**Minutes of the March 19th 2015 General Meeting**

**CALL TO ORDER**
The general meeting for the Fire Safe Council East Orange County Canyons was called to order by Mary Schreiber at 7:05 pm at 29402 Silverado Canyon Road, Silverado CA 92676.

**ROLL CALL**
The following FSCEOCC Board of Directors were present: Schreiber, Smisek, Kerrigan, Click, Newell

**PUBLIC ATTENDANCE:** Randy Furman, Kim brown

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Feb minutes approved

**CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:** None

**OFFICER’S REPORTS**
- No President Report
- Smisek VP reported Silverado Fire has lots of new plant growth

**INPUT FROM MEMBERS**
- Randy on Hazelbell spoke how signs would help people not get lost and go up dead end streets, he is a victim of property damage from people turning around. Some discussion on how we could better sign the streets with metal signs. Still need to engage OCPW to do their part as the road department

**COOPERATIVE PARTNER & AGENCY UPDATE**
- Kim Brown reported they have funds to help support 1 Chipper Day in Trabuco, Modjeska and Silverado
- GSOb- USDA Rep Jan is giving some education and we will try to get a presentation soon to the public on oak tree issues.

**OUTREACH & EDUCATION**

**CONTINUED BUSINESS**
- SR-18 Grant: (800 to 805) adding Robyn’s notes to the minutes Karl needs financials.
NEW BUSINESS
Fundraising: Lacey and Linda getting some baskets together for raffle for Easter Breakfast. In

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made to adjourn meeting by Director Kerrigan at 8:00 pm. Director Smisek seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by Steve Kerrigan, Secretary Fire Safe Council East Orange County Canyons
GRANT UPDATE / ACTION ITEMS: 3/19/15

- Non-Approval of County Permit:
  - The county inspector will not sign off on the project because the stumps are not “flush with the ground” which is a stated requirement in the permit.
  - Utility Tree Service advised that they would not be doing any additional cutting to the stumps due to possibility of damaging their equipment and also dangerous terrain for their crew.
  - SCE has advised that they believe they have fulfilled their matching commitment.
  - George Ewan was contacted to see if OCFA had a crew who could grind the stumps. OCFA does not have a crew, but George thought they may be able to persuade the county to sign off since they are cut to “industry standards”. George was instructed by his Battalion Chief Brian Norton to advise their Executive Mgmt. of situation. George did this, but is not sure if they have contacted the county.
  - Robyn will contact Battalion Chief Brian Norton on 3/20.
  - If necessary, based on conversation with Brian Norton, Robyn will contact contractors to get estimates on stump grinding.

- Grant Funds Request submitted for balance of grant funds:
  - Katie advised to do this in case additional funds are required if it turns out that we have to get the stumps ground.

- Workers Compensation Insurance:
  - 3/16: Katie requested a copy of the policy as required for the additional grant funds request. Mary is working with insurance agent to get a copy of the policy which had been cancelled in July of 2014 for non-payment of premium. The policy was paid in November 2014 however, that did not automatically re-instate the policy which Robyn was unaware of.
  - Katie has indicated that she is troubled by the fact that the insurance lapsed since it is a federal requirement that grantees hold W.C. insurance for the entire grant term. Robyn advised her on 3/19 that she had tried to make sure it was paid prior to renewal due date back in July without success. Katie will try to get funding put through without a copy of the policy, but cannot guarantee this.

- General Liability Insurance:
  - Katie requested a copy of the Liability Insurance Policy. She has spoken to the insurance agent who is sending her a copy.

- FSCEOCC Grant Funds Financials:
  - Robyn has been requesting a FSCEOCC accounting of the grant funds for at least 6 months. Karl has advised Robyn that he has not received FSCEOCC bank statements since March of 2014.