



Promoting Wildfire Safety Through Education and Action

**Santa Barbara County Fire Safe Council
Executive Committee Meeting
April 5, 2023**

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

Executive Committee Directors Absent:

Others Present: Kian Brouwer, Anne-Marie Parkinson, Ted Adams, K. Furlong, E. Turpin

1. Earth Day Tabling

- **We would need board members to assist**
- R. Hazard, V. Cooper, T. Adams could attend
- N. Elmquist suggests reaching out to the board asking their availability. Sign-ups end on March 14th
- K. Brouwer will send that out to board members asking availability + schedule

2. Herbivory Grant Cost Per Acre

- Montecito rates ranged from \$800-1200 an acre depending on the slope
- We only budgeted \$450 an acre, cost could go down if we can secure more parcels
- R. Hazard will reach out and say we are bound to grant agreements, and if we use their price we will run out of money early
- R. Hazard, Dudek, K. Furlong are having meetings regarding the VTP, and regarding how Dudek staff are going to access Parcels
- Montecito has already done VTP's on the selected parcels in that area, now that we have our grant, we have agreed to cover those invoices. Which is why we aren't involved with selecting the contractor
- **Motion to have Cuyama Lambs graze on the Montecito Parcels: R. Hazard, K Varga seconds, all in favor**

3. Community Alert Radio - upcoming changes, how do we want to proceed?

- Mike Williams is going to be leaving the program, wants to let it go
- T. Adams thinks it would be beneficial to all parties to have one person a week to sit in with him

- EC is worried about our current capacity to undertake this
- EC agrees that we will need more information on costs, how show runs, before we agree to take it over. We will work on this over the next few months, M. Williams has no timeline on when he is leaving
- T. Adams asks for a list of information from Mike
- we need to proceed
- R. Hazard agrees he can do it next year

4. California Coastal Conservancy Grant, next steps? [Work Program](#)

- K. Brouwer will send the updated document and ask Rachel Couch from CC to meet and go over document
- Will give us a better understanding of what they want from us

5. TREX support

- K. Varga and P. Van Leer attending the TREX meeting yesterday
- K. Varga attended the last event and thinks it was a great experience and community bonding, plus got our name out there. Thinks it would be a good idea for us to support this event, either as host or attendee
- Matthew Shapiro from TREX wants to make this a yearly event
- Nature conservancy can't fund it this year. They are looking for any planning support or funding support. Members of sedgwick presence have agreed to contribute again
- R. Hazard says it may be better to have TREX coincide with SB County Prescribed burns. County could include it in their trainings
- N. Elmquist says it will be difficult for us to support, would most likely have to be County Fire agreeing to support this
- EC agrees promote this event, post it on our website and do whatever else to support this event

6. PM expenditure approval process/credit card

- We need to be doing more tracking on our expenditures. Hubdock will be a new website where all documentation will be stored and tracked. Audit protection service
- K. Varga and Crystal have worked together to create a document that tracks on expenditures. The document keeps track of everything for us. Employees send it to an email and it does it all for us
- V. Cooper suggest the ED approved expenses for the first few months, and we see how system works
- A. Parkinson wants a limit where we would need the Executive Committee's approval. Agrees to use it for few months to see how it would work.

- N. Elmquist suggests creating a step-by-step process as we proceed with this. Then the EC could go through these expenditures every few months
- K. Varga will deactivate our debit card and obtain credit card through our bank

7. Executive Director Tasks/responsibilities/next steps for onboarding/transition

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8. K. Furlong Spending Request for Chipping Program (\$1900)

- Its identified in our existing grant budget
- **Motion to approve this expense: K. Varga, V. Cooper seconds, All in favor**

General Notes:

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Action Items:

- K. Brouwer will send that out to board members asking availability + schedule
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Motions:

- 1. Motion to have Cuyama Lambs graze on the Montecito Parcels: R. Hazard, K Vargar seconds, all in favor**
- 2. Motion to approve K. Furlong's chipping expense: K. Varga, V. Cooper seconds, All in favor**

Minutes submitted respectfully: Kian Brouwer