

FIRE SAFE SAN MATEO

Minutes September 12, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 am by Co-Chair Guido Ciardi. Introductions were made.

Attendance: Jim Palasi, Belmont-San Carlos, FD; Denise Enea, WFPD; Julie Lamb, Central County Fire Department; Angelina Ciucci, North County Fire Authority; Lori Cuesta, WECl/PG&E Vegetation; Margaren Glanstad, Highland Recreation District; Coy Gonzales, Fire Break Spray Systems/AIG Ins.; Tom LaVster, Midpeninsula Reg. Open Space District; Pamela Noyer, San Mateo County Parks; Guido Ciardi, SFWD; John Sims, Cal Fire/County Fire; Klaus Zalinski, North County Fire and Steve Richmond, Fire Safe Coordinator.

Correspondence: Training Workshop, Assessing Wildfire Hazards in the Home Ignition Zone. If interested check www.firewise.org/hizworkshop
Steve shared an email the Fire Safe Council Executive Director had written regarding the Council's efforts to trade mark Fire Safe and its logo.
Discussed an email from the South Skyline Association concerning dead and dying trees along Skyline.

Fire Safe Fund - Currently \$171,850 with \$18,400 owned Ben Lomond for a total available \$153,450.
Storage Container – SFWD purchased a Fire Safe storage container for \$2,706. The container will be cleared out and Ben Lomond Camp small engine repair will check out the remaining equipment to determine what is worth saving.

Fire Break Systems – Coy Gonzales presented the services his company is providing AIG Insurance Company to protect insured homes during wildfires. He was recently on the Lake Tahoe fire and sprayed two homes with Phos-Chek. His biggest challenge is to meet fire representatives so they will understand his mission so he can gain entry through road closures and into fire areas. The committee was shown the mobile pumper Coy uses to apply Phos-Chek. There was a discussion about home spray systems. (Richmond contacted the home office regarding UL approval. The system was not UL approved but the components are.) Fire Break Systems is working with fire marshals in Orange and San Diego Counties and installing this system.

Disaster Fair – Selena Brown, Woodside, will update the static display for the September 29 fair. Dan Dempsey of Woodside will assist Steve at the event.

Home Depot Credit Card – John Sims and Richmond are working to obtain a credit card to make purchases for Ben Lomond Camp. Denise Enea, Steve Richmond and Dianna Adams of the camp will be issued cards.

AGENCY ROUND TABLE:

Klaus Zalinskis, North County Fire – The cleanup in Daly City has improved over last year. The "Boundary Project" is ready for his chief to review.

Pam Noyer, County Parks – \$18,000 has been spent to remove Eucalyptus trees in the 100 foot zone of homes on the "Boundary Project".

Tom Lausten, Acting Area Superintendent of Mid-Pen Reg. Open Space was welcomed to his first meeting and will represent Mid Pen until he is rotated out in six weeks. David Sanguinetti has received a promotion and now works at the headquarters. The recent Russian Ridge VMP burn was a success. Much of the recent Stevens Fire in Santa Clara County was on Open Space property.

Lori Cuesta – PG&E reports tree crews are ahead of schedule so they are back-tracking areas to take care of dead trees that have shown up since their first trip through. The Oak Tree Moth is very active throughout the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Angelina Circei, North County Fire reported Brisbane is using a contractor to remove hazards owners have not completed. She is still putting together a project plan for crew work.

Denise Enea, Woodside F.D. says their Community Chipping Program has been completed. The program chipped a massive amount of stacked roadside vegetation. Denise is currently working on a field demonstration on October 20 on how to protect trees from Sudden Oak Death. Fire Safe San Mateo County will purchase up to \$500 of material for the spraying.

Jim Palisi, Belmont/San Carlos reports crews have done a great job in the city of Belmont.

Quido Ciardi, SFWD says most of the hazard reduction on the watershed has been in the form of Pot Eradication by CAMP. These farms are very well laid out and there is big money behind the operations.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 10, 2007.