

FIRE SAFE SAN MATEO COUNTY
Minutes
January 10, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by Co-chair Guido Ciardi. Self introductions were made. Pam Noyer, County Parks, was welcomed to her first Fire Safe meeting.

Attendance: Angelina Ciucci, North County Fire Authority, Denise Enea, WFPD; John Martinez, CDF; Pamela Noyer, David Moore, Pricilla Alvarez, San Mateo County Parks; Philippe Cohen, Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve, Stanford; Guido Ciardi, SFWD; Rocque Yballa, Central Co. Fire Dept. and Steve Richmond, Fire Safe Coordinator.

Correspondence: E-mails were shared from the new Fire Safe link. Richmond advised Bruce Turberville of this group's support of attempts to gain state grants.

Additions to the Agenda: Denise Enea asked the committee if they would like to set up funds from our account to offer grants to citizens in setting up hazard reduction programs using the Ben Lomond crews. After some discussion, it was tabled for a future meeting.

Presentation by John Martinez: John provided a letter to those in attendance asking for information on hazard reduction programs completed in 2006 and any planned for in 2007. They would be included in the updated SM/SC Fire Management Plan. John discussed the upcoming re-evaluation of the Fire Hazard Zones for San Mateo County. Training and maps will be presented on January 30.

November State Fire Safe Council Meeting: Richmond reported the staff was scheduled to approach the State Fire Safe Council Board of Directors regarding the need to formalize requirements for membership. In the general meeting, several people expressed their thoughts that more formal membership requirements were not necessary. Steve spoke about the need to have requirements for membership since we have experienced, first hand, how someone can use the Fire Safe logo for their own purposes.

2006 Annual Report was reviewed with minor changes. Richmond will email the finished product to Cohen and he will email to those wanting a copy.

2007 Goals:

- * Update Fire Safe Static Display for use at public events.
- * Promote educational activities.
- * Work closely with CDF in the use of Conservation Camp Crews on fuels management projects.
- * Provide a speaker or demonstration for monthly Fire Safe Meetings.
- * Explore fuels management alternatives.
- * Seek meetings with homeowner associations and CERT Groups to present the Fire Safe message.
- * Arrange a Fire Safe presentation to the County Fire Chiefs.
- * Cooperate with CDF and County Prevention Officers.
- * Reprint "Living with Fire in San Mateo County".

Denise Enea reported the project meeting held in December was extremely beneficial. There was a great turn out from San Mateo County Parks.

AGENCY ROUND TABLE:

Roque Yballa, Central County Fire Department reported the county prevention officers are working to gain a grant to purchase the latest computer map overlays for use in planning and fire prevention efforts. Hillsborough and San Mateo city attorneys are working on the Wildland/Urban Interface Code for adoption in those cities. There will be a Wildland Prevention Seminar in Reno on March 6 and 7, 2007.

Priscilla Alvarez, County Parks, reports Woodside, CDF and County Parks are working on the "Meadow Project" in Wunderlick Park that includes pile burning.

Philippe Cohen, Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve, will be working with the Portola Town Council regarding disaster planning. Philippe's interest is in the fire planning.

Pam Noyer, SMCO Parks states that Parks, Daly City and CDF are about ready to start the boundary project which will provide additional clearance near homes in Daly City.

John Martinez, CDF, reports Scott Jalbert and Angela Peterson were able to take a tour of the SFWD watershed with Guido Ciardi.

Denise Enea, Woodside Fire District – CDF/CDC crews have worked with County Parks and CA Trans on a fuel reduction project on the Hwy 84 right-of-way adjacent to Wunderlich Park.

Angelina Ciucci, North County Fire Authority – Brisbane City is in the process of revamping its hazard reduction program.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

NEXT MEETING – FEBRUARY 14