Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council  
Board of Directors Meeting  
9:30 A.M., Tuesday, April 13, 2015  
Mountain Resource Center

MINUTES

Board Members Present:
Mike Esnard, Lois Henson, Jerry Holldber, Chris Kramer, Larry Kueneman, Doris Lombard, Ron Perry, Norm Walker, Marvin Spreyne

Staff Present:
Pat Boss, Don Patterson, Edwina Scott, ED

Others Present:
Roberta Corbin; Dan Dever; Gregg Bracher, Kalay Zsolt, Cal Fire; Freddy Espinoza, USFS

• President’s Remarks (Chris Kramer)
The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by President Chris Kramer.

• Budget & Finance (Jerry Holldber)
The report will be referred to the Auditors.

• Adoption of March 2015 Minutes
The March 2015 minutes were presented for approval, the motion was approved and was passed.

• Fuel Modification Operations (Edwina Scott)
CaFSC Grant: Worked with the owners of three parcels, removing fuels and creating defensible space on 1.32 acres. Bio-waste: One-half ton was sent to the grinder, four tons of slash was chipped and spread on site, and one and one-half cords of firewood was left for the property owners.
County Coop Grant: No activity
Mtn. fire burn Tour and Meeting with Congress Ruiz: The council discussed the best ways to move forward, helping the congressman understand our role.

• Projects and Woodies Report
Woodies: March 2015 Report
• One training/safety session
• One working session
  Moved 3 trailer loads of oak, cedar and pine; 2 cords split for Woodies, 1 cord split for Help Center clients
• 7½ volunteer hours

• Education (Edwina Scott)
GSOB Update: MCFSC is hosting a community Meeting, April 18, 10:00 – 12:00 at the Idyllwild Nature Center. We need everyone to please attend and come early to help set-up.
• **Special Goals**
  Don’s send-off luncheon will be at LaCasita Restaurant on April 17 at Noon.

• **Agency Reports**
  **Freddy Espinoza, USFS**
  Announced his promotion. April 30 will be Dan’s last day.
  Projects:
  - Pine Cove Fuel Break they are doing the mastication work
  - Lawyer lodge: Completed piles near the Pinewood units between Dark Canyon and the Girl Scouts Camp
  - South Ridge is finished
  - West Ridge they are working on the piles, but the window for burning is closing. They may not get to them before fire season.
  - All temporary hired will come on May 18. Keenwild will be staffed on May 18.
  - June 1, the Hot Shots and engine staff will come on duty.
  - There have been two small fires: Cranston and Indian Rock

  **Greg Bratcher, Cal Fire**
  - Dark Canyon is completed except 30-40 piles near the top
  - Camp Maranatha: chipped 200’ of piles
  - The window is closing on burning; on May 22 the burn ban will be in effect.
  - May 13-18 they will be at peak staffing.
  - Gregg explained that fire fee will be used to help Cleveland clean-up after a recent wind event and provide the PIO with wildland fire signs and brochures.
  - They will have a Fire Preparation Exercise in Morongo.
  - Truck trail work will make them passable. This work will be done in stages.
  - Rehab 10,000 gallon cisterns and fill them with water.

• **Meetings:**
  - **Community Meeting:** April 18, 10:00am -12:00pm Idyllwild Nature Center
  - **Board Meeting:** Tuesday, May 12, 9:30 AM, MRC Conference Room

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20am.

Respectfully

Ray Barmore

Marvin Spreyne, Note taker