

**MONTEREY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
December 10, 2009**

Please note:

- Meeting Date: All meetings will be held the LAST Thursday of each month (9:00 AM - 10:30 AM) unless specified otherwise.
- Meeting location: California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, 2221 Garden Road, Monterey; Expanded Dispatch Center behind CDF building. (Please park in front and walk down to dispatch Center)
- Board of Directors meeting will be held at 10:45 AM following the regular Monterey Fire Safe Council (MFSC) meeting.
- **BOLD TYPE: Current issues, action plans and people responsible for these actions appear in bold so that projects move beyond discussion mode. Names in boldface type have agreed to take some action on or before the next meeting.**
- Website: [www/FireSafeMonterey.org](http://www.FireSafeMonterey.org)

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Rob Thompson at 9:10 AM
2. **INTRODUCTIONS:** Those present were introduced as follows:

Miguel Errea (Cattlemens' Association)
Peter Harris (USFS)
Lynne Semaria (Carmel Highlands HOA)
Thomas DiBartolo (PG&E)
Bob Taylor (CAL FIRE)

Richard Ravich (Big Sur)
Lonni Trykowski (RTGA/HOA)
Mike Caplin (Palo Colorado Canyon)
Steve Daus
Penny Vieregge (Big Sur)

3. **REVIEW OF MINUTES:** The minutes of October 29, 2009 were reviewed.

Corrections:

Section 3 (corrections) Mc2WG

Section 5c changed to – The County may not sign the document

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS AMENDED WAS MADE BY DICK RAVICH SECOND MIGUEL ERREA. APPROVED

4. **ACTION ITEMS:** (see December 10, 2009 action items for carryover)

ACTION – STEVE DAUSE TO CONTACT AMBER GARDINER FOR INFORMATION FOR TRACKING THE SOURCE OF THE DELAYED BIG SUR GRANT MONIES. Rob T.

reports that “we will be receiving a sub award grant agreement at the end of December” per Randy Richter. This must be completed and mailed early in January, 2010. The agreement shall come to Chief Robert Taylor. He shall direct it to Hal Latta or Rob Thompson. **ACTION: ROB THOMPSON TO FOLLOW UP WITH RANDY RICHTER ON STATUS OF SUB-AWARD GRANT AGREEMENT POSTING BY JANUARY 5, 2010.**

5. **CORRESPONDENCE:Info from amber gardner on grant writing workshop see *******

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. Strategic Planning Committee: Rob Thompson reports on a phone meeting with Randy Richter to discuss Workshops on Grant funding writing. One is already set in Milpitas and another in San Luis Obispo (see Website). Randy would like to have one in Monterey. Rob feels that Carmel Valley’s Hidden Valley Music in February of 2010 should be primary in our thinking. Rob is confident that at least 30 to 40 people will want to attend. **ACTION: LONNI T. SHALL WORK WITH ROB ON THIS.** Both would like to schedule sometime in January. **ACTION: LONNI T. TO CONTACT ‘PETE’ AT HIDDEN VALLEY SOONEST.** When this is settled **ACTION: ROB TO GET THE INFORMATION TO LISA G. FOR MFSC**

B. Public Information/Education.:

a. Fire Clearance Workshops for 2010: Hysperia Rob T. spoke to Ed Buntz regarding a short presentation at the Hysperia Community Meeting on January 19th, 2010 at 6:30 PM. A CAL FIRE rep shall be there per Chief Taylor. **ACTION:ROB TO ALSO CONTACT MAT LITTLE (Insurance).**

b. Grant Workshops for 2010:

C. MC2WG: Mike Caplin reports that they have a final draft, Version II signed off by CAL FIRE, Salinas Rural, North County Fire Chiefs Association, Cypress, Carmel Highlands, Pebble Beach. And BSVFB, Fort Ord, Cachagua Fire and the US Forest Service. **ACTION: MIKE TO E-MAIL LIST TO MFSC BOARD.** It is noted that the County remains aloof and not signing. **ACTION: MIKE C. TO CHECK WITH SARAH G. RE: CAN BSLT SIGN OFF ON THIS. ACTION: DICK R. TO CONTACT REP. MONNING RE SIGNING.** There was a discussion around the lawsuit threat to the Monterey Board of Supervisors by the Sierra Club – is this a local chapter threat or the National Organization. Hal Latta reports that frequent requests from MFSC to set up a meeting with Julie Engels and the local chapter to seek common ground have met with no success.

7. **PROJECT SUMMARIES:**

A. Big Sur Grant: Steve Daus reports that he and Chief Taylor now have a map defining special treatment areas. Since critical viewshed has, apparently, never been referred to as a special treatment area clarification is needed. Steve Daus and Mike Caplin shall study this further and report at the January Board meeting. **ACTION: ALL MEMBERS SHOULD BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE COASTAL COMMISSION PLAN AND THE COUNTY LAND USE PLAN.** The Big Sur plan is now in an administrative review committee. The next step is to distribute a draft version to our Agency list, environmental groups, etc.

B. RTG update: Lonni T. reports that the Gavilan crews have done a fantastic job and thanks CAL FIRE for four weeks of up to three crews at a time. County money is dribbling in.

8. **NEW BUSINESS:** (no reports)

9. **OLD BUSINESS;** (no report)

10. **ADJOURNMENT: MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY PENNY VIeregge SECOND TOM DI BARTOLO. APPROVED.** The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM

Respectfully submitted

Penny Vieregge, Secretary MFSC

NEXT MEETING JANUARY 29, 2010