

FIRE SAFE SAN MATEO COUNTY

Minutes November 8, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 0935 at Woodside Independence Hall by Co-Chair Guido Ciardi.

Attendance: Rocque Yballa, Julie Lamb, Central County FD; Angelina Crucci, North County Fire Authority; Philippe S. Cohen, Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve-Standord University; Denise Enea, Dan Dempsey, Marshal Hird, Woodside Fire; John Trewin, Prissalla Alvares, San Mateo Co. Parks; John Ferreira, CDF/CZU-SMCo; Jim Rust, CDF/Co. Fire; Lori Cuesta WECE/PG&E Vegetation; John Martinez, CDF/ Guido Ciardi, SFWD and Steve Richmond, Fire Safe Coordinator..

Correspondence: Steve Richmond read an email from National Parks indicating our grant was still coming but is held up in the contract office.

Annual Report 2006: The response from the email inquiry indicated most members thought we could do without an annual report for this year. A summary report will be made to capture the important events of 2006.

Each agency has been asked to provide information for this report by December 15.

Living With Fire in San Mateo County – Update is almost complete with a January 1 date to submit to printer.

Inmate Crews for 2007 – The regular December 13 Fire Safe Meeting will be canceled. Instead, those with project needs will meet at Ben Lomond Camp on that day at 10 a.m. Discussion will be held on project requests. Priorities will be set for work in San Mateo County.

State Fire Safe Council – Our representative, Amber Gardener, called to ask for attendance at the November meeting in Sacramento. They want to do more brain storming on how the Council will look in the future. Steve will attend.

Fire Break Spray Systems – They are closing down operations in this area but may make a contact with us for a presentation next summer.

AGENCY ROUNDTABLE

Philippe Cohen, Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve - They have become concerned the mowing program is inviting weeds and other invasive plants to multiply. Seems no one has any studies on the best time to mow to halt this cycle. They plan to conduct their own study as to what will work best. They are also considering closing certain roads and trails that do not benefit the preserve.

Denise Enea, Woodside Fire Department – They are in the process of developing fire management plans for some of the larger areas in the district. They have made many school presentations on prevention and fire safety the last two months.

John Ferreira, CDF advised the group that new maps are being produced by CDF to revisit High Fire Severity Zones in San Mateo County. At this point **Rocque Yballa** entered the discussion on what he was doing in San Mateo and what he would ask the Fire Prevention Officers to do to address the Severity Zones and adoption of the new **International Urban Wildland Interface Code**. This was an interesting conversation and would have made a great agenda item.

Lori Cuesta, PG&E – Trimming crews are working on the coastside from Hwy 92 south. They will also move from Millbrae to Menlo Park to address hazard trees and other trimming needs. Lori wanted to know what the fire service was doing concerning hazard trees. She was directed to CDF's Rich Sampson. Lori

was asked if she could provide the new procedure to request grant funds from PG&E for assistance in reprinting costs of "Living with Fire in San Mateo County".

John Martinez, CDF requested time on the January agenda for a presentation.

Julie Lamb, Central County Fire has been busy with Fire Prevention presentations to schools.

Angelina Crucci, North County Fire Authority reports that **Brisbane** had 15 inspected property owners who refused to comply with hazard reduction inspection requirements. The department is taking action regarding these properties. They had two wildland fires recently in **Pacifica** and also **San Bruno Mtn.**

Steve Richmond, Fire Safe Coordinator reports Woodside Fire Department has agreed to team with CDF to put together a Community Wildfire Protect Plan for their fire district.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.

NO REGULAR MEETING IN DECEMBER

Dec. 13 – 10 a.m. - Ben Lomond Camp for Project Needs

Next regular scheduled meeting is January 10, 2007