

CAMBRIA FOREST COMMITTEE
RECORDED MEETING (NO QUORUM)
JANUARY 11, 2012

RABBOBANK
1070 MAIN ST.
CAMBRIA, CALIF.

DIRS. PRESENT: Brad Seek, Bill Schassberger, Mark Miller, Crosby Swartz, Laura Swartz.

GUESTS PRESENT: Mike and Sue Davis, Alan Peters, Jim Bahringer.

1.0 Meeting called to order 6:10pm

4.0 Sub Committee Reports

4.1 EDUCATION/PLANTING/MITIGATION/OPERATIONS

Website operation: Dir. Seek will email non PDF minutes to Dir Swartz for posting to the website. All other members will still receive minutes in the PDF format.

Tree Planting, Fiscalni Ranch Preserve- Approximately 300 pine seedlings were planted on the Sunday following Thanksgiving(Nov. 27th).

Tree Planting, Fern Cyn.- Pine seedlings and under story plants were planted in Fern Cyn on Dec.3rd. Time was also spent removing invasives.

PG&E Permit/Mitigation report- Dir. Seek reported that Blair McCormick is still unable to get county clearance to plant trees in Fern Canyon. At some point Blair may be willing to give the trees away to anyone or group that would be willing to plant them soon.

4.2 Forest Management

Citizens Committee Update- Dir. Seek reported that CCSD was planning to take money away from other programs to fund maintainance on the lots being offered by the Land Conservancy. The Committee voted unanimously not to accept the lots at this time after considering the overall cost burdon. CCSD Dir. Bahringer was in favor of arriving at a specific date from which to accept the lots. He felt that 6 months was reasonable.

Dir. Swartz's stated that accepting the lots would be a cost efficient way to fulfill requirements of the Build Out Reduction Plan.

Bridge St. Fuel Break Update- Alan Peters. Ministerial Hearing resulted in approval. Greenspace filed for an appeal which requires the proposal to be heard by the Board of Supervisors(Feb 7th). It is anticipated that the Coastal Commission will also be involved.

Dir. Bahringer will be attending the Feb. 7th meeting and received the CFC's written response to Cal Fire's fuel break proposal.

Dir. Peters stated that a 100' shaded fuel break proposal was the most environmentally friendly compared to other forms of fire breaks. Dir. C. Swartz stated that a fuel break is far less if effective if the break isn't properly maintained. L. Swartz stated that the spread of invasive weeds in the break is highly propable. Dir. Schassberger stated that there wasn't a solid plan to follow up on the actions of creating a fuel break. Tlthe result of the inaction could result in a high level of dry fuel in the fuel break area. Dir. Miller stated that high levels of property and life lost due to fires have taken place in the coastal zone.

County Tree Trimming. Reports to Board members and observations indicate that the County is doing a very good job. Dir. Schassberger suggested that a letter be written by CFC to the County thanking them for doing a good job and allowing CFC to have input. Dir. Swartz will draft the letter.

Items 5.1, 5.2, and 5.3 tabled until next month.

Public Comment- Sue Davis complemented CFC on the educational aspect being provided in the meeting and that CFC was open minded about the fuel break project. She would like to see more of this information getting out to the general public.

Adjournment: 7:40 pm.

Next meeting is February 8, 2012 6pm at the Rabbobank.

Respectfully submitted by Brad Seek