

Fire Safe Sonoma

General Meeting Notes for Wednesday March 5th, 2008
CDF Division Headquarters – 2210 W. College Ave, Santa Rosa CA

Attendees

- Jack Rosevear, Caerleon Safford, Tamara Boulton, Nathan Garrett, and Marjorie Conly

Treasurer's Report

- The balance still stands at \$36,628.07

Approval of Minutes

- We did not approve any minutes from January's meeting
- CWPP Grant (\$18,000) – In last months minutes they were stated to have been distributed. In reality they have not.
- Under the Tax Preparation notes, line 2 should omit the term “assessor” and be replaced by preparer.
- Changes to S.O.D Grant wording from January's minutes: The notes should read on line four “She also reported that Sonoma County has the highest rate of new infestation of SOD in all counties of California”.
- Notes should read on line five under S.O.D. Grant: “There are over 1,000,000 acres of threatened area in Sonoma County”.

Grant Updates

Chipper Grant:

- Asking for \$83,440 (with a match of \$96,333) on the chipper program.
- \$15,000 allocated for coordination
- In kind: Work that will support from other agencies in the form of material and labor.
- Sites will be set-up in conjunction with Cal Fires inspection areas. These area will be notified of the program, meetings scheduled with the homeowner(s), and educational handouts distributed

SOD Grant:

- BLM grant totaled out at \$147,984. The grant is now spit in two (\$18,700 and \$129,284). The grant for \$18,700 started in 9/07 and the grant for \$128,284 started in 2/08. Both grants are on a 5 quarter spending deadline.

- In kind contributions stand at \$235,019
- An environmental compliance was slated targeting cultural compliance, but averted by BLM's acceptance of a procreate agreement.

Policy and Procedures:

- Talk of opening up a CD or Money Market account to gain interest on our grant money.
- Tamara was going to look into a general cost item for administrative costs for the chipper grant. Justification also follows for web administration, legal advice, tax preparation, publications, insurance policies, and stationary items.
- Talk of looking ahead for the next two years on seeking funding for future projects.

ISD Grants - Forms/Applications:

- Need to obtain parcel maps for each site to remain in compliance with BLM
- New tri-folds need to be completed for homeowners

Board Membership

- Two terms are up: Jack (acting president) and Tamara (accountant)
- On the lookout for new board members. We would like to inquire with real estate professionals, arborists, etc.

Future Agenda Items

- The Harvest Fair is approaching. Marjorie is excited about using the Fire Safe trailer and having hand-outs for the kids.
- Additional work to be done on the website.
- Jack has signed up for the Rose Parade.
- New California SRA tax- to help with more suppression equipment and manpower.