

## MONTEREY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

### Minutes of the General Meeting 2/24/20;

Please take note:

- Meeting Date: All meeting will be held the LAST Thursday of each month unless specified otherwise
  - Meeting location: Cal Fire Headquarters at 2221 Garden Road, Monterey Expanded Dispatch Center behind the main building. (Please park in front and walk down to the Dispatch Center).
  - **NEXT MEETING: MARCH 31, 2011**
  - Currently the General meeting is at 9:30 AM.
  - **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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### MFSC GENERAL MEETING 2/24/11

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The General meeting was called to order by President O'Brien at 10:40. Present were Kelly O'Brien (President), Dick Ravich (Vice President), Jeanie Lewis (Treasurer), Penny Vieregge (Secretary), Mike Caplin (CPOA/CERT), Miguel Errea (MoCo Cattlemen), Peter Harris (Advisor USFS), Hal Latta (Big Sur/CERT), Lynne Semeria (HCFC), Bob Taylor (Advisor CalFire), Lonni Trykowski (RTGA/HOA, Mike Emmett (HCFC), Steve Daus (PROMGR/Big Sur Grant), Pam Peck (CPOA/CERT), Dennis Carreiro (Cal Fire), Becky Reisdorg (CERT), Eddie Bennet (CHFS), Frank Pinney (BSVFB) and Pam Silkwood (El Sur Ranch)
2. **YEARLY FINANCIAL REPORT:** Chuck Winge, CPA and overseer of the MFSC finances presented a Summary of Financial Activity of the Calendar Year 2010.
3. **Correspondence**
  - A. Notification that the MCCWPP Signature Pages are Complete and have been signed off by Salinas and filed with the County. Kelly has a copy in her files. The document is also on our website.
  - B. From Jack Galanti, of Galanti Vineyards, giving dates of their private fire protection planning meeting. **DISCUSSION/DECISION:** Since this does not involve the MFSC No response is required.
4. Project Summaries:
  - A. Big Sur Grant
    - a. Status Update – Steve Daus reports a major field effort and great results with one hundred and sixty acres cleared. The job breaks down to 33 acres of handwork, 48 acres work along the road and 78 acres of upslope. Linda Pollak of Cal Fire has signed them off for project completion and environmental compliance. **ACTION: HAL LATTA (CERT) CAN NOW REQUEST THE \$264,000 OF OUR NEXT CHECK PAYMENT + A THREE MONTH EXTENSION..** The Gavilan inmate crews brought us in enourmously under budget. We can now use that saved money to fund additional acres. Steve D. formally recommends that the Board not put the additional work out to bid. Rancho Cielo and the Gavilan Crews are local entities whom we want to support. **ACTION: STEVE TO CONTACT NORTH STAR'S CHRIS ORBIN.** The Cielo Crew (Youth at Risk) will require direct oversight by Steve. He is already developing teaching plans.
    - b. Cert Report – Hal Latta (no report)
  - B. Carmel Highlands FSC – Lynne Semeria and Mike Emmett The Fair is scheduled for May 14, 2011.

- C. Rancho Tierra Grande – Lonni Trykowski reports that the clearing of Buckeye Canyon is continuing. Lonni deeply thanks Edward Muñiz and Chief Taylor for their outstanding support.
5. Committee Reports
- A. Strategic Planning:
- a. Multi-Community Large Grant Committee – Lynne Semeria reports that she and Jonathan P. are exploring ways to fulfill the MFSC mission for public outreach and education. This includes distribution of pamphlets, presentations at County Fairs and schools, Mike Emmett is looking into the Fire Trailer for school exercises. **ACTION: PENNY V. TO SEARCH HER FILES FOR SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS DEVELOPED IN THE PAST THROUGH THE BRIGADE AND RED CROSS AND BRING TO NEXT PLANNING MEETING.** The group is continuing to work on grant applications for outreach work. Through planning for Multi-Community Grants they plan to network with other Fire Safe Councils and exchange hosted joint meetings. Santa Clara Open Space District has hosted meetings of Fire Safe Councils.
  - b. Grant Applications Status Report – Sonja C. Koehler (No Report)
  - c. Fund Raising – Sonja C. Koehler (No Report)
- B. MC2WG
- a. CWPP Science Section' Plan for Completion – Mike Emmett reports that Jonathan Pangburn continues to work with Dr. Stevens. There is particular concern on clarity of language defining vegetation conditions. *MOTION THAT MFSC NEGOTIATION OF SECTION 3.1.2 OF THE CWPP BE LIMITED TO DISCUSSION OF VEGATATION AND FUEL MADE BY MIKE CAPLIN SECOND MIKE EMMETT. APPROVED.* **ACTION: MIKE E. AND MIKE C. TO EMAIL JONATHAN P. WITH THIS INFORMATION.**
- C. Public Information and Education:
- a. Website – donation button still not operating. **ACTION: KELLY O.**
  - b. Website updating – Kelly O'Brien reports that due to time constraints of her life, we need a volunteer "Webmaster" to keep abreast of in house updating. No volunteer comes forward. Search will continue via email..
  - c. "Original" Documents File – Dick Ravich- Jonathan P. offers dedicated space at Cal Fire headquarters. As time permits he will supply someone to scan the hard copy into it
  - d. Workshops per Dick Ravich a Grant Workshop is being planned for June which might be helpful for projects of 2012.
6. Old Business (tabled to March 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting):
- A. Community Chipping Program
  - B. Review of Action Items (attached)
7. New Business: Peter Harris reports that Sherry Tune requests that the MFSC become a host on a *FIRESCAPES MONTEREY* website for a \$50 fee. The Council is startled by such a very low fee. **ACTION: PETER H. TO ASK SHERRY FOR MORE CLARITY ON HER REQUEST AND HER BUDGET NEEDS AND BRING TO THE MARCH MEETING.**
8. Good of the Order –Council members and like minded friends are urged to come to Big Sur on March 19<sup>th</sup> to an 'open mike' with Sam Farr. This meeting is sponsored by Congressman Farr and the Coast Property Owners' Association. It will be held at Pfeiffer State Park Conference Center from 10:00AM to 12:00 PM . Congressman Farr is preparing a Bill which concerns the Los Padres Forest district developing its own management unit. A major focus of the Bill concerns changing boundries, maintenance of fuel breaks and the ability to access these fuel breaks during fires. Section I of this bill runs counter to the Fire Save Council input on the local CWPP and appears to negate much of the work already done and signed off by the MoCo Board of Supervisors. Pam Silkwood also suggests a recommendation/discussion on negotiations to allow the unit manager to be able to allow equipment during a wildfire without the day long delays of applying for government permission. **ACTION: MICHAEL EMMET WILL DRAFT A ONE PAGE LETTER EXPRESSING THE COUNCIL'S VIEWS AND SEND IT TO THE CONGRESSMAN.**

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** *MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY PENNY VIEREGGE SECOND BY MIGUEL ERREA. APPROVED.* The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Penny Vieregge, MFSC Secretary

**NEXT MEETING MARCH 31, 2011**  
**9:30 AM**