



Promoting Wildfire Safety Through Education and Action

**Santa Barbara County Fire Safe Council
Executive Committee Meeting
January 11, 2023**

Executive Committee Directors Present: Paul Van Leer, Victoria Cooper, Rob Hazard

Executive Committee Directors Absent: Nic Elmquist, Kevin Varga

Others Present: Anne-Marie Parkinson, Kian Brouwer, Scott Coffman

1. Call Fire/CCC Grants

- V. Cooper, G. Agredano, AMP on education grant
- AMP and R. Hazard will work on Lompoc CWPP
- Already has draft budget
- AMP created a portal to help us work together on grants
- R. Hazard may make an edit to the Lompoc shape file, he realized he extended the boundaries and went outside Lompoc, he wants to have it go west
- If we want to work on an education grant with county fire, we can get a letter of support from the chief (R. Hazard says probably for both grants)
- For Lompoc CWPP we could get letter from SB County fire and Lompoc Fire
- R. Hazard says we could ask the county chiefs during meeting to sign on education grant letter
- Letter from Joan, Scott can get letters from contacts

S. Coffman leaves meeting

2. Chipping Applicants

- Executive committee has decided we should hire Kate Furlong, and possibly Scott Coffman underneath her (If he wants)
- Scott's current rate is 65\$ per hour as a subcontractor
- AMP doesn't know how much contractor costs we have
- R. Hazard says we have plenty, his costs would be covered under the contractor cost. He is essentially another chipping contractor
- AMP had him calculated at 8 weeks of full work per year, would be around \$20,000

- He would help organize the chipping days in Hollister ranch to expedite the process, due to it being hard to access. Also will help Kate in any way she needs for other locations
- We would be hiring Kate as full-time, once she gets up to speed on chipping, we can give her herbivory responsibilities as well, would be full-time year round
- We will have to be clear on her job responsibilities for both grants when we offer her the position, inform her of our plans with Scott.
- Exec. Committee decided on 50\$ per hour
- **R. Hazard makes a motion of recommendation to hire Kate Furlong at 50 dollars per hour. Along with Scott Coffman as a “Project Coordinator”. V Cooper seconds. All in favor**
- K. Brouwer will send to board for their approval

S. Coffman rejoins meeting

3. WRA Guests for January/Incoming Months:

- New chipping employees could go on in February
- V. Cooper says in January we could talk about fire after the recent heavy rains, AMP says possibly 5 years after Montecito mudflows
- R. Hazard says we could possibly have Nic and Maeve from Montecito Fire talk on this subject and what they’ve dealt with in Montecito. Storm prep, 5 year anniversary, higher fuel moisture content.
- AMP says backup is Mark Mayes will be in town at end of the month
- K. Brouwer will reach out to Nic and Maeve asking for their availability

4. Personnel Tracker

- AMP created a document which tracks our updated staff budget with a 5 dollar raise
- She priced it out for the next few years, we could afford it with our current funds
- There is a chunk of money left over in the chipping grant
- Overall in the next 4 years we can afford it, even at the high tier for the ED salary
- **R. Hazard makes a motion to move to 50\$ per hour for all Project manager salaries, revisit AMP and K. Varga contracts. This will create a baseline for future positions. Also will raise all staff 5\$ per hour. V. Cooper seconds. All in favor**
- This will wait until the January 26th meeting

5. SoCal Regional Task Force Meeting Registration:

- In Calabasas February 2nd and 3rd. Do we want to attend, or have a representative

- R. Hazard says he may be a part of it already, he was interviewed by them a while ago
- R. Hazard says he may be able to attend, he will look into it

6. Contractors on the portal: Processes and Criteria

- AMP thinks we should have a list of contractors on our website for futures users
- Do we want them to be educated in order to be on this list?
- R. hazard thinks its a good idea but we should stay away from weird development companies (roof sprinklers, etc)
- V. Cooper brings up what sort of requirements will we have to be on our portal? Education courses where we can say they have been “educated”
- P. Van Leer is still worried about liability, says we should ask Phil
- V. Cooper says we won’t be doing any sort of certifying, more that they have been educated
- Bring it up at January 26th board meeting
- S. Coffman says we can make a very up-front statement saying we are not responsible or liable for the work these contractors or doing, just that they have been educated. Says they should list out training and certifications on our site. That way people can make educated decisions.

7. Herbivory: Request for bid acreage or daily

- R. Hazard says on county herbivory that they decided how much they wanted grazed, and project manager made decision when it was good
- He is hesitant to do a daily rate because they will make more money
- If we do it by acre it would be to the grazing companies advantage because they would finish and leave when they hit the acreage.
- R. Hazard has the differing cost from Cuyama lambs
- County did contracts for each treatment then did it by acre
- R. Hazard thinks doing it by acreage would be best
- Also our plotted lands are easier and would be less by acreage
- R. hazard will write into contract when the prescription of grazing has been hit, and the project manager will make the final decision

Motions:

- Motion of recommendation to hire Kate Furlong at 50 dollars per hour. (Director R. Hazard - Director V Cooper seconds. All in favor)
- Motion to move to 50\$ per hour for all Project manager salaries, revisit AMP and K. Varga contracts. This will create a baseline for future positions. Also will raise all staff 5\$ per hour. (Director R. Hazard - Director V. Cooper seconds. All in favor)

Action Items:

- K. Brouwer send email to board asking for vote on Kate Furlong
- K. Brouwer will reach out to Nic and Maeve
- Add discussing 5 dollar raise, and contractors on portal to our Jan. 26th board meeting

Minutes submitted respectfully: Kian Brouwer