

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

September 10, 2019 MINUTES:

APPROVED 10.08.2019

Board members present: **Doris Lombard, Jerry Holldber, Marvin Spreyne and Woody Henderson.**

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

Agency Staff present: **Matt Ahern - U.S.F.S.**

Public in attendance: **Woody Henderson, Roland Gaebert.**

- 1) **Opening Remarks – Jerry Holldber**, Treasurer, gave a brief dissertation of the mission of the MCFSC. Board members present then offered a position as a Director to **Woody Henderson**, who readily accepted the position.
- 2) **Adoption of the August 13, 2019 Minutes**
The minutes were accepted as printed on a move by **Jerry Holldber**, seconded by **Doris Lombard**.
- 3) **Budget and Financial**
 - a. **Financial Report August 2019.** **Jerry Holldber**, Treasurer, went through the detailed financial reports. Hearing no concerns with the report, it will be filed for audit.
- 4) **Fuel Modification Operations – Kathy Wilson**
 - a. **CALFIRE 2018 Grant:** **Pete Coy** worked with 1 homeowner doing fuel reduction on their property equaling 1 acre. Contractors removed 11 Pine trees for 5 homeowners. A total of 24.75 tons of biomass was removed.
 - c) **California Fire Safe Council 2018 Grant:** **Pete Coy** and **Courtney Locke** worked with 8 property owners; contractors cleared 8.16 acres in removing 7 trees and 49.25 tons of biomass.
 - d) **County CID Funds Grant:** The remaining funds have been allocated. The MCFSC can apply for additional funds.
 - e) **Projects Report:** **Pete Coy** followed up on 45 jobs.
- 5) **Woodies Report:** **Doris Lombard** related that in August 2019 the Woodies did one abatement project. Additional working sessions resulted in nine cords of wood cut and split for a value of \$1,800.00. Combined sessions resulted in a total of 105 volunteer hours for an earned in-kind donation of \$3,144.75.
- 6) **Education:**
 - a) **GSOB Update:** Tabled
 - b) **Correspondence:** None. Board members and staff felt that an article should be written that clearly explains the council’s process on fire fuel abatement and the public’s responsibility. **Woody Henderson** agreed to write the article with input from **Pete Coy**, after which the article will be reviewed by the council prior to publishing.

7) **Old Business:**

- a) **Pine Cove Roads (CSA 38):** Waiting to hear from the County if the CEQA has been accepted.
- b) **Policies and Procedures:** **Kathy Wilson** commented that she contacted **Margaret Grayson** who will review the concerns brought forth by **Doris Lombard** and make the necessary corrections.
- c) **New Board Members:** See agenda item #1 Opening Remarks
- d) **Facebook Page:** **Kathy Wilson** mentioned that the page is progressing and receiving many likes and had two individuals join the Woodies Program.

8) **New Business:** Staff workload as discussed. All agreed to allow staff to exceed the current weekly 24-hour work limit in order for staff to accomplish their responsibilities. It was also agreed upon to henceforth have the Agency Reports agenda item placed immediately after the Adoption of Minutes item.

9) **Agency Reports:** **Matt Ahearn – U.S.F.S.** commented that activity has slowed down.

9) **Public Comments:** None

Next Board Meeting: Scheduled for October 8, 2019 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted, **Marvin Spreyne**, Secretary