

ñMONTEREY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL
STEERING COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR JUNE 24, 2010

1. INTRODUCTION: The meeting was opened at 9:03 AM by Chairman pro tem Richard Ravich. Present were:

Mike Caplin (Palo Colorado)	Miguel Errea (MoCo Cattle)
Peter Harris (USFS)	Hal Latta (Big Sur/CERT)
Jeanie Lewis (RRV/HOA)	Kelly O'Brien (JCCTF)
Dick Ravich (Big Sur)	Lynne Semeria (HCFSC)
Bob Taylor (Cal Fire)	Lonni Trykowski (RTG/HOA)
Penny Vieregge (Big Sur)	Steve Daus (PM/Big Sur)
Mike Emmett (HCFSC)	Sonja Koehler (HCFSC)
John List (LRM)	Steve Paine (OPR Inc.)
Edward Muñiz (MoCoPublic Works)	
2. ACTION ITEMS:
3. Correspondence:
 - Rob Thompson (Pres. MFSC) –resignation as MFSC President
 - Sarah Godfrey – (Vice Pres MFSC) declining the presidency
 - Cindy reeves. RTG money pending
 - Mike Caplin
 - Kelly O'Brien – calling attention to Kehoe bil
4. REVIEW OF MINUTES: The minutes of May 27, 2010 were reviewed.

Corrections;
C6 –MC2WG –Change Ventana wilderness to Ventana Alliance

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS CORRECTED MADE BY MIKE CAPLIN SECOND MIGUEL ERREA. APPROVED
5. COMMITTEE REPORTS;
 - A. Stratigic Planning Committee:- Rob Thompson (No Report)
Grant Writing Workshops
 - B. Public information/education:
 - a. Project Wildfire –
Meeting of 6-10 (PR campaign for the local CWPP document presented to the MoCo Board of Supervisors by MFSC): Dick Ravich reports on the scheduled June 30th photograph session with all uniformed Fire Districts, USFS,

State Parks, BLM who have signed off on the MFSC local CWPP suggestions. Those who have been working on this project for over two and a half years are included. This is to be used to promote public knowledge of the document. Hopefully it can also be used to thank the MoCo Board of Supervisors for putting it on the Agenda of their next meeting and signing it.

b. MFSC Website: Kelly O'Brien

The goal is to bring awareness to the public of the work that MFSC is doing. The Website is being updated with an input page for comments addressing future revisions plus a 'donation' button to solicit help from the public.

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a. Status Update –Mike Caplin

The local CWPP developed and submitted by MFSC is still not signed by MoCoBoard of Supervisors. It is hoped that it will be on this month's agenda... An email was received from the MoCo Planning Department with some suggested changes to the document. It was not clear if this was County input. Since MoCo is the last of the required signatures, MFSC is willing to make changes. The present document will remain closed to others who are not required signatures and did not participate in the two years of open meetings. The updated 'input' page on our Website is the place for input on the projected revisions. This is a living document. In the progression of its development changes are anticipated.

C. Non Agenda Item: Robin Hamil asks if anyone has a status update on the MoCo Permit Streamlining Group. Chief Taylor responds that he is a member he has not been contacted for any meetings. He has been working on a final version of check list responses and views on potential impact. Mike Caplin reports that he, also, has been working on a draft. Bob needs maps.

6. PROJECT SUMMARIES:

A. Big Sur Grant

a. Big Sur Fuel Reduction status update : Steve Daus

Report that he continues to meet with landowners. The last few days have been with Coastlands ownership. Field assessment is done. He is now working on the contract language. Because of so much absentee ownership he plans to send his results by mail to owners outlining a prescription for each property, a map to show where actions will take place and what the treatment will be. He has met every landowner. He assured them that when the agreement to work on their property is signed, there will be pre=operational visits to each property for fine tuning.

He is a couple of weeks away from the CEQA aspect of the plan. The RFPs are his primary focus for next week. A list of contractors is available and Steve will contact them.

- b. Hal Latta (CERT) - Relative to County Permit – Hal Latta reports that progress is being made. He and others met with Carl Holmes. Some points want changes. Pam Silkwood is working on integrating changes into the group’s proposal. It will be under the auspices of a landscaping permit, which is a discretionary permit. Carl H. states that once he has maps he can issue a landscaping permit. A fee of \$200 to \$300 has been suggested. **ACTION: HAL TO CHECK IF THE LANDSCAPING PLAN HAS AN EXPIRATION DATE.**
- c. Insurance for Steve Daus: Ongoing. Difficulty is that Insurance Companies are not willing to consider such a small project and there is no real category **ACTION: LONNI T. TO SEND STEVE A COPY OF HER HUSBAND’S COVERAGE SINCE HE IS AN ADVISOR ALSO.**

B. Carmel Highlands Community - Lynne Semeria

- a. Introduces Sonja Koehler who as a consultant for non-profit organizations has offered to assist with Grant writing
- b. Grant monies (10BLM-0690 \$28,750) have come in for community outreach programs (education, CERT training, writing their local CWPP for input to County. Since MFSC is their fiscal sponsor 15% shall be deposited into the MFSC account.

C. RTG Status Update: Lonni Trykowski

- a. Grant monies have come in. MFSC to be paid 15% as agreed. The work needs to be accomplished in 18 months so there is a time pressure.
- b. Edward Muñoz reports that the Gavilan crews are scheduled to come into the Buckeye area. Rejoicing!

ACTION: DICK RAVICH TO SEND LONNI AND LYNNE COPIES OF THE STEVE DAUS IN-KIND TIME SHEET.

D. Jamesburg/Cachagua: Joe Rawitzer (No Report)

E. MFSC Project Atlas – Joe Rawitzer (No Report)

- 7. OLD BUSINESS: Steve Daus reports that Alan Roberts of the Santa Clara FSC would be delighted to give MFSC a presentation on their successful fund raising. **ACTION: STEVE D. TO EXPRESS OUR THANKS AND SET THIS UP SOONEST.**

10. GOOD OF THE ORDER: San Benito County finished the sign off of their CWPP yesterday. Both Chief Taylor and Richard Ravich have followed at least 12 other Counties whose FSCs and volunteer citizens have prepared and signed off CWPPs with the full cooperation of land management, fire and local government. After 2 ½ years of MFSC and Monterey County Agencies and government working cooperatively to protect life and property we approach the final sign off by our Board of Supervisors with trust and confidence.

11. ADJOURNMENT: *MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY PENNY VIEREGGE AND MIGUEL ERREA. APPROVED* The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Penny Vieregge,
Secretary, MFSC. .

NEXT MEETING JULY 29, 2010