

Southern California Society of American Foresters  
Executive Committee Conference Call  
March 20, 2006

**Minutes**

**In Attendance:** Cowie, Hanna, Lopez, Morrow, Todd (5)

Meeting called to order at 0909

**Opening Comments:**

Fritz and Doug P. were not available to participate in the meeting. J. greeted everyone and kicked off the meeting.

**Spring Meeting:**

Title: "Designing Communities to Live with Fire – Shelter in Place/Palomar Mountain Observatory"

Dates: March 31 – April 1, 2006

Location: Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District, Fire Station #4 (Friday)  
Fry Creek Campground and Palomar Mountain Observatory (Saturday)

Insurance: Tamara's e-mail provided the pertinent details. The insurance issue has been handled and it will not be needed for the Spring Meeting

The flyer for the Spring Meeting was sent to approximately 600 e-mail addresses. Mike Scott received several calls the day after the flyer was released. Mike Scott contacted J. to let him know that the maximum the Fire Station will be able to host will be 40 attendees. Tamara asked how she prioritizes paid registration and e-mail reservations. A couple of vendor's have expressed interest in displaying merchandise.

Coffee and pastries will be provided by Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District (RSFFPD) on Friday morning so we will need to provide a head count.

RSFFPD Fire Chief Nick Pavone and the rest of the staff that will be hosting are ready for the meeting.

Tamara has reserved 40 lunches for Friday to be delivered to the Fire Station by the Golden Bake Hams Delicatessen (cost will be less than \$250). She also ordered 25 box lunches for Saturday. These are not included in the cost for Friday lunches. Tamara will need to provide sodas and water. We will need to pick up box lunches on Saturday morning. Tamara will handle the pick-up. What about lunches for Fire Department staff and speakers? Tamara will know more after she counts the reservations she has received.

J. will provide final numbers to Mike Scott by March 29, 2006. Golden Bake Hams Delicatessen will need a rough count three days before and a final count 24 hours before the meeting.

In the afternoon, we will wrap up the meeting by touring the community of Rancho Santa Fe.

SoCal SAF Member Richard Geary has a product, a type of fire-resistant wood that he would like to display. RSFFPD has agreed to this and they will put a table out where Richard can share his products. If we have time during the meeting, we may allow Richard to present his product.

Another vendor, a non-member, is also interested in advertising his products. The EC is OK with this, however, we need to received approval from the RSFFPD and we want to make sure that a vendor does not take the place of a member who would like to attend the meeting.

Tamara has made a reservation for 25 people at El Nopal Restaurant in Escondido for dinner. We will provide an updated count for the restaurant on the day of the meeting. Dinner will be at 7:30 at El Nopal Restaurant.

For Saturday, we will be meeting at Fry Creek Campground. Craig Cowie, Bonnie Burchill, and Jeff Wells will address the group at the campground and provide an overview of on-going projects. After their presentations, we will travel to the Palomar Mountain Observatory.

There is a picnic area at the Observatory where we will break for lunch. After lunch Fritz is working on securing a private tour of the Observatory for our group. J. is rightfully concerned that the afternoon tour for the general public will be full and the group will not be able to get in.

Ron discussed the meeting with Mike Pallet, Chair of the San Diego Urban Forests Council, they have shared the flyer and some of their members will be attending. They are not sure how many of their members will be attending. Mike wanted to make sure that he has a spot reserved.

Fritz will present awards during the meeting: Past-Chair Award for Doug Piirto, 50-year Membership Award for Jim Asher, Fellow Award for John Todd, and Field Forester Award for Craig Cowie.

J. reminded all participants that he needs articles for *The Sundial*.

#### **Announcements:**

Craig announced that he has accepted a position with the USFS in New Mexico and he will be leaving southern California on May 1, 2006. ☹

Craig said that we will be able to use the existing Conference Call number and pass code through the end of 2006. At that time our phone number and pass code will expire.

#### **Next Meeting:**

If time permits, the next Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for 4:45 pm on March 31, 2006, at the end of the first day of our spring meeting. The meeting will take place at the RSFFPD Fire Station.

The next Executive Committee Conference Call is scheduled for Monday, June 12, 2006 from 9 am to 12 noon. John will provide an e-mail reminder as the date approaches.

Meeting adjourned at 1000 hours.

Respectfully submitted by John R. Todd  
Secretary, Southern California SAF

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