

**Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council**  
Board of Directors Meeting  
April 10, 2018

**MINUTES**

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

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

Public in attendance: **Brian Tisdale**, Supervisor Washington's Office; **Gregg Bratcher**, Cal Fire; **Robert Fish**, Cal Fire; **Terry Shea; Laurie Marscher; Greg Ross**

- 1) Opening Remarks – **Norm Walker**, President  
Thanked Terry Shea for appearing before the board to discuss his audit of the council's finances.
- 2) Budget and Financial
  - a) Audit Report, **Terry Shea** discussed content of audit firm's Statement and Report letters. On a move by **Ron Perry**, seconded by **Doris Lombard**, the audit was accepted.  
Financial Report: March 2018 **Jerry Holldber** discussed the financial reports. **Larry Kueneman** moved to file the report for audit. Words of appreciation were extended to **Terry Shea** and **Laurie Marscher**.
- 3) Adoption of March 2018 Minutes  
On a Move by **Chris Kramer**, seconded by **Ron Perry**, the minutes were accepted as modified.
- 4) Fuel Modification Operations - **Edwina Scott**
  - a. California Fire Safe Council 2016 Grant: Relative to fuel modification operations **Pete Coy**, Project Manager, worked with 2 property owners, with parcels equaling .8 acres, creating fuel reduction plans for their respective properties. 11 tons of biomass was chipped and removed, and  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a cord of firewood was left for the homeowner.
  - b. County funds to assist low-income individuals: **Edwina Scott** met with **Opal Hellweg** about the CID funds. Opal would like to see this money spent by the end of June and mentioned that senior citizens on fixed incomes are by HUD definition low-income. We currently have two jobs meeting their criteria.
  - c. SRA Grants: The Dead and Dying Tree Removal and the Fuels Reduction Grants will be removed from the agenda when we receive our final checks.
  - d. Projects Report: **Peter Coy** related that two jobs are being worked on. Activity picking up with several jobs to be bid this week. Edison soft-match was discussed, and the CAL State Fire Safe Council 'additional' requirements were mentioned and commented on.
  - e. Woodies Report: **Ron Perry** mentioned that they had 4 working sessions that resulted in 9.5 cords of split firewood donated to the HELP Center and volunteer hours totaled 120.25 hours.

- 5) Education – **Edwina Scott**
  - a) GSOB Update: **Ron Perry** stated that no inspection requests were received in March though **Edwina Scott** had received a few inquiries and she is compiling a list.
  - b) Correspondence: **Norm Walker** commented on his email to U.S.F.S. District Ranger **Arturo Delgado** concerning their staffing goals.
  
- 6) New Business -
  - a) Pressure re: County Funds – **Chief Reitz**/WNKI Radio Club Committee – Discussed. More research being completed.
  
- 7) Board Members Reports –
  - a) By-Laws revision update: **Ron Perry** is still working on the project and has established a goal of June 30<sup>th</sup> as a deadline.
  - b) Community Outreach Meeting: General discussion on its goal and mission.
  
- 8) Agency Reports –**Gregg Bratcher**, CAL-FIRE Division Chief, related that he is diligently working on documents, and commented on the issues of the Demo Forest, the Highway 243 Scenic Designation, and the Astrocamp project with the assistance of Caltrans.
  
- 9) Public Comments –
  - a) **Robert Fish**, CAL-FIRE Battalion Chief, discussed the preparation for the fire season and that there will be the availability of 10 engines, and that LE-100 inspections should be taking place on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Board Member
  - b) **Larry Kueneman** read and submitted his letter of resignation from the council.
  
- 10) Meetings:
  - a) Next Board Meeting: Next board meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2018 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted, **Marvin Spreyne**, Secretary

Note takers: Secretary Marvin Spreyne and Executive Director **Edwina Scott**