Minutes of the August 15, 2013 General Meeting

CALL TO ORDER
The general meeting for the Fire Safe Council East Orange County Canyons was called to order by Tom Smisek at 7:00 pm on August 15, 2013 at 29402 Silverado Canyon Road, Silverado CA 92676.

ROLL CALL
The following FSCEOCC Board of Directors were present: Tom Smisek, Pat Antrim, Bob Click, Dick Ertman, Steve Kerrigan.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: The following community members were present: Gene Robinson (S), Joanne Hubble (M), Jim Fainer (S), Robyn Chapman (S), Connie Nelson (S), Geoffrey Sarkissian (M), Steve Pardi (OCFA).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve the minutes of the July 18 2013 General Meeting was made by Director Smisek. Two corrections noted by Director Antrim; Marc Grossman (S) to be corrected to (M). Replace “dif” with “with” under Community Evacuation Plan. Motion to approve with corrections as noted made by Director Antrim, seconded by Director Smisek. Motion passed.

CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None

OFFICER’S REPORTS
- Vice President Smisek - none
- July 2013 Treasurer Report presented via email. Motion to accept by Director Smisek, seconded by Director Antrim.

COOPERATIVE PARTNER & AGENCY UPDATES
- OCFA (Chief Steve Pardi): Talked about active fire season with extreme burning behavior. Key word is “CLEARANCE”. Oct 12th is OCFA Open House. USFS is working on new campaign “One Less Spark-One Less Fire” to align with Ready, Set, Go!. He left brochures and laminated signs for us to distribute and post as we see fit. Signs and literature designed to educate people on how to prevent sparks, then fire. Many collaborators involved in this program. Chief Pardi reported that crews are currently out doing house inspections.

OUTREACH & EDUCATION
- FIRE WISE COMMUNITY: Director Antrim working on 2013 renewal application.
- RED FLAG WARNING PROGRAM: Box on Santiago Canyon Road is ready for use. The Carter’s in Modjeska have their own large flag and will fly when Red Flag conditions exist.
- COMMUNITY EVACUATION PLAN: Director Antrim and ICL Emergency Preparedness Chairperson Joanne Hubble are working on this project. Currently trying to incorporate information into one page plan that will have information about evacuation, a map, plan and things to do.
- COMMUNITY DISASTER RESOURCE SURVEY: Sent out by FSCEOCC. Fairly good response received. Connie Nelson suggested including doctors, dentists, vet, vet tech, etc.
CONTINUED BUSINESS

• SR-18 Grant: Grant Administrator Robyn Chapman reported that BLM has signed off on all federal compliance issues. We still need CEQA. Director Kerrigan suggested that Robyn contact Jennifer at IRAC to see if could help as they may have some groundwork already done. Robyn is working on educational piece for fair. ICL President Geoff Sarkissian asked Robyn to attend next ICL meeting and present info. Some people have questions and may not be in favor of project. Robyn is going to present the facts. Geoff is in favor of the project.

• NEW GRANT CYCLE: Director Antrim working on resubmitting CWPP, Chipper Day and Clean sweep grant application. ICL President Sarkissian expressed that the ICL may be interested in helping with volunteer hours. Robyn will help Pat review and submit the grant as she attended the Grant Workshop and is knowledgeable of the process.

NEW BUSINESS

• Law Enforcement Appreciation Day: hosted by Giracci Vineyards & Farms on September 8th.

• September 21: Chipper Day

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made to adjourn meeting by Director Kerrigan at 8:05 pm. Director Smisek seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Meeting notes taken by Director Kerrigan
Respectfully Submitted by Deanna Craig, Secretary/Treasurer
Fire Safe Council East Orange County Canyons