

## Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council

Board of Directors Meeting

9:30 A.M., Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Mountain Resource Center

### Minutes

Board members present: **Norm Walker, Jerry Holldber, Chris Kramer, Doris Lombard, and Ron Perry**

Staff present: **Edwina Scott, Pete Coy**

Public in attendance: **Nochella Funes, CAL FIRE; Dave Robberts; Mark Yardis; and Mara Schoner**

*Items in **bold print** required board action.*

- 1) President's Remarks (Norm Walker, President)  
President Walker commended Congressman Ruiz and Senator Stone on their reelections and reminded staff to send them letters of congratulations.  
He also stressed to the board the high fire hazard of palm and eucalyptus trees.  
V.P. Perry requested a moment of silence for victims of the fires and the first responders.
- 2) Budget & Finance
  - a) Financial Reports, October 2018 (Jerry Holldber, Treasurer)  
Treasurer Holldber presented the financial reports and after board discussion directed staff to file them for audit.
- 3) **The Minutes were approved as presented, motion by Director Lombard**
- 4) Fuel Modification Operations (Edwina)
  - a) California Fire Safe Council 2016 Grant-FINAL REPORT  
Pete worked with the 80 property owners, reducing the fuels on 102 parcels (equaling 105 acres).  
The amount of biomass that was removed was 298 tons. The final reports were submitted and we received the remainder of the grant funds, \$30,000 on Nov 1.  
Last Thursday, the California Fire Safe Council called and requested a pictorial story about properties that were near the Cranston fire area and used 2016 grant funds for fuels removal.  
Pete compiled this story.
  - b) CAL FIRE 2017-18 grant  
We received the signed grant agreement and can start the project.
  - c) Riverside County 2018-19 CID Funds  
JP called to notify the council that we received Third District CID grant funds; the \$4,000 award is to pay the cost-share for low-income and senior citizens.
  - d) Grant application updates  
California Fire Safe Council 2018 grant-Waiting on news of the awards
  - e) Projects Report (Pete)  
Pete reported that he has about 50 folders ready to go for the CAL FIRE grant.
  - f) Woodies Report (Vice President Perry and Director Lombard)  
October Woodies Activities:
    - 3 working sessions
      - 1 at ARF cutting and splitting firewood
      - 2 at Idyllwild Help Center splitting firewood4 cords of split firewood were donated to the HELP Center for distribution and  
4 cords of firewood were left at ARF  
The Woodies donated 74.75 volunteer hours in October

- 5) Education (Edwina Scott)
  - a) GSOB Update (Vice President Perry and Director Lombard)-No report at this time
  - b) Correspondence (President Walker)-No report at this time
  - c) Newsletter –We need to begin planning for the winter newsletter.
- 6) Old Business
  - a) Pine Cove Roads project (CSA38)

Edwina gave the board a *draft* Scope of Work, Proposed Accomplishments and Cost. Although there are many unknowns, the board agreed to start the project by getting the CEQA completed and continue working on the additional information.
  - b) Magnetic signs for vehicles  
Norm and Ron indicated that they need signs for their vehicles.
- 7) New Business
  - a) Outreach and Education Brochure Committee  
Edwina asked if any board members wanted to serve on this committee. Norm and Ron volunteered. The board suggested we host the first meeting in December.
  - b) Elections  
Norm reminded the board that nominations for officers will take place in January with elections in February. Several board members voiced that we continue on with our current officers.
- 8) Agency Reports  
Nochella updated the board on the status of the CAL FIRE projects and told everyone that the Prescribed Burn Community Meeting scheduled for tonight is cancelled.
- 9) Public Comments – related to items on the agenda.  
Mark Yardis and Mara Schoner gave the council several positive behavior reinforcement and outreach suggestions. Mr. Yardis also described the fuelbreaks that he thinks are needed around our communities.

Next Board Meeting: January 8, 2019, 9:30 AM