

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

August 13, 2019 MINUTES:

APPROVED 09.10.2019

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

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

Agency Staff present: **Nochella Funes - CALFIRE, Matt Ahern - U.S.F.S., Arturo Lozano – U.S.F.S., Julie Hall – U.S.F.S., Chris Fogle – U.S.F.S., Olivia Balderrama – Supervisor Washington’s Office**

Public in attendance: **Woody Henderson, Mara Schonet, Jeremy Goldman – S.C.E.**

- 1) **Opening Remarks - Norm Walker**, President, Welcomed all in attendance.
- 2) **Speaker – Jeremy Goldman** – Government Relations Manager with S.C.E. Mr. Goldman, while utilizing a PowerPoint presentation enlightened all in attendance in discussing the Wildfire Mitigation Plan of S.C.E. mandated by California SB 901. A printout of the presentation was distributed.
- 3) **Budget and Financial**
 - a. **Financial Report July 2019. Jerry Holldber**, Treasurer, went through the financial reports. The board members appreciated the new format of the Transaction Detail Account that **Kathy Wilson** has set up. The board members were very pleased with the amount of donations received in July; most likely from the latest newsletter published. Hearing no concerns with the report , it will be filed for audit.
- 4) **Adoption of the June 11. 2019 Minutes**

The minutes, with a few minor corrections, were accepted as printed on a move by **Jerry Holldber**, seconded by **Doris Lombard**,
- 5) **Fuel Modification Operations – Kathy Wilson**
 - a. **CALFIRE 2018 Grant: Pete Coy** worked with 6 homeowners doing fuel reduction on their properties equaling 2.59 acres. Contractors removed 20 Pine trees and 1 Oak tree (non-GSOB) for 5 homeowners. A total of 47.75 tons of biomass was removed.
 - b. **California Fire Safe Council 2018 Grant:** Five properties were completed by July 31st.
 - c) **County CID Funds Grant:** There was no CID activity in July. An amount of \$1,876.25 remains on hand.
 - d) **Projects Report: Pete Coy** mentioned he had 45 entries in his log sheet; 34 have been chased down, 23 jobs have been written up, 16 jobs have been sent out to bid and 6 turned out to be no work. Two jobs are awaiting on contractors, 9 jobs awaiting on bird surveys or clients and 2 are currently out to bid.
 - e) **Woodies Report: Doris Lombard** commented that in July 2019 the Woodies had 3 working sessions for a total of 61 hours at the Help Center volunteer hours for an earned in-kind donation of \$1,827.00 and two days of wood processing produced 425 cords of wood for a value of \$950.00. Total in-kind donation was \$2,777.00. A July 15th session was dedicated to maintenance.
- 6) **Education:**

a) **GSOB Update:** Tabled

b) **Correspondence:** None

7) **Old Business:**

a) **Pine Cove Roads (CSA 38):** **Kathy Wilson** check with **Michael Franklin** on county status.

b) **Policies and Procedures:** **Doris Lombard** discussed her concerns and provided **Kathy**

c) **Wilson** with a hard copy for her perusal.

d) **New Board Members:** Tabled. To be on the September 10, 2019 agenda.

8) **New Business: Social Media:** After a good discussion by the board, staff and attendees **Woody Henderson** and **Mara Schonet**, the board gave **Kathy Wilson** the green light to move on the project and to give the project a six-month test.

9) **Agency Reports:**

Nochella Funes – CALFIRE mentioned that the Point of Rocks project is moving ahead, and that the California Conservation Corp has been progressing on the Red Hill project. She also commented that the dead tree on the Mountain Resource property has been removed. **Matt Ahearn – U.S.F.S.** commented on road brushing projects, the Western Fuel Break and that the Pine Cove fuel break is in progress. **Arturo Lozano – U.S.F.S.** that modifications to planned projects have been approved. **Julie Hall – U.S.F.S.** , the new San Bernardino National Forest district ranger, introduced herself and gave a brief history of her qualifications and is looking forward to working with the mountain communities and the board.

9) **Public Comments:** None

Next Board Meeting: Scheduled for September 10, 2019 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted, **Marvin Spreyne**, Secretary