

**FIRESafe Marin
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Friday, 9 April 2010**

Attendance:

Lynne Osgood	FSM Coordinator
Dan Kida	PG&E/ FSM President
Ari Golan	County Parks & Open Space
Roger Meagor	Ross Valley Fire
Mike Meszaros	Inverness PUD/Fire
Mariko Roberts	Caltrans
Jim Kasper	Muir Meadows HOA (Tam Valley)
Tucker Kelley	Conservation Corps North Bay
Scott Barnes	Mill Valley Fire
Jimi Scheid	Cal Fire
Kent Julin	Marin County Fire
Roger Sprehn	Corte Madera Fire/FSM Treasurer
Dick Sadler	Dominican Neighborhood
Mike Swezy	Marin Municipal Water District
Amy Blakeney	

Guests:

Ralph Alexander Alexander and Assoc. Landscape Architect
Steven Hancock/Angela Del Ponte - City of San Rafael

1. **Call to Order:** 0910 hours by President Dan Kida in the first floor conference room of the Marin Justice Center, 30 North San Pedro Road, San Rafael, California, 94903.
There was a quorum.
2. **Agenda reviewed and approved with no corrections or additions:**
(M/S Roberts/Julin)
3. **Minutes of the March 12, 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved with one minor correction and no additions:**
 - To page #3, Item #6, change to "...PG&E is supplying trees for the garden..."
(M/S Sprehn/Meagor)
4. **Treasurer's Report (Roger Sprehn):**
 - The council reviewed the Profit and Loss statement.
 - FSM is expecting payment soon from the US Forest Service for grants.

- FSM continues to wait for MCFD payment (\$55,000); treasurer will follow up with MCFD.
- Several checks written for grant work are either completed, in progress, or on hold for seasonal environmental restrictions.
- Check list was reviewed and filed for audit.

5. Chipper Day Grant Requests:

1. **Wild Horse Valley** submitted a chipper day request to FSM for \$500 (with a \$500 match from Novato Fire).
2. **Indian Valley HOA** submitted a chipper day request to FSM for \$500 (with a \$500 match from Novato Fire).

Motion was proposed and passed to approve the chipper day requests from Wild Horse Valley and Indian Valley HOA for \$500 each.

(M/S Julin/Blakeney)

6. Tam Valley Demo Garden:

Architect Ralph Alexander presented to the council a design for a defensible space demonstration garden in the Tam Valley. It would incorporate a building perimeter and zones of vegetation modification with explanatory signs and materials. Estimated total cost is \$160,000 including accessibility for the disabled. He asked FSM to review, comment, and support the project with the possibility of financial support in the future. Dan Kida offered that PG&E may be able to help with cost if an example of power line-friendly planting is included.

7. Ready! Set! Go!

Steven Hancock and Angela Del Ponte described the RSG campaign including a draft manual and action plan. The emphasis is both on preparedness before a wildland fire and evacuation during a wildland fire. Tentative launch date is May 13, 2010. Components include a twelve page guide, twelve minute video (completed) and a website. Estimated additional funding needed is \$20,000 to complete. Steven requested funding from FSM to help with booklet printing, website completion, & marketing. Several fire agencies are participating as well. Fundraising will also target the insurance industry, firefighters union, Board of Supervisors, and others. Discussion amongst council members included suggestions for content changes and edits, changing the booklet centerfold exhibit to a more northern California setting and incorporating the existing FSM "Red Flag" signs into the marketing. FSM budget already includes \$20,000 for "Evacuation Routes" funding which seems to fit the nature of this request.

Motion was proposed and passed to approve the donation of \$5,000 to the Ready! Set! Go! Program with special requests that (1) FSM's sponsorship of the program be prominent on the booklet and that (2) the photo in the booklet be changed.

(M/S Sprehn/Sadler)

8. **Once Around the Table:**

- a. **Dick Sadler.** Suggested that FSM should reach out to include participation from more private sector entities.
- b. **Lynne Osgood.** Has an upcoming presentation at Lomita Park.
- c. **Amy Blakeney.** Advised of Caltrans grants for roadside improvements, including Eucalyptus removal along Highway 101.
- d. **Jim Kasper.** Sudden Oak Death (SOD) inventory grant awarded. SOD education at Dominican University on May 1st. Walkabout in the GGNRA, Tam Valley upcoming. Grants available from the state for "green" environment and sustainability. Available for both planning and implementation.
- e. **Tucker Kelley (for Max Korten).** The Conservation Corps of the North Bay has participated in successful MMWD projects, pile burning, and Angel Island fuel management (due to invasive regrowth from 2008 fire).
- f. **Ari Golan.** Open Space District has an informational meeting on April 13th to discuss the "680 Trail." Several fire roads and trails remain closed due to continued winter-like conditions. Working with Kentfield FD on a fuel reduction project, with possible future request for funding from FSM.
- g. **Kent Julin.** Reported on Muir Beach CSD project, removal of 288 pine trees (great map). Working with MMWD to plan control burns in MMWD areas. (more nice map work).
- h. **Roger Meagor.** Planning more neighborhood fire forum meetings: May 15th in Fairfax; May 22nd in Sleepy Hollow; and in June, in San Anselmo. Environmental review for fuel reduction project approved.
- i. **Dan Kida.** PG&E had a display at the Home Show at the Cow Palace.

7. **Being no further business this meeting was adjourned at 1110 hours.**
(M/S Julin/Blakeney)

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Sprehn

**Substituting for Secretary, Eva D. Baker
FIRESafe Marin**