Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council
Board of Directors Meeting

January 14, 2020 MINUTES: DRAFT

Board members present: Norm Walker, Doris Lombard, Chris Kramer, Jerry Holldber, Woody Henderson and Marvin Spreyne

MCFSC Staff present: Kathy Wilson, Pete Coy, Courtney Locke

Agency Staff present: Sal Reyes - U.S.F.S., Albert Gonzalez– CALFIRE, Dan Cierley - CALFIRE

Public in attendance: None

1) Opening Remarks – Norm Walker, President, Expressed appreciation of the board members dedication to the council’s mission.

2) Adoption of the December 10, 2019 Minutes
With one spelling correction the minutes were accepted as printed on a move by Jerry Holldber, seconded by Doris Lombard. All board members were in favor.

3) Budget and Financial
   a) Financial Reports of December 2019. Jerry Holldber, Treasurer, went through the detailed financial reports. All board members were in favor of the report. On a motion by Woody Henderson and hearing no concerns the report will be filed for audit.

4) Agency Reports:
   USFS Sal Reyes discussed recent personnel changes within his agency, fuels organization, the Pine Cove and Thomas Mountain projects, and broadcast burns. CALFIRE Albert Gonzalez commented on his agency’s submitted snow management, plans, on future burn projects that includes additional burns in Upper Dry Creek. CALFIRE Dan Cierley, mentioned the status of their tree project, that they are expecting a busy summer with 20+ trees expected to be removed, and a marketing outreach campaign.

5) Fuel Modification Operations – Kathy Wilson
   CALFIRE 2018 Grant:
   a) Fuels Reduction: Pete Coy and Courtney Locke worked with 1 property owner, and that the contractors cleared 1.86 acres (4 parcels) totaling 8.5 tons of biomass,
   b) Tree Removal: Our field reps worked with 5 property owners; contractors removed 19 trees (of which 16 were pines and 2 GSOB). A total of 30.52 tons of biomass was removed.
   c) Totals for 2019 of both Fuels Reduction and Tree Removal programs combined was 215 trees removed of which 14 were GSOB, and that 479.4 tons of biomass was removed; 43 of these jobs were ground fuels removal only
   d) California Fire Safe Council 2018 Grant: Pete Coy and Courtney Locke worked with 5 property owners; contractors cleared 8.28; 12 parcels ,5 trees of which 1 was GSOB, and 23 tons of biomass removed. e) Totals for 2019: 26 trees (2 GSOB), 55.37 acres; 41 parcels, and 183.25 tons of biomass removed for 31 property owners; 21 of these jobs were ground fuel removal only.
   c) Projects Report: Pete Coy stated he’s off to a slow start, has 3 jobs currently out to be completed, working on 5 job packets and that tree jobs to be referred to the county.
d) **Woodies Report: Doris Lombard** stated that in December 2019 the Woodies cut and split a total of 7 cords of wood with a value of $1,400.00 and a total of 122.5 volunteer hours with a value of $3,668.88 bringing the total of in-kind donations to a value of $5,068.88.

6) **Education:**
   a) **GSOB Update: Kathy Wilson** is working with Cora
   b) **Correspondence:** None

7) **Old Business:**
   a) **Pine Cove Roads (CSA 38):** CEQA document change request is pending.
   b) **Team Rubicon: Chris Kramer** will consult with the team; previous schedule was cancelled due to inclement weather.
   c) **Contractors Annual Reporting:** A meeting was held bringing all up to speed and packets due January 31st.
   d) **Bank of Hemet: Jerry Holldber** follow up with signature requirements.
   e) **Edwina Scott Recognition Luncheon:** Personal matters require a postponement
   f) **Public Education Event:** Scheduled for March 5, 2020 at the Idyllwild School Gym.

8) **New Business:**
   a) **Credit Resolution:** After a discussion, **Chris Kramer** elected to research on obtaining a Chevron Gas credit card for the Woodies.
   b) **Tahquitz Pines Project:** On December 15, 2019 an e-vote was taken on whether to accept to proceed with the project or postpone it. The board voted unanimously to accept the project.
   c) **Economic Stage:** Current and anticipated projects were discussed. On a motion by **Chris Kramer**, seconded by **Jerry Holldber**, the board unanimously agreed to move to Stage 2.

9) **Public Comments:** None.

**Next Board Meeting:** Scheduled for February 11, 2020 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted, **Marvin Spreyne**, Secretary