

MONTEREY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
February 25, 2010

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)

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MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 25, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chair Rob Thompson at 9:05AM.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Miquel Errea (MoCo Cattleman) (CERT/CPOA)	Butch Kronlund
Mike Caplin (Palo Colorado/MC2WG))	Kelly O'Brien (MC2WG)
Jeanie Lewis (RRV/HOA)	Paul Pilotte (SLR/C)
Steve Daus (Sur/CERT)	Richard Ravich (Big
Penny Vieregge (Big Sur)	Rob Thompson
Tom DiBartolo (PG&E/Davi Works))	Mike Muñoz (MoCo Public
Robert Taylor (Cal Fire)	Jonathan Pangburn (Cal
Lynne Semeria (CHFSC)	Milk Filbin (Central Coast
Land Clearing)	

Joe Rawitzer (SBRIA/CTF)
(MBUAPOD)

Betsey Hibbits

ACTION ITEMS

REVIEW OF MINUTES: The minutes of January 28, 2010 were reviewed

Correction: #7b - Carmel Highlands Community Fire Safe Committee

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Wildland FSC on CA 2010 Strategic Fire Plan **ACTION: PENNY TO FORWARD TO ALL MEMBERS**

COMMITTEE REPORTS;

Strategic Planning Committee: Grant Writing Workshops schedule: Ongoing
ACTION: ROB THOMPSON TO CONTACT RANDY RICHTER ABOUT TWO MONTEREY COUNTY WORKSHOPS

Public information/education:

- a. Hesperia Workshop – Miguel Errea reports that about 40 people showed up. Cal Fire Battalion Chief was there. He was well received. This group has monthly meetings. The work of MFSC is of great interest there. There is interest in the roadside chipping program. **ACTION: ROB T. TO ARRANGE VARIOUS SPEAKERS – CALL MR. & MRS BUNTZ (sic).**
- b. Chamisal Park publicity – Update: This now is an invitation to Council members. We are not to post it on the Website. **ACTION: MIKE TO GET BEFORE AND AFTER PICS FOR MFSC WEBSITE.**
- c. Public Input on CA 2010 Strategic Fire Plan **ACTION: ROB TO POST ON WEBSITE WITH REQUEST FOR PUBLIC INPUT.**

MC2WG

- a/ Update on local CWPP – Mike Caplin reports that the maps are ready to be put on our Website. Per an official request he has already started getting maps at 11x17 resolution
KML, WUI and fire breaks are being shown. The pdf has appendices (most at low resolution).
- b. Status report on RCD (Resources Conservation Department– Hal Latta reports that Cal Fire has taken this over and MFSC is no longer

involved.

PROJECT SUMMARIES:

Big Sur Grant:

- a. Big Sur Fuel Reduction status update : Steve Daus reports that the group met with County on environmental requirements. The County is not backing down on the need for a permit despite the language in the Land Use Plan. Both Hal Latta (CERT) and Steve Daus (Project Manager) are meeting with Carl Holm who states that a coastal development permit will be required. Since there are only 16 months left in the Grant period, Steve and Hal feel that the permit process should take its customary course. This is a matter of debate between MC2WG, whose suggested local CWPP challenges this statement, and Hal and Steve. The group shall meet again on March 4th in Dave Potter's office to continue the discussion on these regulatory problems.
- b. CERT initial meeting was to prepare binders for administration so that records will be standardized. CERT is identifying leaders in each area to solicit landowner participation. A letter is going out to every landowner. This Administration book has a draft of the landowner agreement to specific action on their land which is to be signed. Steve D. has a paper of the Grant organization chart and a current schedule of the field work. Steve has also drafted a letter calling for a workshop that will look at fuel reduction as an issue that is not properly treated. The Big Sur group is in the process of identifying concrete examples of inappropriate blocking by this process. **ACTION: STEVE D. TO COPY PENNY V. FOR INCLUSION IN THE SECRETARY'S RECORDS.**

Carmel Highlands Community Fire Safe Committee - Lynne Semeria reports that the deadline is tomorrow at midnight and they are going to make it. The group has been working intensely and has identified four projects. The group also has high praise for the assistance given by MFSC, Randy Richter and Cal Fire.

RTG Status Update: Lonni Trykowski (No Report)

OLD BUSINESS:/ (none discussed)

9. PRESENTATION – Kelly O’Brien – This presentation was moved to the beginning of the meeting. It addressed the need of MFSC for a co-coordinated Media Face to present our work, particularly the suggestions of a local CWPP, to the entire Monterey Community. She outlined the needs and the ‘How To; of this. Copies of this presentation are available kellyeo@imac.com **ACTION: KELLY TO CONTACT LISA GOETTEL Lisa@birdwingdesigns.com WITH THIS PRESENTATION OUTLINE.**

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Santa Clara Fire Safe Council meeting are being attended by Steve Dause. This Council has a quarterly newsletter. They are willing to include a half column about the MFSC work in Monterey County. **ACTION: STEVE DAUSE VOLUNTEERS TO DO THIS.** The Council thanks him and approves.

Jonathan Pangburn informs us that the USFS is trying to implement a new plan of long term resource management and forest planning for National Forests based on every forest area creating its own forest management plan. The incorporation of local CWPP projects would be done on a nation wide basis. Input is welcome – <http://www.fs.usda.gov/planningrule> . There will be a regional round table meeting in Sacramento on April 6, 2010. Would anyone from MFSC offer to go? **ACTION: PENNY TO PASS ON TO OUR MEMBERSHIP.**

Rep Bill Monning has introduced a bill to make Andrew Molera State Park a wilderness area. If it passes any fuel reduction efforts would be banned. There has been no public discussion or open forums for local input. . This Bill is coming to committee in three weeks **ACTION: PENNY V. TO PUT THIS OUT TO OUR MEMBERSHIP.**

ADJOURNMENT: *MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY PENNY VIEREGGE SECOND MIGUEL ERREA. APPROVED* The MFSC Steering Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Penny Vieregge,
Secretary, MFSC

**NEXT MEETING
MARCH 25, 2010**