

**Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council
Board of Directors Meeting**

January 14, 2020 MINUTES:

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

MCFSC Staff present: **Kathy Wilson, Pete Coy, Courtney Locke**

Agency Staff present: **Sal Reyes - U.S.F.S., Albert Gonzalez– CALFIRE, Dan Cierley - CALFIRE**

Public in attendance: **None**

- 1) **Opening Remarks – Norm Walker**, President, Expressed appreciation of the board members dedication to the council’s mission.
- 2) **Adoption of the December 10, 2019 Minutes**
With one spelling correction the minutes were accepted as printed on a move by **Jerry Holldber**, seconded by **Doris Lombard**. All board members were in favor.
- 3) **Budget and Financial**
 - a) **Financial Reports of December 2019. Jerry Holldber**, Treasurer, went through the detailed financial reports. All board members were in favor of the report. On a motion by **Woody Henderson** and hearing no concerns the report will be filed for audit.
- 4) **Agency Reports:**
USFS **Sal Reyes** discussed recent personnel changes within his agency, fuels organization, the Pine Cove and Thomas Mountain projects, and broadcast burns. CALFIRE **Albert Gonzalez** commented on his agency’s submitted snow management, plans, on future burn projects that includes additional burns in Upper Dry Creek. CALFIRE **Dan Cierley**, mentioned the status of their tree project, that they are expecting a busy summer with 20+ trees expected to be removed, and a marketing outreach campaign.
- 5) **Fuel Modification Operations – Kathy Wilson**
CALFIRE 2018 Grant:
 - a) Fuels Reduction: **Pete Coy** and **Courtney Locke** worked with 1 property owner, and that the contractors cleared 1.86 acres (4 parcels) totaling 8.5 tons of biomass,
 - b) Tree Removal: Our field reps worked with 5 property owners; contractors removed 19 trees (of which 16 were pines and 2 GSOB). A total of 30.52 tons of biomass was removed.
 - c) Totals for 2019 of both Fuels Reduction and Tree Removal programs combined was 215 trees removed of which 14 were GSOB, and that 479.4 tons of biomass was removed; 43 of these jobs were ground fuels removal only
 - d) California Fire Safe Council 2018 Grant: **Pete Coy** and **Courtney Locke** worked with 5 property owners; contractors cleared 8.28; 12 parcels ,5 trees of which 1 was GSOB, and 23 tons of biomass removed. e) Totals for 2019: 26 trees (2 GSOB), 55.37 acres; 41 parcels, and 183.25 tons of biomass removed for 31 property owners; 21 of these jobs were ground fuel removal only.
- c) **Projects Report: Pete Coy** stated he’s off to a slow start, has 3 jobs currently out to be completed, working on 5 job packets and that tree jobs to be referred to the county.

- d) **Woodies Report: Doris Lombard** stated that in December 2019 the Woodies cut and split a total of 7 cords of wood with a value of \$1,400.00 and a total of 122.5 volunteer hours with a value of \$3,668.88 bringing the total of in-kind donations to a value of \$5,068.88.
- 6) **Education:**
- a) **GSOB Update: Kathy Wilson** is working with Cora
 - b) **Correspondence:** None
- 7) **Old Business:**
- a) **Pine Cove Roads (CSA 38):** CEQA document change request is pending.
 - b) **Team Rubicon: Chris Kramer** will consult with the team; previous schedule was cancelled due to inclement weather.
 - c) **Contractors Annual Reporting:** A meeting was held bringing all up to speed and packets due January 31st.
 - d) **Bank of Hemet: Jerry Holldber** follow up with signature requirements.
 - e) **Edwina Scott Recognition Luncheon:** Personal matters require a postponement
 - f) **Public Education Event:** Scheduled for March 5, 2020 at the Idyllwild School Gym.
- 8) **New Business:**
- a) **Credit Resolution:** After a discussion, **Chris Kramer** elected to research on obtaining a Chevron Gas credit card for the Woodies.
 - b) **Tahquitz Pines Project:** On December 15, 2019 an e-vote was taken on whether to accept to proceed with the project or postpone it. The board voted unanimously to accept the project.
 - c) **Economic Stage:** Current and anticipated projects were discussed. On a motion by **Chris Kramer**, seconded by **Jerry Holldber**, the board unanimously agreed to move to Stage 2.
- 9) **Public Comments:** None.

Next Board Meeting: Scheduled for February 11, 2020 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted, **Marvin Spreyne**, Secretary