



Promoting Wildfire Safety Through Education and Action

**Santa Barbara County Fire Safe Council
Executive Committee Meeting
May 22nd, 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, M. Mowery, K. Johnston, G. Agredano, G. Wesolowski, M. Moritz

1. Built Environment team reviews their prioritization ranking process
 - a. The built environment team is currently working on a prioritization process and they have found an overall need of additional coordination with the community domain for all efforts.
 - i. There is much going on and they are finding a lot of work is duplicative. If more coordination occurred they could identify and cut down on work that would end up being duplicative.
 - b. K. Johnston reviews the RWMP Wildfire Hazard Analysis map
 - i. R. Hazard comments on some of the faults with this map. Specifically it makes generalized weather assumptions in some areas that are untrue which affect the hazard rating for that area.
 - c. K. Johnston reviews the RWMP Road Pinch Points and Roadsheds
 - i. This map is used to identify where a large number of structures are serviced by one way in or one way out roads and / or have choke points.
 - d. K. Johnston reviews the RWMP parcel city ownership map
 - i. The built domain team identified structures that were built in 2008 and prior or identified structures that were built in 2008 and after.
 1. If structures were built in 2008 or before the assumption is made that there was no WUI code or policy in place at the time of construction.
 2. If structures were built in 2008 or after the assumption is made that there was a WUI code or policy in mind at the time of building.



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- e. The final product of the built domain will be an interactive map composed of several different layers such as the ones listed above.
2. County Defensible Space Inspection schedule
 - a. The FSC has recently heard much concern from community members who have applied for the defensible space program. Because the FSC Dspace program has yet to get up and running these community members are concerned that they will receive citations from the County due to the June 1st deadline for defensible space work.
 - b. R. Hazard clarifies that once June 1st hits County fire will have around 14,000 Dspace inspections to do. They will not all be done on June 1st, they will occur throughout the summer. These community members actually have much more time than what they think.
 - i. The FSC should clarify this when talking to community members who are concerned that their defensible space work will not be done in time for their County inspection.
3. Firewise research
 - a. The FSC has been working with Trace and UCSB to do additional FW research
 - i. AMP discussed the possibility of hiring a UCSB grad research associate to help move this project along.

Motions: [none]

General Notes:

- The applicant who applied for the dspace and cwpp role is also open to doing part time work for the FSC should this position need to be split.
- The FSC's current programs, grants, and deliverables will be discussed in detail at the upcoming Board / Programs meetings.

Minutes Submitted Respectfully: Charles Harris