

California Fire Safe Council, Inc.

Annual Report

2002



Mission

To preserve and enhance California's manmade and natural resources by providing leadership and support that mobilizes all Californians to protect their homes and communities from wildfires

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ROM THE CHAIR

The Fire Safe Council marked its biggest change in 2002 since its formation as an unincorporated organization in 1993. The Council incorporated as the California Fire Safe Council, Inc., a 501(c)3 nonprofit, on June 4, 2002.

Incorporating was a collaborative effort. It would not have been possible without the historic support of government agencies, private companies, associations and citizens. Thanks to all of you who have worked to fulfill the Council's mission.

Formalizing our organizational structure was an important step in meeting the growing needs of local Councils, other community-based organizations, and our government and private-sector partners. Here are two examples of how our new structure has helped us better meet our mission:

The National Fire Plan challenged government organizations to fund community-based fire safety projects on privately owned lands. The Council now provides a way to do that through its nonprofit structure. We look forward to becoming administrators of the Bureau of Land Management's Community-Based Wildfire Prevention Grants Program in federal fiscal year 2004.

Community-based organizations eager to improve safety for their citizens find that increased administrative responsibilities due to grant funding divert volunteer time from program delivery. Through grant monitoring and helping develop a one-stop shopping process for grant funding, the Council provides solutions to many of the administrative issues they face. In this way, we work to maximize their time spent "on the ground."

In the years ahead, we will continue to anticipate our partners' needs and work within the scope of our mission to help meet them. For example, we will remain a strong link between government and community-based organizations. We will do this through our ongoing leadership role in the California Fire Alliance. We are the only nongovernmental organization in the Alliance, which unites major land management and fire protection agencies to break down institutional barriers to fire safety in California.

The Council concept has been endorsed by the Western Governors Association, and it's been adapted in other states and foreign countries. We look forward to partnering with the Nevada Fire Safe Council in 2003 to increase efforts to teach other states about the Council's successful collaborative approach as we host the first National Fire Safe Council Conference.

Our accomplishments show what an exciting time this is in Council history. While many organizations would be challenged just to facilitate their own organizational changes required by incorporation, we remain active in developing the types of solutions that have been our hallmark.

On behalf of my fellow board members, it is with great pride that I present our first annual report.

Sincerely,

Bruce Turbeville
Chair

A CCOMPLISHMENTS

- △ Incorporated and received 501(c)3 provisional determination.
- △ Established an organizational structure, including election of the Council's first board of directors and securing its first full-time staff person.
- △ Under a National Fire Plan Grant from the Bureau of Land Management, revised the Council's web site, the first revision since its creation in the mid-90s. The website, www.firesafecouncil.org, won a communications industry honor, the PRSA PRism.
- △ Cosponsored Wildfire Awareness Week statewide with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. Wildfire Awareness Week was honored with the same PRSA PRism award.
- △ As part of the California Fire Alliance, collaborated on creation of "one-stop shopping," a grant application system designed to demystify and ease the National Fire Plan grant application process of federal agencies.
- △ Agreed in principle with the Bureau of Land Management to administer its Community-Based Wildfire Prevention Grants program.
- △ Partnered with Southern California Edison to create fire safety public service announcements.
- △ At invitation, spoke at national, international and regional conferences and meetings about the Council and community-based fire safety programs.
- △ Won grants from the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to add new features to the website, create a public education toolkit, create print public service announcements for Wildfire Awareness Week, host monthly statewide meetings of at-large members, design a fire safe successes calendar, create an educational workshop for insurance professionals, create a management course for fire prevention community-based organizations, host the National Fire Safe Council Conference, operate the California Fire Safe Council and facilitate the Camp Smokey exhibit at the California State Fair.
- △ Partnered with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to revise the award-winning Fire Safe Inside & Out video, including a video and printed materials.

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INANCIAL STATEMENTS

As Treasurer of California Fire Safe Council, Inc., I certify the following statements were prepared without audit from the books and records of the Corporation.

David Horne, Ph.D.

Treasurer

California Fire Safe Council, Inc. Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2002

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Wells Fargo Bank	138,838.24
Total Current Assets	138,838.24
Total Non-Current Assets	0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 138,838.24

LIABILITIES

Total Current Liabilities	0.00
Total Non-Current Liabilities	
(Grant revenues to be spent)	138,838.24
TOTAL LIABILITIES \$	138,838.24

California Fire Safe Council, Inc. Income Statement

As of December 31, 2002

Total Receipts	
(Designated Grant Receipts)	140,350.00
Interest Earned	
(Undesignated Receipts)	240.24
Total Revenues	140,590.24
Total Expenditures	1,752.00
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues	
Over Expenditures	138,838.24
Balance 12/31/2002	\$ 138,838.24

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From Left

Ken Blonski
Vice Chair
Coast Region Local Fire Safe Councils

Wolfgang Pittroff, Ph.D.
Director
Range

Leo McElroy
Secretary
Conservation

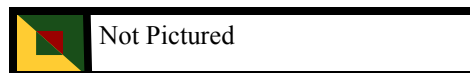
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Chair
California Fire Alliance

David Horne, Ph.D.
Treasurer
Southern California Region
Local Fire Safe Councils

Frank Stewart
Director
Sierra Region Local Fire Safe Councils

Troy Whitman
Director
Utility

Pat Kidder
Director
At-large



Not Pictured

Jim Branham
Director
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Director
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