

**Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council**  
Board of Directors Meeting  
April 9, 2019

**MINUTES**

**DRAFT**

Board members present: **Norm Walker, Doris Lombard, 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.;  
**Nochella Funes**, CALFIRE

Public in attendance: **Donna Varese**

- 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 March 2019. **Jerry Holldber**, Treasurer, discussed the financial reports. Hearing no concerns with the report, it will be filed for audit.
  - b. 2018 Audit.
- 3) **Adoption of the March 2019 Minutes**

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

**February Fuels Reduction projects: Edwina Scott. Pete Coy** worked with 3 homeowners doing fuels reduction on their property equaling 4.8 acres. Contractors removed 38 trees for 13 homeowners; 31 pine, 5 oak (GSOB) and 2 cedar. A total of 58.3 tons of biomass was removed and 37 cords of firewood were left for homeowners.
  - b) **California Fire Safe Council 2018 Grant:** Waiting for CEQA.
  - c) **County CID Funds Grant:** First application for the year has been sent.
  - d) **Projects Report: Pete Coy** commented on the bird survey time frame effect, the backlog that is beginning to break even, that upcoming inspections by CALFIRE and Idyllwild Fire Department may increase requests, 3 jobs ready for contractors to work on, 5 jobs currently out to bid, and 6 jobs out this week.
  - e) **Woodies Report: Doris Lombard** commented that the Woodies had six working sessions.
- 5) **Education – Edwina Scott**
  - a) **GSOB Update:** Tabled.
  - b) **Correspondence: Norn Walker** is working on an article for the Town Crier.
  - a) **Pine Cove Roads Project: Edwina Scott** commented that the project is soon to be completed.
  - b) **Policies and Procedures Update: Edwina Scott** mentioned that one more telephone conversation with Margaret is needed.

**7) New Business:**

- a) **Newsletter:** **Pete Coy** will provide an article; **Nochella Funes** will work on an article pertaining to CALFIRE projects. **Sal Reyes** volunteered to have **Matt Ahern** work on a U.S.F.S. article. A link to the CALFIRE Checklist will be included in the newsletter.
- b) **SCE Grant Proposal:** **Doris Lombard** made a motion, seconded by **Marvin Spreyne**, to have **Edwina Scott** apply for a \$25K grant. **Brian Tisdale** mentioned that **Supervisor Washington** would provide letters of support.

**8) Agency Reports:**

**Brian Tisdale** commented on the upcoming press release relative to the current road closures of 74 and 243. **Sal Reyes** discussed the U.S.F.S. progress on the Garner Valley prescribed burns, the Texas U.S.F.S. helicopter incident which has shut down aviation projects and that his agency is working on a 5-year plan for the MCFSC area. **Nochella Funes** commented on the scheduled MAST meeting, on the Demo Forest, and the CALFIRE projects being worked on.

**9) Public Comments:** None.

- 10) Closed Door Session:** **Edwina Scott** respectfully submitted a letter as a formal notification of her resignation to take effect May 14, 2019 and offered to assist in the transition of a new executive director. The board extended their most gracious gratitude to **Edwina Scott** for her professionalism, dedication and productivity throughout her employment with the council. The board agreed to advertise for a replacement.

**Next Board Meeting:** Scheduled for May 14, 2019 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted, **Marvin Spreyne**, Secretary

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