

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

**MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Staff Present:**

Pat Boss, Don Patterson, Edwina Scott, ED

**Others Present:**

Dan Dever; Mauren Charles, Zsolt Katay, CAL FIRE

**1. President's Remarks (Mike Esnard)**

The Meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by President Mike Esnard.

New challenges this year include obtaining new grants, working with criticism of proposed new code by community members, etc. This could turn in to a big year for the FSC.

Self-introductions were given for the benefit of new attendees.

**2. Budget & Finance (Jerry Holldber)**

**Financial Report**

- Treasurer Jerry Holldber presented the financial report. Questions were raised about bank service charge which Executive Director Edwina Scott will look into. Jerry gave a 2014 summary of accounts and explained the slight decline in assets.
- Director Ron Perry made a motion to accept the financial report, the motion was seconded by Director Doris Lombard and the board unanimously accepted the motion and the motion was passed.

**Budget 2015**

- Jerry explained the budget income and match. Executive Director Edwina Scott explained that the new FSC grant is for 2 years instead of the normal eighteen month period.
- The Budget included a breakout of all expenses.
- Ron Perry made a motion to accept the 2015 Budget, the motion was seconded by Director Marvin Spreyne and the motion was passed

**3. Adoption of November, 2014 Minutes**

- Ron Perry found a missing space in the Minutes.
- Director Norm Walker made a motion to accept the November 2014 Minutes as amended and the motion was passed, unanimously.

**4. Fuel Modification Operations (Edwina Scott)**

**a. SRA Grant Application—State Response**

Edwina submitted a concept paper for this grant, and the project it was not accepted.

- b. **FEMA/CalEMA Roof Replacement Grant**
  - In December we completed 5 reroofing jobs.
  - Year-to-date we have completed and submitted 80 roofs for reimbursement, plus one was completed in January and 5 more are in process.
  - We sent the homeowners a letter at the end of December notifying them of the status of the project and encouraging them to start getting bids.
- c. **CFSC Grant**
  - In Nov. we moved \$25,000 from Bank of Hemet to BBVA, allowing us to start the grant project. In Nov. & Dec., the project managers worked with 4 property owners (5 parcels) removing hazardous fuels and creating defensible space on 1.43 acres. Bio-waste: 8.5 tons of bio-waste was chipped and left on site and 1.25 cords of firewood were left for the property owners.
  - We are currently working on three larger jobs, Astro Camp-Phase I, Liahona Lodge and Santa Rosa Tribe.
- d. **County Coop Grant**
  - In Nov. & Dec., the project managers worked with 10 property owners (11 parcels) removing hazardous fuels and creating defensible space on 9.22 acres. Bio-waste: 25.5 tons of bio-waste was chipped and left on site and 5.25 cords of firewood was left for the property owners.
  - We are currently working on two large jobs, Astro Camp,-Phase II, and 4 smaller jobs.
  - In 2014, we worked with 87 property owners (112 parcels) abating fuels from 78 acres. Bio-waste: 32 tons to the grinder, 143 tons was chipped and left on site: 44 cords of firewood was left for the property owner, and 12 cords of firewood was donated.
- e. **CWPP**

In October, we submitted a grant to fund updating the plan. It will fund ESRI to revise the maps, printing the revised documents (color copies for all agencies in the plan) and a portion of Edwina's time to input the data.
- f. **Projects and Woodies Report**
  - Project Manager Don Patterson reported that five Woodies working sessions were held last month.
  - The Woodies logged 160 volunteer hours of work this past month. A CPR training Course was held at the MRC with eight Woodies in attendance. Ron Perry did a safety review on a problem with the two big splitters.
  - Don mentioned on a medical note that one Woodie had a hip replacement.
  - Project Manager Pat Boss has been working with Josh and Pino on the Astro Camp abatement and the job was completed today. Two jobs in Garner Valley are active.
  - Donations broke down to 72 donors giving total donations of \$2,550.
  - Board members should review the board roster and email any updates to Edwina.

## 5. Agency Reports

### USFS

- Chris Fogle emailed Edwina with the report. They are planning on burning piles on the Strawberry and Westridge Fuel Breaks starting next week. There are about 1000 piles between Inspiration Point and Government Meadows.
- They have completed burning the existing piles on South Ridge Fuel Break and are just a few days from completing the rest of the cutting to complete South Ridge

- They are also expecting to get started on a second entry into Pine Cover Fuel Break throughout this winter.

**Zsolt Katay, CAL FIRE**

- Zsolt is writing a project proposal for fire road clearing.

**6. Election of Officers**

The Election of Officers was held and new Officers were elected. The results were as follows:

President: Chris Kramer  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Norm Walker  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Larry Kueneman  
Secretary: Ray Barmore  
Treasurer: Jerry Holldber  
Agency Liaison: Norm Walker

**7. Meetings:**

- Brown Bag Meeting: Wednesday, January 28, 2015, Noon, MRC
- Board Meeting: Tuesday, February 10, 2015, 9:30 AM, MRC

Meeting Adjourned at 11:33 AM

Meeting minutes taken by Dan Dever.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ray Barmore, Secretary