

## Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council

Board of Directors Meeting

March 14, 2017

### Draft Minutes

Board members present: Norm Walker, Larry Kueneman, Ron Perry, Doris Lombard, Chris Kramer, Lois Henson, Jerry Holldber, Ray Barmore and Marvin Spreyne

Staff present: Edwina Scott and Pat Boss

Public in attendance: Brian Tisdale, Supervisor Washington's Office

1) Opening Remarks (Norm Walker, President)

President Walker commented on agency funding issue, rewording federal budget, and that he and Edwina will meet with Jody Norion, Forest Supervisor for San Bernardino National Forest.

2) Budget and Financial Report

a. Treasurer Holldber discussed the financial report; concern with a few accounting errors, asked to table acceptance of report for audit under errors are corrected; need to discuss with auditors about P&L vs Balance Sheet. Note: Edwina to check with bank regarding signings on checking account.

3) Adoption of February 14, 2017 Minutes

The Minutes were reviewed. Move by Jerry Holldber, seconded by Doris Lombard, to accept minutes as submitted passed.

4) Fuel Modification Operations (Edwina Scott)

- a. California Fire Safe Council 2015 Grant: Final report in transit
- b. California Fire Safe Council 2016 Grant: Waiting for environment reviews report; Missing reports of U.S.F.S., NRCS, State Parks and Cal Fire; Priority requirement discussed.
- c. CWPP: Process moving slowly moving along with Cal Fire and County
- d. County funds to assist low-income individuals: One left over from last year. Maintaining remaining funds. Need to write appreciation letter to Supervisor Washington.
- e. SRA Grant applications
  - I. Dead and Dying Tree Removal: Four 'Bark Beetle' trees removed in February; with six more since and another six soon. Of six grants, one is closing.
  - II. Fuels Reduction: Staff is soliciting properties for the SRA Fuels Reduction grant.
- f. Projects and Woodies Report

The Woodies had four working sessions, cutting and splitting 9.5 cords (equal to \$1,900) of firewood and donated 132 hours (equal to \$5,642., Thirty-nine dead trees accounted for, with 15 on one property, have 13 projects and 15 abatement projects lined up. Note: \$31,900 spent on dead tree removal.

5) Education (Edwina Scott)

- a. GSOB Update: Edwina, Jerry and Larry to write article on shaded fuel breaks commented on 200 trees of concern with Gregg Bratcher referencing the need to continue educating the public on the issue.
- b. Spring 2017 Newsletter: Expected for June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- c. Debrief of January's community meeting: Edwina and board discussed needs of how to get the people out. It was decided to 'go to the people.' Board members are encouraged to provide Edwina with associations and groups contact information.

6) New Business

Discussed County Fire's proposed closing of Poppet Flats Station 63. Council to write a letter to Supervisor Washington recommending not to have the station closed and copy Chief Hawkins. Board expressed appreciation to Ron Perry and Doris Lombard for their continuous time and efforts provided to the mountain communities.

7) Agency Reports

- No agency representatives present.

8) Public Comments – Ron Perry discussed the mechanical condition of the wood splitter

9) Meetings:

- a. Next Board Meeting: April 11, 2017, 9:30 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Marvin Spreyne, Secretary

Note takers: Director Spreyne and Executive Director Edwina Scott