

FIRE SAFE SAN MATEO COUNTY

Minutes September 13, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 0945 by Co-Chair Guido Ciardi.

Attendance: Steve Woodill, CDF-Ben Lomond Conservation Camp; Denise Enea, Woodside Fire; John Martinez, Gary So, John Sims, CDF; Steve Cross, San Mateo County Parks; Guido Ciardi, SFWD; David Sanguinetti, Midpeninsula Reg. Open Space District; Steve Richmond, Fire Safe.

Additions to the Agenda: a.) **Disaster Fair at San Mateo County Fair Grounds September 30.** There will be a Fire Safe booth. Denise Enea offered to have Dan Dempsey help staff the booth. b.) **Grant for static display** – Larry Whitney, Volunteer Fire Chief from La Honda stated his department would be willing to share a static display with Fire Safe and other departments. The grant is for \$1,500. Denise offered to have Selena Brown work with Larry in developing the display.

Review of Progress on 2006 Goals:

- *Update Fire Safe Static Display – in progress
- *Promote education activities – "Living with Fire in San Mateo County" is being updated with a publishing date of January 2007.
- *Work closely with CDF in the use of conservation camp crews in the county. - In process - Crews have been used in Woodside and County Parks.
- *Provide a speaker or demonstration at each Fire Safe Meeting – Accomplished in half our meetings.
- *Fuels Management Alternative – SFWD has evaluated two new Tiger Mowers and have used goats on the Edgewood right-of-way.
- *Seek meetings with Homeowner Groups. – Met with La Honda, Palomar Park, Devonshire Canyon residents.

Larry Whitney gave a report on the success of a small chipping program in La Honda. They plan to review the project needs and establish a program for 2007

Use of Ben Lomond Crews in San Mateo County. CDF Div. Chief Steve Woodill made a short presentation on the crews working in San Mateo County. The heavy fire use of crews in June and July has taxed their ability to always have a crew available for project work. The Corrections Department has been short a Sergeant and the Camp Commander for Corrections has been unable to provide a date he can come to San Mateo County to provide Sponsor Supervisory Training. Denis Enea stated the crews do a great job while they are on site. The travel times does make for a short work day. We are pleased with the cooperation we have received from Chief Woodill and do see a positive change in attitude regarding work in San Mateo County.

AGENCY ROUNDTABLE:

Steve Cross, County Parks – Crews have been working to open up areas in the parks to provide better clearance in high use areas. County parks had a booth at the county fair and passed out Fire Safe literature.

David Sanguinetti, MPOSD – All fire breaks have been disked and they are using Ben Lomond Crews to daylight fire roads for better equipment access.

Gary So, CDF - They recently had a 160 acre VMP Burn for Penn Open Space Trust on their property off Clover Dale Road in Pescadero.

John Martinez, CDF, will be working on an inventory and needs for CDF fire roads. He will bring a map of the roads to the next meeting.

Lori Cuesta, PG&E – Three crews are working on trimming power line right-of-ways in Emerald Hills. They are about through with work in Woodside and will start working from the coast to the top of Skyline.

Denise Enea, Woodside stated she has established a prevention cadet program to match the nine suppression cadets Woodside has. They work through College of San Mateo's Fire Science Program for insurance coverage and the cadet receives education credits for the program.

Guido Ciaradi, San Francisco Water Department – All employees have received fire safety training. Disking of fire breaks is complete. Roadside mowing is finished. The department purchased two Tiger Mowers which are the "cat's meow"! Goats are being used on Edgewood right-of-way.

The Jefferson Mountain PG&E project is nearly completed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1140.