

FIRE SAFE SAN MATEO COUNTY

Minutes April 12, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 0945 by Co-chair Guido Ciardi. Self introductions were made. Angelina Ciucci, North County Fire, Erin Parks, PG&E, Mike Lantier of South San Francisco F.D. and Guest Cameron Colson were welcomed to the meeting.

Attendees: John Trewin, San Mateo Co. Parks; Gary So, CDF/San Mateo Co. Fire; Selena Brown, Woodside FPD; Julie Lamb, Central County FD and San Mateo FD; Lori Cuesta, WECE/PG&E; Guido Ciardi, SFWD; David Downing, Millbrae Fire Dept.; Don Epperson, San Bruno Fire; Denise Enea, Woodside and Steve Richmond, Fire Safe.

Correspondence: **Don Epperson, San Bruno F.D.** checked with G&M Saw Shop and George was willing to repair saws in exchange for our old ones that could be used for parts. Richmond will make the contact.

Selena Brown, Woodside discussed plans to update the static display with the theme, "Living with Fire"

State Fire Safe Groups: Richmond shared information he had gleaned from web sites of other Fire Safe Councils that might be incorporated into our program.

Coordinator's Contract: **Guido Ciardi** gave an update from the Executive Committee.

Sixth Grade Fire Prevention Course: Butte Fire Safe Council developed this course and it was the topic at the last state Fire Safe Council meeting. **Selena Brown** reviewed the course outline and DVD. She has also developed a course and will make a presentation on her review at a future meeting.

Denise Enea, Woodside encouraged attendance at the Northern Section FPO meeting on April 28.

AGENCY ROUND TABLE:

Erin Parks, PG&E gave an update on her responsibilities and the current work by tree trimming crews. She volunteered to make a more formal presentation at a future meeting.

Julie Lamb, Central County and San Mateo Fire Departments recently attended a forty- hour course geared toward prevention in state responsibility lands. Fire Wise and Fire Safe Councils were represented.

Angelina Ciucci, North County Fire reports her department is gearing up for clearance inspections. Property owners are concerned about clearing to mineral soil in areas that suffered mud slides. Guido will provide her information on using goats.

Mike Lantier, South San Francisco F.D. is committed to the Fire Safe program. They are looking at ways they make be able to use the CDF/CDC Crews.

David Downing, Millbrae Fire Department is starting to gear up for spring clearance inspections.

Don Epperson, San Bruno Fire also has project that could utilize the CDF/CDC Crews.

Guido Ciardi reports **SFWD** is using agency owned and contract Masticators on several fuel breaks.

The meeting was adjourned to view a demonstration by **Cameron Colson** and his **Hydro-Mechanical Obliteration**, high water pressure method for controlling weeds and grass. This process eliminates the need for chemicals along right-of-ways, etc.

NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, May 10, 2006

