

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

- 75 ½ 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