

## **FIRE SAFE SAN MATEO COUNTY**

### **Minutes January 9, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 am by Acting Chair, Denise Enea.

**Attendance:** Angelina Ciucci, NCFE (Brisbane); Klaus Zalinskis, DCFD; Jim Palasi, BSCFD; Steve Woodill, Angela Petersen, Cal Fire; Lori Cuesta; Margaret Glomstad, Highlands Recreation District; Priscilla Alvarez, Pam Noyer, SMC Parks; Philippe Cohen, Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve, Stanford; Brendan Downing, MROSD; Denise Enea, Woodside Fire and Steve Richmond, Fire Safe Coordinator.

#### **Additions to the Agenda:**

Denise Enea shared a press release from her department regarding improvised explosive devices that have been found in the county since mid December. Draino and other sources for hydrochloric acid have been used in soda bottles. The safety message is to remind everyone to use extreme caution and keep a safe distance when responding to IED incidents.

#### **Update on Active Projects:**

Wunderlich – Priscilla Alvarez, SMC Parks, stated this year's goal of meadow clearing has been met. Pile burning was done in December. The remaining one or two days of burning will be completed when the road is dry enough to support vehicles.

**Highland Recreation District** – Margaret Glomstad reports some work has been started to make burn piles but the weather has temporarily halted plans for burning. Ben Lomond Camp will be contacted to have a crew in to complete the stacking.

**Crystal Springs Watershed** – Steve Richmond reports the use of crews is nearing an end. SFWD has their Masticator working in conjunction with the crew and to date, all the cut material has been chipped. Crews will work on the existing water bars and install new one where necessary.

**Sponsor Supervisor Training** – January 9 and 11 at Ben Lomond Camp.

**Vegetation Management Concerns of Board of Supervisors** -Steve Richmond reported Chief Ferreira, Cal/Co. Fire has met with Supervisor Gordon, his senior aid and other members of the county government to discuss the vegetation problem in SMC WUI . Gordon would like to have a presentation by Fire Safe and Cal/Co Fire at the Board of Supervisors meeting.

Richmond has been asked by Chief Ferreira to coordinate with those putting together the twenty minute presentation. This includes Cohen, Enea and Palasi. Senior Aid Matt Jacobs has agreed to put together a media blitz to advertise the problem and presentation

at the Board of Supervisors meeting on April 22. Chief Ferreira suggested departments may want to use the time of the blitz to send out hazard letters for property clearance.

**Fire Safe Chainsaws** – Chief Woodill and Steve Richmond have agreed the Camp will provide seven inmate crew days without charge in exchange for our chainsaws. After some discussion, the Committee decided to offer these crew days as a grant for local agencies and homeowner associations in the WUI. Richmond will prepare a letter outlining the grant process and Enea will forward to FPO's and Fire Chiefs.

**Wildland Urban Interface:** Denise Enea presented a DVD she purchased from ABC on a discussion between two of California's federal law makers discussing the need for more attention to the WUI in California as a result of the wind driven fires last fall in Southern California.

**2008 Goals for Fire Safe San Mateo County:**

- \* Work with Cal/Co Fire to provide a top notch presentation to the Board of Supervisors on April 8. Make presentation of same material to the San Mateo Co. Fire Chiefs.
- \* Provide a grant to local agencies on homeowner associations for PRC 4291 clearance.
- \* Work in concert with the San Mateo County Fire Prevention Officers in 2008
- \* Address Sudden Oak Death material disposal.
- \* Develop roadside sign program for completed Fire Safe Projects.

There was no Agency Round Table this month.

Meeting adjourned at 1145 hrs. **Next meeting is February 13, 2008**