

**Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council**

Board of Directors Meeting  
9:30 A.M., Tuesday, May 13, 2014  
Mountain Resource Center

*DRAFT MINUTES*

**Board Members Present:**

Ray Barmore, Mike Esnard, Lois Henson, Jerry Holldber, Chris Kramer, Larry Kueneman, Doris Lombard, Ron Perry, Norm Walker

**Staff Present:**

Pat Boss, Don Patterson, Edwina Scott, ED

**Others Present:**

Roberta Corbin; Dan Dever; Greg Bracher, Cal Fire; Freddy Espinoza , Keyanna Warren, USFS; Garth Crow, George Woods, Observers

- **President's Remarks (Mike Esnard)**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by President Mike Esnard. It was suggested that Dan Dever take the meeting minutes and submit them to Secretary Ray Barmore for approval and sign-off. The motion was accepted and passed.

- **Budget & Finance (Jerry Holldber)**

Treasurer Jerry Holldber presented the financial report for April 2014. The April 2014 audit has been completed and the Taxes have been paid. A motion was made to accept the report and the motion was passed.

- **Adoption of May, 2014 Minutes**

The April 2014 minutes were presented for approval, the motion was approved and was passed.

- **Fuel Modification Operations (Edwina Scott)**

FEMA/CalEMA Roof Replacement Grant work continues with eight jobs in progress, three jobs are waiting for county approval and three are pending. Four contractors are bidding on the jobs.

The CFSC Grant was received yesterday and was completed and returned to them today, May 13, the grant is worth \$200,000.

Work on one job under the County Coop Grant continues. The one half acre job was completed in April resulting in area clearing and 1.5 cords of wood left for the owners. August 23 is the end date for this grant.

- **Projects and Woodies Report**

Three working sessions were held last month. Three cords of wood were split for the Help Center and three more cords of Oak were produced for the Woodies. This work was accomplished with 119 volunteer hours.

There was a discussion about an ongoing Woodies medical back injury and a new leg injury. Woodies insurance covers what the individual's personal insurance doesn't cover. The individual with the lower leg pain is feeling better.

- **Education (Edwina Scott)**

The Fire Safety Muster Postponement was due to weather. A new date is almost impossible to come by without competing with other scheduled events. A Town Hall meeting could be held instead. An idea about discussing the Cal Fire Mountain Fire Report was suggested for the subject. The Town Hall meeting would be held if the Mountain Fire report became available by June or July.

Kevin Walker of Arrow Printing saved the day for the Muster Posters. Kevin was able to produce the weather proof posters in one hour, thereby allowing Edwina, Don and Pat to put up the posters in rainy weather before the event.

The Earth Fair will be held this Saturday, but without MCFSC participation. A longer lead time is required than four days.

The Woodies will represent MCFSC in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. Norm Walker has offered the use of his Orange Jeep for the parade.

The Board of Forestry will be here Wednesday, Cal Fire and UCR will show them around. Edwina will make a short presentation during the meeting.

- **Special Goals**

MAST, May 14 (Mike Esnard)

County Fire Chief's WUI Fire Exercise, May 22 (Edwina Scott)

This exercise will involve a large number of Fire Trucks and Police cars.

- **Agency Reports**

Greg Bratcher, Cal Fire

Work is starting on Red Hill and the El Careso Fire Breaks. Batista will start work on the Oak Glen Fire Break.

SFA: Mastication has been completed on upper Dry Creek and Astro Camp. These jobs are the last two for the season.

Thirty two Oaks have been identified to have GSOB. A huge Oak on the chambers property is included in the 32. If a "D hole" is found in the tree the "bugs" have already moved on.

Work is ongoing on the Lafetra project and the Marinatha SFA project.

To clear around the Repeater may require a change in approach to get the job done. Attempts will continue.

The Rocky Point Fire break will not be worked on this season.

There are many Burn piles around that have not been burned due to the dry windy weather. The Grinding site will be closed on June 30 until the first rain in the fall. During this period, the wood will have to be taken off-hill to BP John near Homeland. The disposal cost could increase by an addition fifty percent. There is a possibility that only the lower section of the oak with the “bugs” would be shipped for grinding.

The Grant work is closing out, only individual Tree work will continue. Edwina and Greg will work on running an ad in the paper for individual tree work.

A new Forest Regulation Book is available from Cal Fire. It may contain a 150 foot requirement in place of the current 100 foot requirement along with other new regulations.

Freddy Espinoza, USFS

No piles are scheduled for burning.

Current vacancies will be filled by May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Full staffing will be reached by the 1<sup>st</sup> of June.

This will include 24/7 staffing and more helicopter and fire truck support.

Freddy feels that we are looking good for the fire season.

Keyanna Warren, USFS

Thirty two Oaks have been identified with GSOB damage.

South Ridge is going through environmental compliance.

Work is continuing on south ridge.

The Pine Cove fire break will be cleared out this fall or winter after the environmental compliance report is approved.

Permits will be given to remove burned trees in some of the Mountain Fire areas soon. The permit price could in the \$15 to \$20 range for 3 cords of wood.

Parts of the Mountain Fire area will be replanted in January or February 2015.

Meeting minutes taken by Dan Dever.

- **Meetings:**

Brown Bag Meeting: May 28, 12:00 Noon in Office

Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 10, 9:30 AM, MRC Conference Room

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ray Barmore, Secretary

