

Mission Canyon Association
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April 4, 2017

The Mission Canyon Association held its Annual Membership meeting, combined with its monthly Board meeting, on April 4, 2017, at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History's Fleischmann Auditorium.

The meeting commenced at 6:30 pm with a wine and cheese reception organized by Laurie Guitteau and proceeded to a business meeting at 7 pm.

As the sole action item, the members of the Association present reelected the following Board members by acclamation to another term:

Alex Feldwinn

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Barbara Lindemann

Kevin Snow

Richard Solomon

Supervisor for the First District of Santa Barbara County, Das Williams, accompanied by County Fire Chief Eric Peterson and Captain Fred Tan, spoke to the meeting about his concerns regarding the efficiency of the region's emergency alert system. Due to the routing of cell phone calls and the organization of dispatch centers, responses sometimes miss important assets that are closest to the emergency and dispatches assets that are farther away, causing unnecessary and sometimes dangerous delays in response.

Mary Bianchi from the UC Cooperative Extension Service alerted the meeting about concerns about the polyphagous shot hole borer, an invasive species imported from Asia. The PSHB is a bark beetle that attacks a broad range of tree species and can be devastating to forests and orchards. It has been spotted in southern California, and there is concern that it may spread north. Bianchi provided a wealth of information about how to recognize the presence of the PSHB and how to respond to it.