

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

**October 8, 2019 Minutes:**

Board members present: Doris Lombard, Jerry Holldber, Norm Walker and Woody Henderson

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

Agency Staff present: Charles Wentz - USFS. Nochella Funez – CalFire

Public in attendance: none

**1) Opening Remarks –**

**2) Adoption of the Sept 10, 2019 Minutes**

The minutes were accepted as printed on a move by Jerry H, seconded by Doris L.

**3) Budget and Financial**

- a. Financial Report September 2019. Jerry Holldber, Treasurer, went through financial reports. Hearing no concerns with the report, it will be filed for audit.

**4) Agency Reports**

- a. USFS Charles Wentz commented on Pine Cove fuel breaks project timelines. 1000 acres of the Cranston Fire burn reforestation (replanting) project in the works. Matt Ahern is working on the grant for a chipper. There was a discussion on how federal grants work that benefitted the knowledge of newer members.  
Doris L asked about Gsob regrowth. Charles said they had more success planting from acorn instead of seedling. Gsob not spreading as fast anymore.
- b. CalFire Nochella Funez spoke about the Redhill VMP and cutting and piling near Idyllwild Arts and upper Dry Creek. They'll be starting with mastication by Thousand Trails in the next month or so. Then down to Point of Rocks.  
CCI funding equipment including masticator shared with San Diego.  
The track chipper is useful but requires a lot of maintenance, training. It's running on upper Dry Creek now.  
Jerry asked about Redhill vmp and Batista crews.  
Calfire is hiring an environmental scientist that will help with nesting bird surveys, water surveys etc. and will help with Ceqa requirements.

**5) Fuel Modification Operations – Kathy Wilson**

Reported on FSC fuel modification operations numbers. FSC removed 60 trees this quarter. \$332,000 spent, approximately half.

- a. CalFire 2018 grant. Paperwork due in December, does not fund until September.
- b. California Fire Safe Council 2018 grant
- c. County CID funds grant
- d. Woodies Report (Director Lombard). In September of 2019, Woodies worked 4 sessions resulting in 5.5 cords of wood with a value of \$1100. They worked 67.25 hours at a value of \$2014. Total of in-kind donation \$3114.

Norm asked about getting a bigger saw for the Woodies. And there is a need to keep wood projects coming into the Woodies program. Discussion on how to legally sell old working saws as-is.

**6) Education**

a: GSOB update: Doris asked where to send info on Gsob trees now. Nochella said to still notify her for now. Gsob database is still being kept and hotline is active if not busy.

**7) Old Business**

Kat mentioned the Procedures document is being completed by the hired writer as contracted.

**8) New Business**

Kat started discussion on Team Rubicon helping with projects. They prefer abatement projects for the elderly, veterans and the financially challenged. Norm suggested collecting a bunch of those projects and having Team Rubicon up for a week. Next course of action, a conference call.

Regarding board members writing articles, Norm suggested always approve text with the board.

Discussion on Forest Health grant. It is for projects from \$750k to \$5 million. Julie with CalFire wants to talk about how FSC can be involved. Meeting/workshop suggested.

FSC can at least help with documents required for partners with large eligible projects.

Nochella is going to get more details on the Forest Health grant.

Jerry suggested that CSA 38 could possibly help Forest Service.

Jerry was able to view tub grinders for possible future acquisition.

**9) Public Comments**

None.

**Next Board Meeting:** November 12, 2019, 9:30am

Respectfully submitted, Woody Henderson