

**MONTEREY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
July 30, 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

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Rob Thompson at 9:15 AM
2. **INTRODUCTIONS:** Those present were introduced as follows:

Jeanie Lewis RTG/HOA	Kim Hayes (Elkhorn Slough Found.)
Julie Engell (Sierra Club)	Jonathan Pangburn (Cal Fire)
Penny Vieregge Big Sur	
Lynne Semeria (Carmel Highlands HOA)	Miguel Errea (MCCA)
Steve Daus (Daus Environmental Services)	Robin Hamlin (Cal Fire)
Peter Harris (USFS)	Paul Pilotte (SLR/CVF)
Richard Ravich (MFSC)	Bob Taylor (Cal Fire)
Joe Rawitzer (Cachagua/MSBRI)	Sarah Godfrey (BSLT)
Mike Caplin (CPOA)	Rob Thompson (TW**)
Robert Taylor (Cal Fire)	Betsy Hibbits (Air District)

3. **REVIEW OF MINUTES:** Minutes from the June 25, 2009 meeting were distributed to the Steering Committee and reviewed;

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

4. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Edward Muñiz – Information: The County does need right of entry over private lands.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

- Fire Ecology Workshop on Big Sur SOD: attended by Rob Thompson
- REQUIRED PRE AWARD GRANT WORKSHOP IN OAKLAND per Amber Gardiner. MFSC will be represented by Dick Ravich, and Steve Daus. Cindy Reeves (SBFSC), Sarah Godfrey (BSLT) will also represent MFSC.

6. COMMITTEE/PROJECT REPORTS:

a. CWPP:

Steve Daus - Big Sur Project Coordinator Grant received \$437,000

The group is working on an administrative draft. Emerging from the second round of public meetings are the established distinctions between Big Sur North Valley (well populated, urban, homes closer together, more absentee ownership) and the South Coast (dwellings remote, generational ownership accustomed to working the land). The 2nd draft, now being developed, needs to reflect these distinctions. The group has a good working relationship with the Agencies of Region 5. Attention is being paid to develop a common vocabulary with consistent language dovetailing with the Agencies and the County. All are still waiting for the County to put out their CWPP. Their next meeting is focused on a time frame for project implementation of the Grant, which shall be available at the end of this fiscal year.

MC2WG: (see Appendix A) Kelly O'Brien: Joe Rawitizer states that the Cachagua Task Force, which he represents, while working with MC2WG is separate from this group. Kelly O. addresses the efficacy of communities working together and presenting a unified plan for input into the County plan. Using the input from public meetings, each area can prioritize its own needs. Every plan is an independent plan which needs to be signed off by each area. Local needs should have precedence over County needs. This opened the issue of the Brown Act. Eventually the completed CWPP will be signed off by a legislative body. Does the Brown Act apply to the input received at these smaller, local meetings? **ACTION: SARAH GODFREY WILL RUN THIS PAST THE BSLT ATTORNEY. ACTION: DICK RAVICH TO BRING THIS UP AT HIS GROUP MEETING LATER TODAY.** Chairman Thompson compliments the working group for its diligence and dedication. All acknowledge the benefits of the participation of North County (Elkhorn Slough), Prunedale neighbors' group and the Sierra Club. **ACTION: JULIE ENGELL TO MAIL TO ROB THOMPSON HER LIST OF LOCAL HOAs FOR INCLUSION IN THE COUNCIL FILES.** It is noted that, although frequently invited, there has been no representative from the Coastal Commission attending these meetings.

Public Education Committee:

Workshops:

Fire Landscapes/Planting: With new input from Kim Hayes(Elkhorn Slough) and Julie Engell (Sierra Club) goals for the development of a shorter format were discussed. Workshop goals and the best way to serve the audience should be defined. The separation of lecture/presentation (1 to 2 hours) from the demonstration field trip might attract more people than the four hour workshops. The first workshop would focus on speakers from fire service, county planners etc speaking toward what can be done now plus hand out materials. A follow up workshop could be a field trip to a demonstration garden. **ACTION: ROB THOMPSON TO DISCUSS THIS WITH PAUL ROBBINS AND REQUEST MORE INPUT FROM KIM AND JULIE.** The workshops should be aimed at defining planting zones of the area and whether they are urban or rural in nature. **ACTION: SARAH GODFREY SHALL CONTACT HER SANTA CRUZ RESOURCES.** MFSC may develop an outline that can be of service to other Counties and Councils.

6. PROJECT REPORTS:

Rancho Tierra Grande: (No Report)

Big Sur/Partington: Paper work still be wrapped up for filing

Rancho Cielo: Praise and kudos to this school of young, at risk students working through Salinas Rural and North County Fire on fire clearance projects. Chief Taylor has more tools to donate to them. Rob Thompson has contact information if anyone has clearance projects. The group is equipped to bivouac on site.

7 OLD BUSINESSES:

Rob Thompson and Chief Hamil's investigation into a Pebble Beach owner's request for assistance (financial) determines that it is beyond the scope of the MFSC

7. NEW BUSINESS: ACTION: DICK RAVICH TO GIVE SECRETARY THE NAME AND EMAIL OF JOHN BRADFORD'S REPLACEMENT IN BIG SUR.

8. PRESENTATIONS: (None)

9. GOOD OF THE ORDER:

10. ADJOURNMENT: MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT MADE BY MIGUEL ERREA, SECOND DICK RAVICH. APPROVED. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM

NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

August 27, 2009

Respectfully submitted,
Penny Vieregge
MFSC Secretary