



Promoting Wildfire Safety Through Education and Action

**Santa Barbara County Fire Safe Council  
Executive Committee Meeting  
May 15th, 2024**

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

**Executive Committee Directors Absent:**

**Others Present:** A. Parkinson, C. Harris, F. Tan, T. Adams

**1. Agenda review for May Board meeting**

- a. The EC discussed giving most of the time on the agenda to the guest presenter Andrew Plantinga who will be presenting on wildfire and insurance.
  - i. Official name of his talk: *The response of the property insurance market in California to rising wildfire risk*
  - ii. This presentation will most likely spur a lot of discussion so Q & A should be allotted adamant time.
- b. Staff will provide written updates to only include the most relevant material. AMP will preface the updates and open the meeting with a short review on the FSC's current achievements this year and goals that will be met before year's end.
  - i. AMP will also discuss who is on the ballot for this year's election and inform the group that voting will be held via email the week after the meeting.

**2. Chipping follow up letter**

- a. The EC discussed actions that the FSC should take in regards to concern that was expressed by a community member about the chipping program.
  - i. This community member did not appreciate the crews doing clearing along the roadside near the property. There was also a lack of communication and the homeowner did not know the clearing was going to happen.
  - ii. J. Tobin will write a formal letter addressing the community member's concerns and AMP / P. Van Leer will review it prior to sending.



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**3. Draft confidentiality policy**

- a. The EC briefly discussed the confidentiality policy that P. Seymour helped to perfect for the FSC.
- b. No concerns were raised over the policy and the EC agreed to move forward with it.

**4. Past record of FSC funding and projects**

- a. The FSC needs to acquire all of the data from past projects and the funding associated with those projects in order to present something with a large enough scope to get on the docket for the County Board of Supervisor meetings.
- b. F. Tan is going to help in retrieving data for the FSC, but it is difficult to put together in a useful way.
- c. SB County is doing much better than most of the state in fuels reduction and acres treated, however this data needs to be put together in a meaningful way before the FSC approaches the County Board of Supervisors.

**Motions:** [none]

**Minutes Submitted Respectfully:** Charles Harris