

## **FIRE SAFE SAN MATEO COUNTY**

### **Minutes November 14, 2007**

Note: The December Fire Safe Meeting is cancelled  
Next Meeting – Wednesday, January 9, 0930 hrs.

The November meeting was called to order by John Sims at 0940. Self Introductions were made.

Attendees: Denise Enea, WFPD; John Trewin, Dinora Dunsmore, Pamela Noyer, SMCo Parks; John Martinez, John Sims, CAL FIRE; Philippe Cohen, Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve, Stanford University; Brian Malone MROSD; Guido Ciardi, SFWD; Julie Lamb, Central Co. Fire Department; Jim Palisi, Belmont-San Carlos F.D. and Steve Richmond, Fire Safe Coordinator.

Correspondence: Received a letter from Sheriff Greg Munks thanking us for participation in the County Disaster Fair. Approximately 2,500 were in attendance.

Correction to the October minutes regarding Philippe Cohen's Agency Round Table report. It should have read: "The Master Facilities Plan includes about one million dollars related to fire management and about half of that was to move power lines underground.

The Southern Fuel Break Project: Work started on October 30, 2007 with one Ben Lomond Crew and the San Francisco Water Department Tree Crew. The project is progressing very well. We are hopeful it can be completed prior to February, 2008 due to a restriction placed on the need to check the project area by a licensed biologist for nesting migratory birds. Guido Ciardi stated he is going to contract for Agri-Fos treatment to the tan Oak forest in and near the work location.

Sudden Oak Death Community Demonstration Report: Denise Enea reported approximately 200 people showed up the successful demonstration. During the Fire Safe meeting, the value of the topical spray and actual tree injections were discussed. Much of what is being touted as a viable treatment doesn't have enough history to way it's what we should be doing, but it seems to work. A video and DVD are available showing how the treatment is applied to trees. Denise is working on a list for homeowners of Arborists who will provide treatment.

Fire Safe Chainsaws: Richmond explained the chainsaws taken to Ben Lomond Camp were used by their crews. The question, do we want them back or would we trade them for free crew days for work on project in San Mateo County. The consensus was to trade the saws for crew work.

Fire Safe CCV: Richmond reported he had been asked by one fire department if the CCV could be used for exchanging engine company crews on the Southern California fires in October. The vehicle was checked out and cleaned for this assignment but was not used. The vehicle is presently at County Fire Station 17 should anyone be interested in checking it out. Richmond will check with Davis Cal Fire Equipment Facility to determine if any out-of-state agencies are looking for this type of equipment.

### **AGENCY ROUNDTABLE:**

Brian Malone, Mid Penn Reg. Open Space District reports their staff recently met with the District Board of Directors to educate them on their work relationship with other agencies and how work in the district is going regarding an over all fire management effort such as pickup pumpers, discing, prescribed burns, staff fire training and grazing.

Pam Noyer, SMCO Parks - There has been a Sudden Oak Death Workshop scheduled for Huddart Park. On San Bruno Mountain, they have not finalized plans for additional treatment since they are still looking at the cost to finish work that was started in 2007 on the Boundary Project.

Philippe Cohen, Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve reports Stanford purchased from H.J.W. their results from a run made in San Mateo County "Laser detection imagery" which very accurately measures fuel loads and will give a relationship of tree foliage to power lines.

John Martinez, CAL FIRE stated all LRA recommendations for the Fire Hazard Severity Zones are due in Sacramento by the end of November. State Parks plans a 1,000 acre under story burn on the San Mateo County/Santa Cruz County line in Big Basin Park. When John was in Southern California in October, he saw homes that had burned even with 200 to 300 feet of clearance.

John Trewin, SMCOP Parks wants to work with Cal Fire on a prescribed burn in Edgewood County Park. Rangers are in the process of receiving GIS and GPS training.

Dinora Dunsmore, SMCOP Parks will meet with Enea and Richmond this PM to go over procedures for Ben Lomond crews starting work in Wunderlich Park.

Denise Enea, Woodside Fire District is working on a 30 foot perimeter mowing requirement for large properties in the district. The Board of Supervisors will review the County Fire Prevention Code next Tuesday. Several fire marshals have been invited to the hearing to demonstrate their support.

Jim Palisi, Belmont-San Carlos Fire Department – The agency has hired a Disaster Preparedness Officer who will work in public education and with the Fire Safe Committee.

Julie Lamb, Central County Fire – The Town of Hillsborough will receive a workshop on Sudden Oak Death as well as the City of Burlingame. Burlingame Parks is having a problem with adjacent property owners dumping vegetation from their homes on city park property.

The next meeting will be on January 9, 2008.