



Promoting Wildfire Safety Through Education and Action

**Santa Barbara County Fire Safe Council
Executive Committee Meeting
March 22, 2023**

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

Executive Committee Directors Absent: Kevin Varga, Rob Hazard

Others Present: Kian Brouwer

1. Portal Discussion

- C. McGinnis covered during the RWMP meeting
- The biggest thing is to have another meeting after this weekend's event to incorporate public comments
- Alison can then give us an estimate for maintenance/how-to guide for the portal
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2. Staff hours during the conference

- Staff will work standard 8-hour work days and take notes on various presentations for board members

3. ED Interview Discussion

- Executive directors have been working on interview questions for the secondary interviews
- Leaving these interviews to be more conversational, less question based
- K. Brouwer will possibly attend the ED secondary interviews to give a staff perspective

4. Chipping/Grazing Programs

- EC is comfortable with K. Furlong using multiple contractors due to the difficulty of assisting Hollister Ranch
- **N. Elmquist makes a motion to approve both chipping selections for a one-year contract. V Cooper seconds, all in favor.**
- K. Brouwer will let K. Furlong know

5. K. Furlong Project Budget Modification:

- Looks good to the EC at first look, N. Elmquists suggests sending it to S. Coffman to see what he thinks, as he wrote the grant application. Could possibly be an issue taking the funds from “Employee Benefits.”
- N. ELMquist will send the updates to S. Coffman to see what he thinks
- K. Brouwer will let K. Furlong know

6. Board Meeting Changes

- Should we add time for more conversation after the talks, or change the structure of agency/public reporting
- A possible solution could be agency reporting, then going to public comment, where attendees can ask them questions, or report on what they have been doing in their communities.

General Notes:

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Action Items:

Motions:

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Minutes submitted respectfully: Kian Brouwer