

**Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council**  
Board of Directors Meeting  
August 14, 2018

**MINUTES**

Board members present: **Ron Perry, Doris Lombard, Chris Kramer, and Marvin Spreyne**

Staff present: **Edwina Scott**

Public in attendance: **Brian Tisdale**, Supervisor Washington's Office; Robert Fish, Cal Fire; **Mark Yargas**

- 1) Opening Remarks Ron Perry, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President  
Commented on the Cranston fire and moderated a review of the meeting with Congressman Ruiz. **Brian Tisdale** related that **Supervisor Washington** had ensured all county resources were made available to the fire responders on the Cranston fire and that the Holy Fire has burned 2,980 acres at this point.
- 2) Budget and Financial  
Financial Report: July 2018. **Edwina Scott** discussed the financial reports. The moving of B of A to an unrestricted account was tabled. The report will be filed for audit.
- 3) Adoption of July 2018, 2018 Minutes  
On a Move by **Doris Lombard**, seconded by **Chris Kramer**, the minutes were accepted as printed.
- 4) Fuel Modification Operations - **Edwina Scott**
  - a. **California Fire Safe Council 2016 Grant**: On the July Fuels Reduction program, Project Manager **Pete Coy** worked with 7 property owners, creating fuel reduction plans for their respective properties, which totaled 17.92 acres. Thirty-three tons of biomass were removed, and 2.25 cords of firewood was left for homeowners.
  - b. **Grant Application Updates**: The **California Fire Safe Council Grant** reopened the grant process for those who previously applied. Revised applications are due 08/30/2018 and awards will be announced in November. January agreements will be sent out. We received notice from the **CAL FIRE 2018 Grant** that was selected for funding and will receive the agreement in late September and must return all documents by November 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. **Projects Report**: **Edwina Scott** related that the council received bids for 5 jobs and that both **Pete Coy** and **Ron Perry** reviewed them and awarded 1 to Pac Slope (\$1,500) and 4 to Pearson (\$5,900). Once we know the final cost of the upcoming newsletter, we may be able to do 1 more job.
  - d. **Woodies Report**: 2 working sessions presented 2 cords of split firewood were donated to the HELP Center for distribution and volunteer hours totaled 50 hours.

- 5) Education – **Edwina Scott**
  - a) GSOB Update: **Ron Perry** mentioned that there is a possibility of another volunteer as an inspector. **Mark Yargas** commented that he would like to get involved with the Woodies; Ron and Mark will communicate with each other on the matter.
  - b) Correspondence: **Ron Perry** inquired about the council’s web site. **Edwina Scott** announced that it is up and running.
  - c) Newsletter: **Edwina Scott** mentioned that the newsletter is currently at the printer.
- 6) Old Business: Magnetic signs for vehicles. **Edwina Scott** is still working on pricing.
- 7) New Business
  - a) Resolution 2018-0001, for the 2017-2018 CAL FIRE Grant - Tabled
- 8) Agency Reports –**Robert Fish** related that it was so apparent that the fuel modification abatement projects and the aggressive fire-fighting efforts surely reduced the Cranston Fire from doing more dramatic destruction and that he would accept the offer of writing an article for the next newsletter.
- 9) Public Comments – **Mark Yargas** in commenting on the undertakings of the fire safe council expressed his astonishment in realizing for the first time the council’s depth in both educating the mountain residents and visitor on fire safety and also the fuel modification abatement processes.
- 10) Meetings:
  - a) Next Board Meeting: Scheduled for September 11, 2018 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted, **Marvin Spreyne**, Secretary

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