

California Fire Safe Council  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MINUTES  
July 18, 2018 9:30– 11:30  
Via Teleconference

**Board Members Present:**

Jerry Davies	Troy Whitman	J. Lopez
David Horne	Bob Roper	Ruben Grijvala
Laura Blaul	Pat Kidder	Ed Mertens
Dave Shew		

**Board Members Absent:**

Kate Dargan  
Dave Bischel  
Niel Fischer  
Pat Frost

Chairman Davies called the meeting to order at 9:37 and confirming a quorum in attendance, proceeded with the business of the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes: J. Davies** – Asked if there were any questions on the minutes of the open meeting of March 27, 2018. Dave Shew pointed out he should be added to the list of those missing. J. Lopez made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Bob Roper, no discussion, no dissent, and unanimous approval.

**Report on 2018 Fairs: J. Davies -**

Californians have come to realize that wildfire season is now a year-round, threat. To continue the effort to help homeowners and business owners understand what it takes to be prepared for an inevitable fire, representatives from The California Fire Safe Council (CFSC), San Diego Fire Department, Farmers Insurance®, Fire Safe Council of San Diego County, Cal Fire/State Board of Fire Services, Bureau of Land Management and Fire Services Training Institute manned booths at the San Diego County Fair June 22-24 and provided important information on how to mitigate the potential danger of wildfires.

“The Fair drew crowds in excess of 50,000 per day,” said Jerry Davies, Chair of CFSC. “It really gave all of the agencies a chance to discuss wildfire preparation and a Ready-Set-Go approach to dealing with wildfires.”

Fair-goers also toured the Farmers® Mobile Claims Center bus which is regularly deployed to communities across the country to assist customers and non-customers, alike, impacted by natural disasters.

“We receive up to thirty calls a day in San Diego, and I can’t stress enough the importance of being prepared.. One of the most important reminders to all residents is being ready to evacuate in a serious wildfire situation,” said Jason Shanley Fire Captain-Recruitment Officer, City of San Diego Fire-Rescue Department. CFSC gave out 65 information packets, and Jerry said he would be giving board members copies shortly.

CFSC will appear at the Ventura County Fair, August 3-5; and the Sonoma County Fair,

August 10-12

USAA is still interested in supporting Fair/Outreach activities. Camp Pendleton is a likely candidate.

Jerry also mentioned again, the idea of holding a dinner and awards ceremony in October (DATE TBA). This would be a combination recognition and fundraising event.

Mention was made of another trip to Washington, D.C., with a likely call on Kevin McCarthy (R-California), who is positioned to possibly be next speaker of the house.

### **Executive Director – S. Gort**

**BUDGET** – Stephen reported that the 2018 Budget has been prepared, but not finalized due to Forest Service trimming one year off all existing grants (due to the GONE Act). This had the effect of moving all of the closings of our 2015 Grants forward to this month, which made difficult forecasting income and subawards pay-outs. Some grant work will not be done, some was accelerated. This effects both income and expense. He indicated reviewing actuals for June 30 (end of Q2), and then presenting the budget to the Board, thereafter.

**2019 FUNDING** - Stephen also reported that he had acquired another \$2.5 million from the Forest Service for 2019. This award was delayed due to the Forest Service budget being delayed, but they also said with the next fiscal year starting in Q4, 2018, there could be some additional funding available later this year.

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This concluded scheduled items for the open session. The Chair indicated the meeting would go into closed session.

### **11:15 – Return from Closed Session**

#### **The Closed Session Topics covered were:**

- The Board approval of the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee
- The Board approval of the teams to work on the recommendations
- S. Gort will discuss the above one-on-one with all directors for their input and personal feedback.
- S. Gort will facilitate a number of working teleconferences or live workshops with each of the three teams to get their respective project plans fleshed-out and get work started.
- Going forward, review of teams' projects will be a regular item of Board Meeting agendas.

**J. Lopez made a motion to adjourn the July 18, 2018 Board Meeting, seconded by Troy Whitman.** The Chair asked for those in favor, those opposed, none. motion approved, unanimous.

### **11:30 – Adjourn**