



Promoting Wildfire Safety Through Education and Action

**Santa Barbara County Fire Safe Council
Executive Committee Meeting
May 8th, 2024**

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

Executive Committee Directors Absent:

Others Present: A. Parkinson, C. Harris, K. Furlong, F. Tan, V. Cooper, S. Edner, J. Tobin

1. Foothills CWPP

- a. AMP talked with Molly and Kelly about incorporating aspects from the built environment domain and RWMP products into the foothills CWPP so there is more consistency across SB County CWPPs.
 - i. F. Tan requests that examples of what would be incorporated into the CWPP be sent along so he can work with Dudek on the requests.
- b. K. Furlong will reach out to Mark Mayes to request his maps be used in the CWPP
 - i. Once the maps are received K. Furlong will send them to F. Tan.

2. Chipping Update

- a. The EC discusses the problem that occurred with contract crews during chipping on the week of May 1st.
 - i. The crews were performing vertical clearance on roadways when they were met with opposition from two local community members.
 - ii. J. Tobin had previously talked with community leaders from this neighborhood who had instructed her that the community was on board with the FSC performing vertical clearance on their roadway (this proved to be false).
- b. The EC identified ways to prevent future conflicts with community members over the chipping program.
 - i. Although the FSC contacts community leaders & sends notice regarding the chipping program to each resident via postcards, prior to the start of chipping in a neighborhood with private roads, from now on the Program Manager will personally contact every property owner to discuss tag and trim and get their consent to do vertical clearance.



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1. If a resident requests the work not be done or the PM is unable to contact the property owner, then the FSC will instruct crews to not do any vertical clearance on the roadway in front of that specific property owner's home.
- c. F. tan suggests creating a module in Fulcrum for tag and trim work so the FSC can track before and after photos of the project area.
- i. The FSC will also get a letter of support from the County Fire Marshal on the chipping program to show future community members who may have hesitancy about the program/completing their required defensible space.

General Notes:

- This was a short meeting because AMP, C. Harris, R. Hazard, and N. Elmquist were attending the Chaparral Symposium.

Motions: [none]

Minutes Submitted Respectfully: Charles Harris