

Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council
Board of Directors Meeting
August 8, 2017
MINUTES

Board members present: **Ron Perry, Doris Lombard, Chris Kramer, Jerry Holldber, Ray Barmore and Marvin Spreyne**

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

Public in attendance: **Brian Tisdale**, Supervisor Washington's Office; **Greg Ross, Dan Devers, Lois Henson and April Eugene**

- 1) Opening Remarks – **Ron Perry**, 1st Vice President.
- 2) Budget and Financial Report - **Jerry Holldber**
 - a. Financial Report: June and July 2017 financial reports, Treasurer Holldber gave a briefing of each line item and complimented our C.P.A. **Laurie Marcher**. Move to file the report for audit made by **Chris Kramer**, seconded by **Doris Lombard**, passed.
 - b. Delinquent EDD/Taxes: Board agreed to have President **Norm Walker** draft and send a letter, including an invoice, to Bell Bookkeeping requesting payment of \$120.31 – a result of an omission of the former bookkeeper.
 - c. IRS over payment: Resolved
- 3) Adoption of June 2017 Minutes
The Minutes were reviewed. With minor corrections, on a Motion 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: Closeout to be sent.
 - b. California Fire Safe Council 2016 Grant: On June 20, 2017, the environmental reports were approved. On July 21, 2017, we received \$30K, the remaining of our advancement request.
 - c. CWPP: Being finalized. Maps will be posted on our website and in the Town Crier.
 - d. County funds to assist low-income individuals: Two individuals assisted in June and 2 in July. Some frail and elderly individuals have had repeat assistance.
 - e. SRA Grants:
 - I. Dead and Dying Tree Removal: In June and July we removed 2 'Bark Beetle' trees, bringing a total of 59 trees removed. We submitted an invoice for \$22,463.27 on July 27, 2017 Expenses were \$42,463.27 though we only received a \$20K advancement.
 - II. Fuels Reduction: **Pete Coy** worked with 21 property owners creating plans for fuel reduction on their properties. Contractors spread 45.75 tons of chip on site and left 7 cords of firewood for homeowners. Projects Report: Pete Coy – Discussion on what to use grant funds on. Tree removal, Fire Fuel Abatement, GSOB up to 100 feet?
 - f. Woodies Report: **Ron Perry** – Wood bin absolutely full, front gate 2" past latching.

- 5) Education – **Edwina Scott**
 - a. GSOB Update: **Ron Perry**
Site visits made with photos taken. One oak tree across from the Shell gas station in Idyllwild is completely dead and is a hazard to both life and property.
 - b. Summer 2017 Newsletter: Though distributed late it brought in 38 donations/memberships, equaling \$1,800.
 - c. Correspondence: **Edwina Scott** distributed an announcement relative to the on-duty death of Vista Grand Hotshot **Brent Witham** who was killed August 2, 2017 while working the Lolo Peak fire.

- 6) New Business
 - a. **Edwina Scott** will be placing an ad for an office assistant to work 4 hours a day and 4 days a week initially.

- 7) Agency Reports – No agency representatives present.

- 8) Public Comments – Lois Henson’s letter of July 11, 2017 announcing her resignation from the council was read. Some council members signed a card and it was presented to her noting the appreciation of her involvement with the council along with wishes for success in the new adventure she and her husband are undertaking in the state of Washington.

- 9) Meetings:
 - a. Next Board Meeting: September 12, 2017, 9:30 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Marvin Spreyne, Secretary

Note takers: Director Spreyne and Executive Director Edwina Scott