

Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council

Minutes of January 22, 2022 Zoom Board Meeting

Call to Order: 10:00 by Board chair Yvonne Vaucher.

Those Present: Yvonne Vaucher, (YV); Robert Carlyle, Vice chair (RC); Gina Aven, Treasurer (GA); Cecelia Borland, Sec'y(CB); Mike Pique (MP); Linda Thorne (LT); Katie Michelmores Hueurmann (KH).

Those Absent: Rob Dowell (RD); Denise Yaeger (DY).

Guests: Btn Chief Cody Eades (CE); Sta 79 Capt Dean Kowalski (DK); Cliff Kellogg (CK); CERT Program Manager Bill Leininger (BL); Community Member Eddy Riener (ER).

Announcements: none

Minutes of Dec 11, 2021 board meeting: Approved Unan.

Financial Status: Total Cash/Assets - \$47,977.17

 Restricted Cash (Grant Funds) 42,280.36

 Unrestricted Cash - \$5,696.81

Expenses - 0

Reimbursement - \$280.00 (volunteer grant work)

Upcoming - SAM/DUNS registration - No Fee

CT-TR-1 & RRF1 (\$25) to CA Att'y Gen'l

Taxes Due Feb 15.

Report Unan. Approved.

Insurance: All current.

Fundraising: Many packets sent; no responses. Community letter has been reviewed and packets will be sent to all mtn. PO Boxes. (RC/LT/MP). Half of return envelopes will have stamps to see if it makes a difference to the donors.

Cal Fire: Mandatory Covid tests weekly show many positives with 5-day quarantine required causing staff shortages.

1500 ac fire in Monterey with lower temps and higher RH.

Local Cal Fire \$ is available for local projects; CE will chat with Mike Silva re: fuel break/truck trail projects on Palomar. If so, we will work with PMCFA as to best use.

USFS will be burning piles on Palomar Truck Trail when weather permits. (CE)

Sta 79: Many firefighters ill but 3.0 staffing has been maintained due to re-thinking, re-pricing, re-doing design.

Updates to crew quarters are causing delays in finishing.(DK)

SD Cnty Fire Protection District (SD Cnty Fire Authority): Evac Map - MP will review existing Tri-fold and develop a 1-page map to post in airb&b's. Will include suggestion to sign up for AlertSD.

Fire Advisory Board: Plowing of Sta 79 still in discussion; need agreement with cnty.

HeloHydrant (5K gal tank automatically filled for drafts every 5 min) proposed for Palomar. Observatory best site? Currently there are 4 in the cnty; look like Conex boxes without a top. (CK)

Ag Pass: Cnty to organize; will not be available until 2023

PMVFD (PMCFA): County unsure about letting us use the Community Center.(CK)

CERT: Cnty CERT outreach - "go bags" reviewed at meeting this morning @ Sta 79. There will be monthly events. Trailer title will be transferred to cnty. Academies TBA. New CERT contact info will be provided. (BL) CE thanked BL for the good communication.

FSCSDC: Coffee Chat scheduled for Jan. 27 by Zoom.

Fuel abatement via grazing goats is high on folks' radar. Appropriate for Palomar's steep

rocky hillsides? S and E Grade Roads being considered for 20' roadside brush clearing. There are about 200 miles of such in the county. Also fire retardant spray. Both clearing and spray require CEQA and will not be happening soon. (Btn Chief Alex Elward, Community Risk Reduction).

What % of residents comply with 100' defensible space clearing? Need public records request.

FSDSDC: (Gen'l Meeting Jan. 13) Rex Hambly (BLM) presented Last Chance Survival Workshop, a day-long WUI format (AM classroom/PM fieldtrip) a FSDSDC/BLM cooperation. Addresses wildfire behavior/entrapment/evac techniques. Available thru April; will try to schedule April 24 to coincide with CERT.

SDG&E/Mini-grant have been combined; rep't due 3/31. They want pictures/videos of how we spent their \$. (May 8 community meeting, dumpsters, classes). KH will help; Must be detailed. Advantages of new arrangement: Easier on-line application process; more \$, with a goal of more FSC participation. \$ can be used for dumpsters/chipping. (Joan Jones).

CWPP update due 2023.

Supervisors' Community Sponsor Group: Next meeting Feb. 17th @ 6pm. RC will send Zoom info to all interested 72 hr ahead. (RC)

USFS: Burning completed on 80 ac of Palomar Divide and 7 ac in Fry Creek and burning started on 200 ac above Fry Creek Campground and 80 ac eastward on Palomar Divide Rd. (C. Green, report)

PMPO: Next meeting Mar 5.

Active Grants: CCI advance deposited. Stumpmasters ready to work next week (Jan 24), brush first then tree removal. RC will coordinate. Slash and small trees will be chipped, larger will be cut for firewood. Two sawmills on the mtn. may take the very large trees for lumber.

Individual board members cannot personally receive compensation for hours spent/services rendered in assisting with grant execution.

Potential Grants: NRP 2021-2022 - 10 dumpsters, 10 chipping weekends, 36 Barricade Home Kits, 8 Evacuation signs/lights/barricades.

Cal Fire Fire Prevention: open 12/8/21 - Due 2/9/22 (deferred).

SDG&E/FSC Minigrant: Timeline - Guidelines early April

Q/A mid-April

Application due early-May

Awarded mid-June (YV/KH)

Upcoming Community Events: Survival Workshop (TBS late April)

Preparedness/Evac (CERT)

Barricade training (CERT)

Website: DY needs Bios

Monthly Meeting Announcement: CB/KH

Next Meeting: Feb 26th @ 10:00am Zoom

Misc: Amazon Smile - Hopefully problem is fixed and donations will be posted.

Adjourn: 11:27

Respectfully Submitted,

Cecelia Borland, Sec'y