



Promoting Wildfire Safety Through Education and Action

**Santa Barbara County Fire Safe Council
Executive Committee Meeting
September 13th, 2023**

Executive Committee Directors Present: Paul Van Leer, K. Varga, Nic Elmquist, Victoria Cooper

Executive Committee Directors Absent: Rob Hazard

Others Present: Kian Brouwer, Phil Seymour, K. Furlong, J. Tobin, T. Adams, S. Coffman, Mike Williams, Anne-Marie Parkinson

1. J. Tobin presenting chipping review/updates

- J. Tobin has drafted a review of the 2023 Chipping Program which she will be presenting at the Sept. BOD meeting.
- Accomplishments, challenges/lessons learned, and community feedback.
- EC agrees they would like to see a budget break down for the project either by community, or month
- EC provides her with a list of items they would like to see added to the overview to make it better for meeting attendees
- Chipping was a great way for us to connect with Firewise Communities and leaders

2. Grazing Contracts:

- R. Hazard and P. Seymour have finished our grazing contracts and they are ready for board approval
- EC agrees we trust and will send to board
- ***Motion for Jessie Tobin to send these contracts to board for approval: K. Varga, V. Cooper seconds. All in favor***
- It will be three contracts total, two for Cuyama Lambs, one for Golden State Goats.
- She will provide a short summary to the BOD explaining the contracts

3. Draft budget for Oct. 7th event

- K. Brouwer will present budget and event plan at the September meeting\
- He will charge most things toward the PG&E grant

4. Radio show document

- The contract for the community alert radio show expires at the end of the year. The plan is to move this to a podcast style format with Ted and Mike, but have the option to travel with it to meet people, conferences, etc. It would be a Firesafe Council Podcast, but keeping the WRA background and hosts
- We will present this to the board with a limit of \$1500 to spend on equipment
- AMP has concerns about switching to podcast and losing the following they have
- M. Williams says we can use SBTV which should be free and they distribute it to all internet sites. G. Agredano says they train you how to use their equipment and programs
- *Motion to ask the board for approval to move show to this format and buy the equipment with a spending limit of \$1500: V. Cooper, K. Varga seconds. All in favor*

5. Finance update

- We are still waiting on checks in the mail. K. Brouwer has been checking the PO box twice a week
- K. Varga says our funds are looking better than expected due to the delays. Once we receive the refunds and advances we will be in a better position
- Dave Farley (CA FSC) was able to get in contact with NFWF and they should be in the process to getting our advance processed. K. Varga will contact Dave today for an update
- We are good to cover the next payroll, and the checks should be there by then
- V. Cooper: we need to work on having a cash reserve that we can fall back on if a situation like this comes up again
- We heard from SCE that we should be getting a grant our grant for \$575,000

6. Home Evaluation advice

- T. Adams is interested in starting to do home inspections for his real estate clients. He is asking if he can use our programs or documents to assist him with this.
- EC is concerned about putting our name on things that are going towards official documents. Our current forms are just for the property owners.
- V. Cooper: Our upcoming education grant has focus on the real estate industry, this topic will be a part of this project.
- S. Coffman: Has concerns about our Fulcrum program and the AB38 document. He has had homeowners drop their eval for fear of the document getting out.

7. Office Plotter is gone: Where to print?

- R Hazard: *There is a plotter at County HQ, still available for use by FSC*

Motions:

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General Notes:

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Minutes submitted respectfully: Kian Brouwer