

**MONTEREY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL  
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING  
February 22, 2007**

**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 Chairperson Ron Stefani at 9:06
2. **INTRODUCTIONS:** Those present were introduced as follows:

**Ron Stefani, NCFD  
Jeanie Lewis, RRV/HOA  
Miguel Errea, MC Cattlemen's' Assoc.  
Mike Kremke, USFS  
Bob Sayre, Big Sur VFB  
Dennis Carreiro, CalFire  
James McNulty, MoCo Public Works  
Heather Brady, Big Sur Land Trust  
Edward Muñiz, MoCo Public Works  
Mark Anderson, Cypress/Carmel Highland  
Thomas DiBartolo, PG&E, Resource Group  
Penny Vieregge, Big Sur & MFS secretary  
Mark Kendall, CalFire**

3. **REVIEW OF MINUTES:** Minutes from the January 25, 2007 meeting were distributed to the Steering Committee and reviewed.
  - a. **CORRECTIONS:** #6. PG&E may donate staffing or brochures not necessarily money. *A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS AMENDED was made by Bob Sayre second by Mike Muñiz. APPROVED.*

#### **4. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. Notice of CA Fire Safe Councils' campaign explaining the focus on 100 feet fire clearance. **ACTION: PENNY V. TO FIND OUT DATES OF THE CA/FSC MAY 2007 FIRE AWARENESS KICKOFF AND BRING TO MFSC.**
- b. MFSC Organizational Chart handed out and accepted.
- c. A card of condolences for Lonni Trykowski was signed

#### **5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a. **Development Committee:** No Report

**b. Public Education Workgroup:** The focus from May to July of 2007 is to be "Why 100 hundred feet". The link to the file is:  
[http://www.fire.ca.gov/about\\_content/downloads/Defens\\_space\\_flyer4\\_11final.pdf](http://www.fire.ca.gov/about_content/downloads/Defens_space_flyer4_11final.pdf). Since structures are in the State responsibility area, Cal Fire (CDF) is starting an intense focus on the inspection program in May (see Correspondence). They will break each battalion into 1/3 so that in a three year period every resident will have been contacted. Their program is also targeting power line inspections and roads which access structures. James M. from MoCo Public Works states that County Planning is making sure that within their easements there will be fire protection. Heather Brady, botanist with the Big Sur Land Trust, states that Land Trust easements already have fuel safety measures incorporated with them.

**ACTION: HEATHER B. TO ALSO URGE THE COASTAL COMMISSION TO INCORPORATE FUEL SAFETY MEASURES INTO ALL SCENIC EASEMENTS IN THEIR PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

- i. It is noted that MFSC must also encourage County Planning in developing their Park Management Plan since the Manzanita project is on hold until they do.

- ii. Website funds are down to \$1400. This will be discussed at the Board meeting which follows

- iii. An update is needed on the remaining MFSC brochures. **ACTION: LONNI T. TO OBTAIN THE QUOTED PRICE OF AMS.**

- c. **CWPP:** Ron Stefani reports – that hazard zones must be identified statewide. USF has written their own CWPP and are using it. Many local areas have written and are implementing their own CWPPs. The fire chiefs want a county wide, unified CWPP. Severity zones have many layers of new building codes will be added i.e.: for roofing/attic vents, siding materials and decking before it goes to the Board of Supervisors. The Planning Department can use the MFSC's CWPP in the future. Steve

D. notes that there has been a congressional review on big fires in California and we can cut/paste those results into our CWPP. Bob Sayre reminds the Committee that last month we voted to hire Cindy Reeves to author an all inclusive San Benito & Monterey Fire Safe Council CWPP. Cindy had to submit the San Benito and Monterey separately (although side by side) since the system will not allow a single, unified grant. Bob states that there are grants available that approve an author salary.

**6. PROJECT SUMMARIES:**

a. Manzanita Park: Waiting for County Planning action.

b. Big Sur, Grant #6: Bob Sayre reports.

i. Partington Ridge -Bob Sayre reports that he has submitted another Grant application for the clearing of the access road. The Partington Ridge Water Co has set up matching funds of \$44,000 in resident work hours for felling the dead oaks and doing the clean up. Any chipping will be done by a professional crew. The HOAs prefer to burn. The fire days are based on smoke management report. Bob also would like Cindy R. to author the grant. He offers to assist her in any way possible.

ii. Rancho Rico: Bob Sayre will meet with the owners to define their plan. Penny V. will take notes

iii. RTG Demo Garden Grants #19 & #20: Will open in spring of 2007.

c. Fort Ord/BLM Borderlands: No report.

d. Residential Chipping Program (Big Sur): (see 6b)

e. Rangeland Assoc.

**ACTION: MIGUEL ERREA WILL REPORT NEXT MONTH ON THE SAN BENITO RANGELAND FIRE COUNCIL MEETING**

**7. OLD BUSINESS:** Incorporation of rangeland interests to be discussed at the Board meeting.

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

a. Bob Sayre reports that West Med ambulance is planning on pulling out of Big Sur leaving only a paramedic who can respond but not transport. Back up ambulance must come from out of Big Sur. Such an abandoned area is a concern as there is no agreement with San Louis Obispo. Cambria ambulance will respond with mutual aid. The county needs to address these problems.

b. Dennis C. informs the MFSC of the Cal Star membership availability for \$45.00 a year. Cal Star has reciprocity with LifeFlite and other medical evacuation helicopters.

**ACTION: PENNY V. WILL BRING THIS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE BIG SUR GRANGE. ACTION: BOB SAYRE WILL INVESTIGATE AND REPORT TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE IN MARCH.**

**9. PRESENTATIONS:** None.

**10. GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

a. Tom Di Bartolo reminds the council that PG&E has, in the past, assisted with a chipper program. He suggests that the MFSC look into this and perhaps apply.

b. The memorial service for Cindy Nagai service was well attended. Her replacement, Mark Mondragon has will work out of Highlands/Cypress. ACTION: PENNY V. TO SEND MFSC MINUTES TO HIM...

**11. ADJOURNMENT: MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT MADE BY PENNY VIEREGGE SECOND BY MIGUEL ERREA. APPROVED.**

**NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING ON MARCH 29, 2007.**

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Vieregge

MFSC Secretary