



Promoting Wildfire Safety Through Education and Action

**Santa Barbara County Fire Safe Council
Executive Committee Meeting
January 31st, 2024**

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

Executive Committee Directors Absent:

Others Present: A. Parkinson, C. Harris, S. Coffman, J. Tobin, S. Edner, P. Seymour

1. Chipping

- a. 2024 Chipping Budget Summary
 - i. EC leans towards choosing option one that J. Tobin presented, however edits must be made before the EC will recommend the option to the BOD
 - 1. J. Tobin and Director Seymour need to discuss editing the language & plan surrounding chipping vs. tag and trim work
 - a. FSC needs to have the flexibility to allocate resources accordingly as the projects are in progress.
 - b. A more aggressive budget must be allocated to tag and trim
 - c. FSC needs to have the ability to do a 2nd pass on communities that need extra chipping or tag and trim work done. (i.e. community members brought vegetation late and piles are on the road side)

2. Job Applicants

- a. Lompoc Valley CWPP
 - i. Interviews
 - 1. 5 Applicants
 - ii. Interview Committee
 - 1. Paul Van Leer, AMP, Rob
 - a. Contact Mark and see if he is interested / able to attend the interviews.
- b. Education Project Manager
 - i. Interviews
 - 1. 4 Applicants
 - ii. Interview Committee
 - 1. Paul Van Leer, AMP, Victoria, Kevin, Nic



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- c. C. Harris will reach out to interviewees to discuss timeline and to stress that these are not remote positions.
- 3. Retreat Review**
- a. Focus on broader topics in future retreats
 - b. FSC should be reviewing the 2024 goals and tasks multiple times throughout the year.
 - i. Use BOD meetings to review the goals and tasks
 - ii. Put the 2024 goals and tasks in the BOD meeting agenda packets toward the top so all Board Members will be able to easily review them
 - c. Add a report of the weekly EC meetings to the BOD meeting agenda packets and have AMP do a short overview during the meetings
 - d. Add staff reports to BOD meetings and agenda packets
 - i. Program managers should put together a small report on the progress of their programs / projects
 - e. SWOT Results
 - i. AMP suggests creating a plan to utilize the FSC's potential opportunities

General Notes:

- Reschedule Feb 14th EC meeting
 - Feb 13th works for everyone 10-11:30am on zoom
- AMP and Kevin keep finance meeting on Feb 8th
- Discuss a change of date for the in person finance meeting on Feb 21st at next EC meeting

Motions:

- [None]

Minutes Submitted Respectfully: Charles Harris