



## **MOUNT VEEDER FIRE SAFE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** Saturday, February 24, 2018

**LOCATION:** Gary Green's house, 5410 Dry Creek Road

**ATTENDANCE:** Joe Nordlinger, Gary Green, Bill Robertson, Paul Woodward, Carole Meredith

**ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO AGENDA:** Add website update, Neighbors in Need application

**REVIEW OF THE MINUTES:** The minutes of the January 27, 2018 meeting were approved with corrections

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Joe Nordlinger):**

**After action review of projects:** Joe met with Barry Bierman and Ryan Gregory. He is still trying to arrange a meeting with Diane Dillon. Bierman asked that the after-action review be sent to him as well as to Kevin Twohey. Biermann has not seemed interested in the shaded fuel break projects we have completed but Joe is hoping Biermann's appreciation of their value might increase as he learns more about them.

It was suggested that we need to update the area response map to emphasize the drivable fuel breaks and limited access roads. We need to identify them and note the access points. Joe told Ryan Gregory that LAR 1 needs better access from the north. Right now, it is dangerous and vehicles approaching from the north can easily go into a ditch. Joe plans to write up a proposal to improve the base of LAR 1 to submit to the county.

**CWPP:** Barry Biermann said he will get the additional signatures.

**NCFF:** The next NCFF meeting is scheduled for February 27.

**Email from Monterey County Fire Safe Council:** With regard to the concern expressed by the Monterey Fire Safe Council that Fire Safe Councils will now have to front the money for project expenses from their own funds and then seek reimbursement later, Biermann said that there is a pending proposal to pay Fire Safe Councils as the project proceeds.

**PROJECT MANAGER'S REPORT:** No report as Greg Holquist was not present. We received an \$18,000 check from Cal Fire. Gary Green needs to know who this money goes to and he needs the invoices to account for that money.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Gary Green reported that he is now the treasurer, the DCLVFD by-laws having been changed to allow the chief to also be the treasurer. Gary reported that the 2018 draft budget will be submitted to the board for approval on March 10.

The checking account balance on 1/31/18 was \$50,316.49. \$750 was received from PG&E for a new sign. Expenses of \$367.87 were incurred for the new website. With regard to the \$14,000 discrepancy in the reserve fund between the bank and the fire station computer, Gary will trace this back as far as necessary to identify the source of the discrepancy.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Website:** The content on the website needs to be updated to include our recent projects (Old Ridge Road, LAR 1, LAR 7, Wall Road). Funding sources also need to be updated (California Fire Safe Council, PG&E, Napa Communities Firewise Foundation). We should include photos and possibly a slide show.

**Neighbors in Need:** We have received an inquiry from a possible new applicant.

**Newsletter:** Gary Green has completed the newsletter and has put it on the MVFSC website. Carole Meredith will post it on Nextdoor and will send it out to the community email list.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Bill Robertson was appointed vice chair.

**Living with Fire in California's Coast Ranges, May 7-8 at Sonoma State University:**

Bill Robertson said he intends to go and encouraged other MVFSC board members to go as well.

**Pancake Breakfast May 6, 8:30 to 11 am:** Bill Robertson has started planning the food. Diane Dillon has agreed to talk about communication. Napa County Assistant Fire Chief Geoff Belyea will also participate. There was discussion about whether people whose homes burned will want to attend. We could invite someone to speak about rebuilding, perhaps James Bales from the Napa County Fire Marshal's office. The presentation could include the use of fire-resistant materials and the requirements in Chapter 7A of the California Building Code.

**Road signs:** Gary Green reported that the damaged billboard sign from upper Dry Creek Road near Wall Road will be re-installed on March 10.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 11 am

**Next Meeting:** Saturday, March 24, 9 am  
DCL Fire Station  
5900 Dry Creek Road