

Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council
Board of Directors Meeting
March 12, 2019

MINUTES

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

MCFSC Staff present: **Edwina Scott, Pete Coy**

Agency Staff present: **Brian Tisdale**, Supervisor Washington's Office; **Sal Reyes**, U.S.F.S.; **Charles Wentz**, U.S.F.S.; **Nochella Funes**, CALFIRE

Public in attendance: **Gregg Ross, Donna Varesi**

- 1) **Opening Remarks - Norm Walker**, President, commented that with Spring just around the corner the topic of fire fuel abatement should be included the next newsletter, and encouraged all board members and agencies to consider providing articles for the publication.
- 2) **Budget and Financial**
 - a. Financial Report February 2019. **Jerry Holldber**, Treasurer, sufficiently reviewed the financial reports. Hearing no concerns with the report, it will be filed for audit.
 - b. 2018 Audit. Currently in progress.
- 3) **Adoption of the February 2019 Minutes**

The minutes were accepted as printed on a move by **Chris Kramer**, seconded by **Doris Lombard**.
- 4) **Fuel Modification Operations - Edwina Scott, Pete Coy**
 - a. **CALFIRE 2018 Grant:**

February Fuels Reduction projects: **Pete Coy** worked with 6 homeowners using CALFIRE funds to remove 27 trees (21 pines, 2 cedars, 3 cottonwood, and 1 GSOB infested oak) equaling 55 tons of biomass.
 - b) **California Fire Safe Council 2018 Grant:** **Edwina Scott** attended a Grant Workshop on February 28th. MCFSC was the only one commended for grant management skills.
 - c) **County CID Funds Grant:** Currently on-hold.
 - d) **Projects Report:** **Pete Coy** described the process of 2 completed jobs, 7 jobs waiting suitable weather, 6 jobs pending where the owners have made commitment but have not yet paid their share, 4 jobs are out to bid, and 12 jobs are in the pipeline.
 - e) **Woodies Report:** **Doris Lombard** commented that the Woodies have been working at the Help Center.

5) Education – Edwina Scott

- a) **GSOB Update:** Tabled.
- b) **Correspondence:** No outgoing correspondence.

6) Old Business

- a) Pine Cove Roads Project: **Edwina Scott** mentioned that the County CEQA is almost finished. If any trees will impede traffic they will be removed. Michael Franklin, County CSA Administrator, will be consulted.
- b) Policies and Procedures Update: **Edwina Scott** announced that the project is in progress, and that she and Margaret have discussed revising or removing items that do not apply to the council.

7) New Business:

- a) **Board Members:** In a closed session the size of the board was discussed. The board decided to place the topic on hold for a period of 3-4 months.
- b) **Check signers:** Tabled.
- c) **Newsletter:** Article topics should include Fire Prevention Projects, the importance of inspections, the abundance of grasses and weeds due to the rain, and that fires can be expected in areas that have not previously occurred, have agencies submit articles such as Climatology, Property Owner inspections and a Cheat Sheet
- d) **By-laws Workshop:** Tabled

8) Agency Reports:

Brian Tisdale commented on the upcoming press release relative to the current road closures of 74 and 243. **Sal Reyes** and **Charles Wentz** commented on road damages, assessment of roads and the need to prioritize preparation for the fire season, fuel modification, pile burning, evacuation routes and reviewing all projects in the aftermath of the disruption the rainy weather produced in the mountain area. **Nochella Funes** made mention that some CALFIRE projects are on-hold due to the rain event, commented on fuel reduction, the Demo Forest, and a canvass in March followed by work efforts.

- 9) **Public Comments:** **Donna Varesi** noted that education notices should be designed and posted on community bulletin boards and that the public can call the non-emergency number of their particular fire station to request site inspections concerning fire fuel abatement.

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

Respectfully Submitted, **Marvin Spreyne**, Secretary

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