but we will remain within the 3000 acres per the grant and can even “retreat” certain areas
- N. Elmquist says Montecito plots are ready to go when we are
- R. Hazard says we have to have CEQA checked off to start
- We will need go have a contract for this project, deciding whether we are doing a daily rate, or acre rate
- R. Hazard and N. Elmquist will meet to figure this out
- We will need to do a request for bids for this project. Will discuss this January 4th
- R. Hazard will send out Dudek's RFP. We need to make a selection by december 23rd
- **Motion to approve Dudek as CEQA consultant**
- **K. Varga, N. Elmquist seconds**
- K. Brouwer will send to board for approval by Wednesday

6. Chipping Applicant

- No one knows him, but N. Elmquist suggest bringing him to our January 4th meeting for an interview
- K. Brouwer has reached out to applicants on job sites asking them to apply
- This person will have to work well with AMP as they will be working a lot
- We need someone who is a boots on ground, people person, maybe staff/ED can make up if they aren't best at paperwork/grant reporting

Action Items:

- January 4th EC meeting: Discuss herbivory: request for bid: acreage or daily
- January 4th: Interview with Gregory Diaz (If Available)
- K. Brouwer: Send out Dudek RFP for board approval, Fix/Post Executive Director position (Send to Fire Nation Network), reach out to applicant for chipping

Minutes submitted respectfully: Kian Brouwer