

Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council
Board of Directors Meeting
May 8, 2018

MINUTES

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

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

Public in attendance: **Brian Tisdale**, Supervisor Washington's Office; Robert Fish, Cal Fire; **Matt Ahearn**, U.S.F.S.; **Stan Hill**, U.S.F.S.; **Charles Wentz**, U.S.F.S.; **April Neuman**, CALFIRE P.I.O.; **Tawny Cabral**, CALFIRE P.I.O.; **Larry Kueneman**; and **Roberta Kueneman**

- 1) Opening Remarks – **Norm Walker**, President
Commented on the recent C.P.R. training
- 2) Budget and Financial
Financial Report: April 2018. **Jerry Holldber** discussed the financial reports. **Marvin Spreyne** moved to file the report for audit.
- 3) Adoption of April 10, 2018 Minutes
On a Move by **Jerry Holldber**, seconded by **Ron Perry**, the minutes were accepted as modified for spelling errors.
- 4) Fuel Modification Operations - **Edwina Scott**
 - a. California Fire Safe Council 2016 Grant: On the April Fuels Reduction program, Project Manager **Pete Coy** worked with 6 owners of 7 parcels equaling 3.22 acres, creating fuel reduction plans for their respective properties. 27 tons of biomass was chipped and removed, and ¼ cord of firewood was left for the homeowner.
 - b. County funds to assist low-income individuals: Two of the fuels reduction projects that were completed in April are owned by senior citizens. There are enough remaining funds for one more job and the property has been identified.
 - c. SRA Grants: 1) On April 16, 2018 a close-out check in the amount of \$30,992.85 was received. (2) On April 16, 2018 a close-out check in the amount of \$7,048.39 was received. (The sum of these checks is \$38,041.24. The April 16, 2018 deposit of \$38,081.24 also included a \$40.00 donation check)
 - d. Projects Report: Activity was slow in April, however last week he put out 3 invitations to bid.
 - e. Woodies Report: 3 working sessions of splitting wood at the HELP Center. 6 cords of split firewood were donated to the HELP Center for distribution and volunteer hours totaled 85 hours. The MCFSC submitted a grant application to the Idyllwild Community Fund requesting \$1,000.00 for a more powerful chainsaw with a longer bar.

- 5) Education – **Edwina Scott**
 - a) GSOB Update: The office did not receive any GSOB inspection request in April. The MCFSC will be running an ad requesting more volunteers to assist our existing team. **Chief Bratcher** will conduct the field training.
 - b) Correspondence: No correspondence was received.
- 6) Old Business: Dispensation of County Funds is still with county counsel.
- 7) Board Members Reports –
 - a) By-Laws revision update: Tabled
- 8) Agency Reports –**Matt Ahearn**, U.S.F.S., commented on the 100 acres that was burned, evacuation corridors, defensible space, and that full staffing is set for May13, 2018. He also related that while there is no set fire season the first week of May is considered Wild Fire Awareness Week.
- 9) Public Comments – None
- 10) Community Outreach Brainstorming Session – U.S.F.S. and CALFIRE representatives, along with MCFSC board members and staff discussed the process of combining sources to reaching out to educate the public. The possibility of a tri-fold brochure was evaluated as to content, providers of the content, its funding, social media sources, getting local realtors and business owners involved, Content of the Ready, Set, Go Program was commented on. Further brainstorming and research to be conducted.
- 11) Meetings:
 - a) Next Board Meeting: Scheduled for June 12, 2018 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted, **Marvin Spreyne**, Secretary

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