



Promoting Wildfire Safety Through Education and Action

Meeting Agenda: Thursday – August 24, 2023
Board Business: 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Join Zoom Meeting

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BOARD MEETING:

- 0900 - 0905:** Establish Quorum (P. Van Leer)
- 0905 – 0915:** Treasurer Update (K. Varga)
- 0915 – 0930:** Executive Committee/Director Update (AMP, P. Van Leer)
Minutes available <https://sbfiresafecouncil.org/meetings/>
Motion: Assist the Prescribed Fire Training Exchange with pass through funding
- 0930 – 0945:** BOD Development Tasks (P. Van Leer, N. Elmquist, AMP)
- 0945 – 0955:** Chipping Program Update (J. Tobin / K. Furlong – Project Manager)
- 0955 - 1005:** Herbivory Program Update (R. Hazard, J. Tobin – Project Manager)
- 1005 - 1015:** Structure Portal Update (C. McGinnis – Project Manager)
- 1015 - 1025:** RWMP/Community Domain Update (AMP, K. Furlong – Project Manager)
- 1025 – 1030:** Grant Updates – (AMP)
- 1030 – 1045:** County roadside and weed abatement assistance discussion
- 1045 – 1100:** Agency and Community Updates (All)

2023 Meeting Schedule Posted: <https://sbfiresafecouncil.org/meetings/>
Next Scheduled Meeting (Board/General): Thursday, September 28th at 0900



August 2023 – Treasurer Report

Prepared by: Kevin Varga – Treasurer

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| Fund sources | Timeline | Total budget | Expended to-date | Current funds |
|--------------|------------------------|--------------|------------------|---------------|
| NFWF RWMP | Jan 2021- Oct 2024 | \$550,000 | \$320,270 | \$4,730 |
| CF RWMP | Dec 2021- Mar 2024 | \$686,094 | \$361,269 | (\$177,017) |
| CF Chipping | Sep 2022- Mar 2026 | \$2,037,939 | \$437,827 | (\$59,202) |
| CF Herbivory | Sep 2022- Mar 2026 | \$1,948,552 | \$48,945 | \$343,055 |
| CA FSC | Feb 2023- July 2024 | \$175,000 | \$6,341 | \$81,159 |
| Coast Cons | Feb 2023- June 2025 | \$370,000 | \$42,354 | (\$42,354) |
| PG&E | Sep 2022- Sep 2023 | \$20,000 | \$10,000 | \$10,000 |
| SCE | Aug 2022- Aug 2023 | \$5,500 | \$3,117 | \$2,383 |

Cal Fire (CF); National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF); Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E); Southern CA Edison (SCE)

Updates:

- CF RWMP \$169,180 invoice accepted by CF Southern Region; Sacramento pending
- NFWF RWMP \$125,000 advance pending
- CF Chipping \$6,714 invoice in the works
- Coast Cons \$23,400 invoice accepted, awaiting payment
- Finalized spreadsheets and workflows for Anne-Marie, Project Managers, and Crystal to reconcile grant tracking every month
- Gary Gray CPA stated taxes would be complete August 18
- Available discretionary funds: \$114,329
- Please see attached Quickbooks reports for additional financial information

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Statement of Financial Position

All Dates

| | TOTAL |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| ASSETS | |
| Current Assets | |
| Bank Accounts | |
| Checking SBB&T | 194,524.86 |
| Total Bank Accounts | \$194,524.86 |
| Accounts Receivable | |
| Accounts Receivable | 308,257.19 |
| Total Accounts Receivable | \$308,257.19 |
| Other Current Assets | |
| Prepaid Expenses | 1,053.10 |
| Undeposited Funds | 0.00 |
| Total Other Current Assets | \$1,053.10 |
| Total Current Assets | \$503,835.15 |
| Fixed Assets | |
| Website | 7,650.00 |
| zAccumulated Depreciation | -723.00 |
| Total Fixed Assets | \$6,927.00 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$510,762.15 |
| LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | |
| Liabilities | |
| Current Liabilities | |
| Accounts Payable | |
| Accounts Payable (A/P) | 229.46 |
| Total Accounts Payable | \$229.46 |
| Other Current Liabilities | |
| Advances from Funders | |
| Advance from CAFSC County Coordinator | 79,978.72 |
| Advance from Cal Fire Chipping | 0.00 |
| Advance from Cal Fire Herbivory | 343,055.33 |
| Advance from Cal Fire RWMP | 0.00 |
| Advance from Gaviota CWPP | 0.00 |
| Advance from NFWF | 4,968.58 |
| Total Advances from Funders | 428,002.63 |
| CDTFA Payable | 6.03 |
| Sales Tax Paid | -6.03 |

| | TOTAL |
|--|---------------------|
| Total CDTFA Payable | 0.00 |
| Loan - Paul Van Leer | 0.00 |
| Payroll Liabilities | 0.00 |
| CA PIT / SDI | 0.00 |
| CA SUI / ETT | 91.54 |
| Direct Deposit Payable | 0.00 |
| Federal Taxes (941/943/944) | 0.00 |
| Federal Unemployment (940) | 0.00 |
| Total Payroll Liabilities | 91.54 |
| Total Other Current Liabilities | \$428,094.17 |
| Total Current Liabilities | \$428,323.63 |
| Total Liabilities | \$428,323.63 |
| Equity | |
| Retained Earnings | 38,217.76 |
| Unrestricted Funds 2005-2016 | 0.00 |
| Net Revenue | 44,220.76 |
| Total Equity | \$82,438.52 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | \$510,762.15 |

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Statement of Activity

January - July, 2023

| | TOTAL |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Revenue | |
| Contributions and Grants | |
| Contract Income | 841,932.57 |
| General Contributions | 3,535.00 |
| Total Contributions and Grants | 845,467.57 |
| Earned Income | |
| Membership Dues | 475.00 |
| Total Earned Income | 475.00 |
| Total Revenue | \$845,942.57 |
| GROSS PROFIT | \$845,942.57 |
| Expenditures | |
| Contract Services | |
| Accounting Services | 2,716.25 |
| Professional Personnel | 453,877.63 |
| Total Contract Services | 456,593.88 |
| Operating Costs | |
| Bank & Credit Card Fees | 46.93 |
| Computer Software | 36.99 |
| Dues & Subscriptions | 962.99 |
| Equipment & Supplies | 1,708.55 |
| Insurance | 238.26 |
| Licenses & Fees | 200.00 |
| Mailing Services | 194.00 |
| Meeting Expenses | 127.93 |
| Office Supplies | 4,774.46 |
| Payroll Processing Fees | 1,304.35 |
| Phone | 753.94 |
| Total Operating Costs | 10,348.40 |
| Payroll Expenses | |
| Health Benefit | 15,000.14 |
| Payroll Taxes | 20,778.19 |
| Wages | 235,277.54 |
| Workers Comp Insurance | 2,323.23 |
| Total Payroll Expenses | 273,379.10 |
| Program Expenses | |
| Education Outreach | 144.46 |
| Employee Education | 1,275.00 |
| Events | 2,726.24 |
| Program Materials | 41,631.87 |
| Total Program Expenses | 45,777.57 |
| Travel | 2,611.91 |

| | TOTAL |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Travel Meals | 651.30 |
| Total Expenditures | \$789,362.16 |
| NET OPERATING REVENUE | \$56,580.41 |
| Other Revenue | |
| Interest | 4.16 |
| Total Other Revenue | \$4.16 |
| NET OTHER REVENUE | \$4.16 |
| NET REVENUE | \$56,584.57 |

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Statement of Activity by Customer
January 2020 - July 2023

| | CF Herbivory | CF RWMP | CF Chipping | CAFSC CC | NFWF | CCC | TOTAL |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Revenue | | | | | | | |
| Contributions and Grants | | | | | | | |
| Contract Income | 48,944.67 | 367,331.97 | 437,826.76 | 7,521.28 | 320,031.42 | 42,354.22 | 1,224,010.32 |
| Grant Income | | | | | | | |
| Total Contributions and Grants | \$ 48,944.67 | \$ 367,331.97 | \$ 437,826.76 | \$ 7,521.28 | \$ 320,031.42 | \$ 42,354.22 | 1,224,010.32 |
| Total Revenue | \$ 48,944.67 | \$ 367,331.97 | \$ 437,826.76 | \$ 7,521.28 | \$ 320,031.42 | \$ 42,354.22 | 1,224,010.32 |
| Gross Profit | \$ 48,944.67 | \$ 367,331.97 | \$ 437,826.76 | \$ 7,521.28 | \$ 320,031.42 | \$ 42,354.22 | 1,224,010.32 |
| Expenditures | | | | | | | |
| Contract Services | | | | | | | |
| Professional Personnel | 55,830.00 | 202,565.24 | 287,092.20 | | 9,892.00 | | 555,379.44 |
| Total Contract Services | \$ 55,830.00 | \$ 202,565.24 | \$ 287,092.20 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 9,892.00 | \$ 0.00 | 555,379.44 |
| Operating Costs | | | | | | | |
| Computer Software | | | | | 731.62 | | 731.62 |
| Dues & Subscriptions | | | | | 131.51 | | 131.51 |
| Equipment & Supplies | | | 28.47 | | 3,429.72 | | 3,458.19 |
| Meeting Expenses | | | | | 160.74 | | 160.74 |
| Office Supplies | | | 22.60 | | 688.79 | | 711.39 |
| Payroll Processing Fees | | | | | 17.90 | | 17.90 |
| Printing | | | | | 48.32 | | 48.32 |
| WebSite Expenses | | | | | | | 0.00 |
| Total Operating Costs | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 51.07 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 5,208.60 | \$ 0.00 | 5,259.67 |
| Payroll Expenses | | | | | | | |
| Health Benefit | 397.44 | 2,641.96 | 3,966.32 | 517.94 | 4,404.15 | 3,072.33 | 15,000.14 |
| Payroll Taxes | 348.45 | 9,056.71 | 4,994.56 | 472.69 | 19,776.99 | 2,621.78 | 37,271.18 |
| Wages | 4,133.51 | 105,447.18 | 56,595.46 | 5,661.21 | 228,616.78 | 31,199.20 | 431,653.34 |
| Workers Comp Insurance | 53.86 | 802.46 | 641.96 | 63.59 | 1,854.12 | 402.22 | 3,818.21 |
| Total Payroll Expenses | \$ 4,933.26 | \$ 117,948.31 | \$ 66,198.30 | \$ 6,715.43 | \$ 254,652.04 | \$ 37,295.53 | 487,742.87 |
| Program Expenses | | | | | | | |
| Education Outreach | | | | | 144.46 | | 144.46 |
| Events | | 5,366.65 | | | 9,936.73 | | 15,303.38 |
| Focus Groups | | 693.46 | | | 166.75 | | 860.21 |
| Home Inspections | | 1,141.82 | | | 1,430.00 | | 2,571.82 |
| Program Materials | | 398.69 | 37,616.99 | | 1,727.95 | | 39,743.63 |
| Total Program Expenses | \$ 0.00 | \$ 7,600.62 | \$ 37,616.99 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 13,405.89 | \$ 0.00 | 58,623.50 |
| Promotional Meals | | | | | 176.20 | | 176.20 |
| Travel | | | | | 2,606.65 | 420.51 | 3,027.16 |
| Travel Meals | | | | | 537.17 | | 537.17 |
| Total Expenditures | \$ 60,763.26 | \$ 328,114.17 | \$ 390,958.56 | \$ 6,715.43 | \$ 286,478.55 | \$ 37,716.04 | 1,110,746.01 |
| Net Operating Revenue | -\$ 11,818.59 | \$ 39,217.80 | \$ 46,868.20 | \$ 805.85 | \$ 33,552.87 | \$ 4,638.18 | 113,264.31 |
| Net Revenue | -\$ 11,818.59 | \$ 39,217.80 | \$ 46,868.20 | \$ 805.85 | \$ 33,552.87 | \$ 4,638.18 | 113,264.31 |

Friday, Aug 18, 2023 09:40:16 AM GMT-7 - Accrual Basis



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August, 2023 - SBCFSC Community Chipping Program Update

Prepared by: Jessie Tobin - Project Manager
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Project Summary: The Community Chipping Program will provide residents in 26 communities located within the high fire severity zones of coastal Santa Barbara County, a total of 5,908 residents and 32,661 acres, with the support to create and maintain defensible space and community access by providing free curbside chipping services and tagging and trimming activities to improve ingress and egress throughout neighborhoods. SBCFSC is taking a holistic approach to home hardening and defensible space creation through education and encouraging residents to register for home assessments to improve programmatic impact. This project is funded by a grant as part of CalFire's Climate Investment Program totaling \$2,037,939.00

Updates:

- The Chipping Program implementation period has ended for 2023, project coordination community outreach and strategic planning will continue for the remainder of the year.
- Totals Reported in the last invoice:
 - Chipped **573,340** pounds of materials (**286.67** tons) 15.01% of the overall goal
 - Removed **43,860** pounds of unchippable materials (**21.93** tons) 1.15% of the overall goal
 - Overall tonnage **617,200** pounds of materials (**308.6** tons) 16.16% of the overall goal
- Chipping totals include the following for the communities listed below:
 - El Capitan Ranch-Roughly 15 Tons of Chipped material, 13 Tons removed non-chippable vegetation
 - Paradise Road-2 Tons of non-chippable vegetation removed, additional totals to come.
 - Farren Road- ¼ Ton removed non-chippable vegetation
 - Hollister Ranch Totals-360 Tons of vegetation removed
 - San Marcos Foothills- 34.5 Tons Chipped material
 - Mission Canyon-38.5 Tons Chipped, 23.5 Tons of non-chippable vegetation removed
 - San Roque-.2 Tons of Chipped Material
 - Fairview Foothills-3 Tons of Chipped Material
 - Old San Marcos Road/Twin Ridge-3.6 Tons Chipped Material
 - Data is still coming in for July community chipping areas



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August 24, 2023 - SBCFSC SB South Coast Herbivory Program Update

Prepared by: Jessie Tobin - Project Manager
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Project Summary: The SB South Coast Herbivory Project will implement 3000 acres of fuel reduction through the use of prescribed herbivory (sheep, goats) to reduce fuel loads in a cost effective and ecologically sound manner. The project includes 26 prescribed herbivory fuel treatments located along the south coast of Santa Barbara County (SBC). The fuel treatments are strategically located adjacent to critical transportation corridors and WUI areas. The project goal is to reduce fuel loading to mitigate the potential for high intensity wildfire and reduce the potential for wildfire ignitions. There are over 17,800 habitable structures within the high fire hazard area of the PIZ that will potentially benefit from these proposed fuel treatments. This project is funded by a grant as part of CalFire's Climate Investment Program totaling \$1,948,551.55

Updates:

- Dudek is finalizing the Biological and Tribal community outreach.
- The project areas and acreage will be re-evaluated following receipt of Dudek's environmental review along with an updated cost assessment.
- The Grazing Project Manager has been in contact with contracted grazers to provide updates on progress and project execution dates.
- Division Chief Rob Hazard has been updating and submitting ROE contracts to project stakeholders.
- SBCFSC will be hosting a Herbivory Workshop to discuss project implementation.



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August 2023 - Structural Retrofit Portal Update

Prepared by: **Christina McGinnis**
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Project Summary: This project designed a structural retrofit portal to assist homeowners and renters with different options they can undertake when considering home hardening. Home hardening is a multi-faceted approach to increasing the ignition resilience of your home. The portal provides detailed videos on what you can do to prepare your home, as well as photos, “dos and don’ts”, and permitting details where applicable. Home hardening is a process, and the site itemizes retrofits that provide the greatest benefit, and includes an overview of different options for each part of the home.

Updates:

- Completed review and editing of the mockup of new sections completed by Alison Bradley and her team, and sent the sections to key FSC team members for review and comment. The mockup isn’t “live” yet, pending any comments received on content provided.
- Worked with Ethan to integrate the additional photos into both the portal mockup and the video. I added captions/placement instructions for Alison’s team.
- Awaiting any final comments from the team pending review of the mock-up.

Thank you!

Christina McGinnis



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August 2023 - RWMP Update

Prepared by: Kate Furlong - Community Resilience Domain Lead
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Project Summary: The [Regional Wildfire Mitigation Program](#) provides a holistic solution to wildfire mitigation through increasing resilience in three domains: landscape, built environment, and community. The SBFSC leads the community domain and works with communities to help them build strong networks so they can increase their capacity to prepare, respond, and recover from wildfires. Main avenues to achieve this include: Firewise USA, focus groups, community events, education, home evaluations, and mapping vulnerable communities.

Updates:

Firewise

- Summary: The SBFSC is working with communities to create sustainable communities that continue to work to make their community more resilient to wildfire. Firewise is a grassroots program that empowers communities to work together to mitigate their collective wildfire risk. If you would like to learn more, please email kfurlong@sbfiresafecouncil.org
- We are currently working on communities within Mission Canyon and Eucalyptus Hill. By breaking down these larger areas into 'Pods' we are encouraging stronger connections between direct neighbors rather than hundreds of strangers which will add to more accountability and intercommunication.
- There are now 11 Firewise Communities in Good Standing in Santa Barbara County, with the newest addition being Northridge Road. We have been in communication with them for several years but stopped the process due to neighbors' concerns about the risk of losing their insurance. They managed to change their minds and completed the process on their own.
- There are 8 additional Firewise Communities that are pending which we are going to be directing our efforts to get through the process in the upcoming months.
- The Biannual Firewise Leadership Meeting will be held in mid-October at the Peabody Charter School. This location was favored from the last event and we will be tying in representatives from all 19 Firewise and work collaboratively to help get them through the process.
- Prior to the Biannual meeting, we will be reviewing all action plans for existing Firewise Communities to help track their progress and learn how we can best support their efforts in the upcoming year.
- Attended the Firewise Community Workshop at the Ventura County Fire Department Headquarters in Camarillo. They gathered representatives from the Tri-county area to discuss successes, challenges, and ideas to help encourage the creation of more firewise communities in the region.



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Focus groups

- Summary: SBFSC has been hosting focus groups with underserved and socially vulnerable populations to better understand the barriers these communities face that reduce or prevent participation in wildfire support programs. CEC, the RWMP social-equity subcontractor, and Ali Cortes, focus group facilitator, are leading the efforts for focus group outreach and implementation.
- Gustavo pulled together a focus group for the mobile home communities throughout the South Coast of Santa Barbara County. These structures are incredibly vulnerable to incineration and these communities are actively seeking out ways to mitigate and coordinate evacuation efforts.
- Met with CEC to discuss findings from the focus groups, how the data will be compiled (qualitative/quantitative), and how to utilize this data going forward.

Miscellaneous

- Ethan is working on producing a film that tells the story of all three domains and how our programs work in tandem to make these domains more resilient to wildfire