

FIRESafe Marin Meeting Minutes February 10, 2006

1. **Call to Order:** 9:12 a.m. by President Julin

Attendance:	Paul Smith	Kentfield FPD
	Alex Naar	NPS – GGNRA
	Mike Meszaros	Inverness PUD / Fire
	Greg Holquist	PG&E
	Chris Bramham	MCOSD
	Emily Johnson	MWFD
	Lynne Osgood	FSM
	Roger Meagor	RVFD
	Tom Delay	Kent Woodlands POA
	Mary Ellen Irwin	San Rafael FD
	Lori Jessell	Novato FD
	Roger Sprehn	Corte Madera FD
	Scott Alber	MCFD / Vice President
	Kent Julin	MCFD / President

2. **Approval of Agenda:** M/S/A Paul Smith / Mary Ellen Irwin
3. **Approval of January 13, 2006 Minutes:** M/S/A Alex Naar / Mike Meszaros, with one minor name-spelling correction.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Matt Carbone absent, report by Lynne Osgood. Balance Sheet distributed, Check Detail reviewed and filed for audit. Reminder that a check to Corte Madera FD for \$1,250.00 is still due.
5. **California Fire Alliance Concept Papers Review:**
List of projects and priorities discussed. Priority given to projects tying in with fire breaks or near communities. Members urged to lobby Congresswoman Lynne Woolsey and Tom Nichols of NPS on Boise. Alex Naar suggested to continue marketing of past and proposed projects with success stories to improve chances of funding. Review by the Fire Alliance over the next four to six weeks, then forwarded to the agencies with grants for review. Perhaps hear results around June, 2006.

10:10 to 10:25 a.m. Break / Social / Tour of New Facilities

6. **Defensible Space / Model Home Contest – Chris Bramham & Emily Johnson:**
A handout of the committee's work was distributed. This included suggestions for time frame, selection process, qualifications, funding, publicity, and a sample press release and application.

Discussion included:

- Encouraging fire department nominations and/or referrals.
- Suggest matching funds by applicants.
- Seek out in-kind donations from businesses (landscape, home supply, nurseries, etc.).
- Who should evaluate the proposed projects for appropriate scope and extent of work to be done (i.e. is it “fire-safe”) private firms (i.e. Don Gasser’s), fire department personnel?
- Napa project: homeowners did work and prizes awarded to “best”
- Including larger, more visible projects in the future

Committee was directed to post the application on the web-site and send out the press release with modifications discussed.

6. *Once Around the Table:*

- **Greg Holquist** – He has submitted FSM to PG&E for corporate contribution (up to \$5000). Many changes at PG&E. Available to talk with HOAs and has articles for newsletters, etc.
- **Mike Meszaros** – Completing 2+ mile access road project in Sea Haven, ten foot clearance on both sides. (WUI project 56). This maintains and extends a project done in 1998.
- **Alex Naar** – Jennifer Chapman making presentation to Tam Valley CSD on June 7. A new conference center to be built at Fort Baker, NPS to design the defensible space for it.
- **Paul Smith** – 2006 MMWD fire flow project list approved (hydrants, etc.). Indian fire road has been tied-in. MMWD board meeting discussed methods of control of native & non-native vegetation without herbicides (recent policy change)... no solutions found or changes made. A grant was obtained for a fire break at Kent Woodlands.
- **Lori Jessell** – Recruitment of Fire Chief proceeding. Suggested possible model home in Novato.
- **Roger Sprehn** – Mentioned equipment used in East Bay Hills, “brontosaurus” is a chipper on a boom that chips standing trees.
- **Mary Ellen Irwin** – Many changes at San Rafael FD...
- **Tom Delay** – Five-year Marin resident. Seeking communication and interaction with FSM. Member of Kent Woodlands POA, which has new board members.
- **Kent Julin** - Mentioned the Laurel Canyon project.
- **Scott Alber** – Retirements at County Fire, New Battalion Chief is Bill Roberts.
- **Roger Meagor** – Cascade Canyon fire-break update. Busy with flood issues (two fire stations flooded, damaged)
- **Lynne Osgood** – Working with IJ for three public education ads (May, June, August/September). Attending FIRESafe conference in Sacramento in March. Working with Jennifer Chapman on workshops.

Scheduling outreach events. Writing an “In Your Town” piece for the IJ.
Moved into the new offices.

- **Chris Branham** – Flood damage to OSD ~ \$500,000. Fuel breaks in Cascade Canyon were a large and beneficial project. Requested notification if any access roads in Open Space District need maintenance. New Director on-board.

8. ***Other Business:*** None

9. ***Adjourn:*** 11:03 a.m. M/S/A Mary Ellen Irwin / Scott Alber