

**MONTEREY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 22, 2007

Meetings are held on the last Thursday of the month at 10:45 AM following the regular 9:00 AM Fire Safe Council meeting at the California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection, Expanded Dispatch Center, 2221 Garden Road, Monterey, CA 93940 – (831) 333-2600.

Monterey Fire Safe Council Website: www.FireSafeMonterey.org.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Stefani at 10:51 AM.
 - a. Board members present were: Dennis Carreiro (for Jan Bray) Ron Stefani, Miguel Errea, Bob Sayre, Mike Chiodini, Danny Marquis, Penny Vieregge.
 - b. Board Members Absent were: Lonni Trykowski, Chuck Winge,
- 2. Non Board Members Present:** Joe Rawitizer.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES MADE BY BOB SAYRE SECOND MIKE CHIDIONI. APPROVED. Miguel Errea abstains.

- 3. CORESPONDENCE:** see Steering Committee minutes
 - a. **ACTION Ron Stefani and Dennis Carreiro will send Cal Fire update releases to Bob Sayre for inclusion in the Big Sur Roundup. Cypress Fire District is mailing their brochures out in March.**
 - b. The Monterey County Fair is in August. (Note: August 14-19, 2007 pv)
- 4. TREASURER’S REPORT:** Checking: \$2,264.86 Savings: \$12,994.67.
 - a. Review, Authorization & Payment of invoices.

1. Sandy Rose Insurance	Admin	\$680.00
2. Monterey Bay Internet	Admin.	\$15.00
3. Gianni Grassi	Admin.	\$250.00
4. Gianni Grasse (Website)	Admin.	\$250.00
5. Gianni Grassi (Website)	Admin.	\$250.00
6. Penny Vieregge (Secretary)	Admin.	\$442.00

7. CA Dept of Forestry Grants 11,12 & 13 \$29,943.45

MOTION TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT AND TO INSTRUCT THE TREASURER TO PAY THE BILLS MADE BY BOB SAYRE SECOND MIGUEL ERREA. APPROVED.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Development: (see Steering Committee minutes)

b. CWPP: Mike Chiodini reporting. Cindy R. has submitted the Grant along with the necessary letters of commitment. All Agencies are on board. The Congressional Review mentioned in the Steering minutes has many graphs, charts, paperwork and fuels information available to cut/paste into our finished CWPP. Joe Rawitizer, representing the San Benito Wild land Fire Council (range land interests), addresses the previous three years work that resulted in \$556,000 being awarded to MFSC. A large part of this went to FRAPP. He feels that the overall concept pieces still exist and with, GIS support, collation is all that is needed to complete the project. He states that he and Steve Davis of USFS (who offers to do 5 units, per Joe R.) will do this for MFSC & SBFSC as volunteers. Joe R. proposes that the Board move forward in development of the CWPP with the elements we already have. One of his concerns is that the focus of the CWPP is now going to urban areas and rangeland needs are being shifted downward in prioritization. He is reminded that the Board voted last month to hire Cindy Reeves for the preparation. . However, Chair Stefani would like to meet with Joe Rawitizer, Steve Davis and Jan Bray to follow up on development and also check the status of the Castro Community plan which might be incorporated into the CWPP.

ACTION: RON S. TO ASK JAN BRAY TO SET UP A COMMITTEE TO ENSURE INCORPORATION OF A RANGELAND COMPONENT INTO THE CWPP.

c. Public Education: No report.

6. OLD BUSINESS: Project Summaries:

A). White Rock has formed their own Fire Safe Council and is submitting their requests. Project manager is Ed Flatly

B. Big Sur/Partington Ridge (Grant #6): Bob Sayre reports that he has submitted the proposed S.O.D. victim clearance project to the Clearing House. If this approval is improved, he will see that reports get in on time and institute the paper trail he has previously developed on his other Big Sur projects. He has also discovered that all the work done last year is now available and needs only to be re-activated. He feels that he is not knowledgeable enough for the task. *A MOTION THAT THE MFSC HIRE CINDY REEVES (AT \$25.00 AN HOUR) TO HELP WRITE THE FORMAL PROPOSAL FOR*

THE BIG SUR/PARTINGTON RIDGE S.O.D. VICTIM CLEARANCE PROJECT GRANT APPLICATION is made by Bob Sayre second by Miguel Errea.

DISCUSSION: The proposed project, which Bob S. has submitted to the FSC Grant clearing house is for three separate phases in felling afflicted trees over a period of 18 months with payment in two quarters from the start of the project. He expects a response within 30 to 40 days. Since the Partington HOAs do not have start up money, he would like 10% administrative for the council (44K less 4K). Danny Marquis suggests taking the monies from the General Fund with 2 ½ % to the HOAs for doing the book keeping. The pattern that Bob S. stated would be: a) work order, 2) inspection then, 3) payment. Mike Kremke suggests a limit of 20 hours for Cindy R. ***THE MOTION IS WITHDRAWN UNTIL A RESPONSE HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE FIRE SAFE COUNCIL GRANT CLEARING HOUSE.***

ACTION: THE MFSC GRANT/DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO CHECK THE CLEARING HOUSE WEBSITE FOR REQUIREMENTS MANDATED.

C. Joe Rawitizer informs the Board of an \$800 outstanding credit from Green Network funds. He asks the Board to authorize him to move ahead (with no additional expenditure of funds from the current budget) with digitalization of the base maps we already have. Mike Kremke says the CalFire might do it without coast to the MFSC. The electronic/digital should be sent to Cindy Reeves. Any hard copy work deliverable would also be burned to a CD for public availability.

ACTION: RON S. WILL COORDINATE WITH STEVE DAVIS AND LARRY FOREMAN. Joe R. offers to post progress on the draft form to the Website via Gianni Grassi.

For other Project Summaries please see the Steering Committee minutes.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Council Vacancies: Treasure Winge has not yet formally resigned. **ACION: PENNY V. TO REQUEST GIANNI GRASSI TO POST VACENCIES ON OUR WEBSITE.**

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ADJOURNMENT: *MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT made by Danny Marquis seconded by Bob Sayre. APPROVED. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM. The next meeting will be held on March 29, 2007*

Respectfully submitted,
Penny Vieregge, Secretary MFSC

Appendix A.

February, 2007

Committees and action plans still in progress from previous meetings

1. Development Committee: Advisor – Jan Bray, Chairman: (vacant), Lonni Trykowski, Jeannie Lewis, Gianni Grassi. Action: To look at Fire Safe Council Clearing House website for work done last year and check on mistakes that have been made. Action: Call a CWPP meeting to ensure incorporation of rangeland component and check the status of Castro Community plan.

2. Public Education Committee: Advisor – Gianni Grassi. Amy Taketomo, Jo Larson, Penny Vieregge, Ed Muñiz,

Action:

1) Gianni to advertise Board vacancies on the Website.

2) Penny to inform the Big Sur Grange of CalStar membership offer and get the dates of the May ‘100 foot’ clearance kickoff.

3. Until a permanent President is found the Chair will be filled every four months by a Board member who has previously served as Vice President. This March is Ron Stefani’s third month.

4. Monterey FSC Board of Directors

Chair: Ron Stefani, North County Fire District

Vice Chair: Bob Sayre, Big Sur Volunteer Fire Brigade

Secretary: Penny Vieregge, Big Sur

Danny Marquis, US Dept. of Agriculture/NCRS

Jan Bray, CalFire (CDF)

Lonni Trykowski, Rancho Tierra Grande Home Owners Asso., (

Steve Davis, US Forest Service (Dept. of Agriculture)

Mike Chiodini, Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Miguel Errea, Monterey Cattleman’s Association (MCA)

Appendix B

Review of Grants

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1. Grant #6: Big Sur Ridge DF'PZ In progress (see February minutes) Rancho Rico:
in progress (see February minutes)

2. Grant #18: *****_