

**MONTEREY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

March 29, 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**

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ron Stefani at 9:12 AM

2. INTRODUCTIONS: Those present were introduced as follows:

Ron Stefani , NCFC
Penny Vieregge, Big Sur & Secretary
Bob Sayre, Big Sur Volunteer Fire Brigade
Miguel Errea, SBCA, Rangeland
Danny Marquis, NRCS
Mike Kremke, USDA Forest Service
Edward Muñiz, MoCo Public Works
Thomas Di Bartolo, PG&E /DRG
Lonni Trykowski, RTGA/HOA
Gianni Grassi, Webmaster
Johanna Fogolin, PG&E/DRG

3. REVIEW OF MINUTES: Minutes from the February 22, 2007 meeting were distributed to the Steering Committee and reviewed. MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS READ MADE BY BOB SAYRE SECOND MIGUEL ERREA. APPROVED

4. CORRESPONDENCE: (sent to Jan Bray who then forwards as necessary)

a. Letter from Amy Taketomo of MBUAPCD on the possibility of funds available for public education in Region #9, which includes Monterey County.

b. Formal resignation (by e-mail) of Chuck Winge as Treasurer – **ACTION: JAN BRAY AND RON STEFANI TO PICK UP MFSC RECORDS AND STORE AT CDF.**

c. A reminder -

ACTION: BOB SAYRE TO TAKE OVER AS CHAIRMAN IN MAY. He will act as Chair through August, 2007.

d. The Cal Fire May campaign for education on ‘Why 100 Yards Fire Clearance Around Structures’ will open with a press conference and educational displays sometime in May. More detailed plans are TBA.

ACTION: DENNIS CARRERIO TO INFORM BOB SAYRE SOONEST.

e. Gianni Grassi (Webmaster) informs us that our domain name has expired. He paid the fee with his personal credit card.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS: Development: No report.

a. Public Education Workgroup: No report. See Correspondence from Amy Taketomo from possibility of grant funding.

b. CWPP :

i. The work invoice from Cindy Reeve has been received. The Board e-mail vote approved payment

ii. Bob Sayre reports that his concept paper on a grant application for Big Sur (Partington Ridge Project) is ‘under consideration and you will be advised what the next step is’ Bob considers this a hopeful sign as it is not a prompt rejection. He is awaiting more news.

c. Smoke management workgroup. No Report

d. Grant Committee: has been meeting. No report

6. OLD BUSINESS/PROJECT SUMMARIES

a. Website: Webmaster Grassi request a list of criteria for Board members. He will add this to the Website search for two new members. **ACTION: GIANNI TO E-MAIL TO THE BOARD A LIST OF QUESTIONS WHICH CANDIDATES MIGHT ANSWER.** Also he had discovered that our domain name had expired (see

correspondence). He informs the Board that someone who knows the password needs to be appointed. *A MOTION THAT GIANNI GRASSI'S NAME GO TO NETWORK SOLUTIONS AS OUR CONTACT WAS MADE BY PENNY VIEREGGE SECOND MIGUEL ERREA. APPROVED.* Gianni, thinking of using Network Solutions as a 'one stop' server. **ACTION: GIANNI TO SPEAK WITH mбай.net.**

b. Manzanita Park: This project is on hold until Monterey County can finish a Park Management Plan. The 2005/2006 work that the MFSC commissioned can be applied to this plan. Further Grant funding needs to be found. Ed Muñiz reports that the County is pushing lately to be more vigorous in applying for Grants. He has been enrolled in eCivis which produces weekly information on where to apply for Grants. He suggests that MFSC also enroll. **ACTION: ED WILL FORWARD HIS e CIVIS INFORMATION TO LONNI TRYKOWSKI OF THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.**

c. Green Info Network: Ron Stefani has confirmed that we do have an \$800 credit coming to us. The group decides to apply the credit and the topos to the work being done by Cindy Reeves for the CWPP.

d. Resignation of the treasurer: Chuck Winge may be willing to continue as our Accountant. Since anyone can be named 'Financial Advisor' Gianni suggest that our Website advertise 2 Board vacancies. All agree. **ACTION: RON S. TO SPEAK WITH CHUCK W.** The results will be reported at the April meeting.

e. Board vacancies. (see above)

7. NEW BUSINESS: Bob Sayre reporting.

a. Big Sur – The concept paper required of the Grant Application has been submitted. Bob speaks of the lack of clear, consistent criteria available from the CAFSC Clearing House. Partington Ridge people, fully aware of the extraordinary fire danger involving massive Sudden Oak Death tree victims along their only access road, have already started the work which is listed as their share of a matching grant. (Note: if Bob's concept paper is accepted he will join the Grant Development Committee and receive assistance from Cindy Reeves) Gianni points out that the Website could also act as a bulletin board/exchange to report what homeowners are doing.

ACTION: BOB S. TO ASK HEIDI HOPKINS TO WORK ON AN ARTICLE FOR THE WEBSITE. ACTION: PENNY V. TO E-MAIL INFORMATION ON THE OLD 'SUR-CATS' MOVEMENT TO THE BOARD. ACTION: PENNY V. TO LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF A 'FIRE FAIR' AT THE BIG SUR GRANGE IN JUNE.

b. Rancho Rico: The owners are in contact with CDF but nothing has moved forward.

8. PRESENTATIONS:

a. Gianni Grassi gave a presentation on the need for Fire Safe Councils, local major agencies, and local politicians to meet and work together to allocate monies and make coherent plans for fire protection. In the original model of the CA Fire Alliance, grant concept applications would first go to the regional agencies. These agencies would discuss and then pass the accepted concepts to the CAFireSafe Council Clearing House which would, in turn, relay to the proper State or Federal Agencies. Currently FSC concepts are going directly to the CAFSC clearing House. There is some confusion among Grant applicants trying to obtain coherent criteria for their proposals. This problem is in the process of being addressed. **ACTION: GIANNI TO E-MAIL HIS PROPOSED MODEL FOR GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES TO THE MFSC.**

b. Penny Vieregge spoke of the Cal Star medi-vac insurance of \$45.00 a year. See CalStar.org for more information.

9. GOOD OF THE ORDER:

a. Mike Kremke and Miguel Errea stated that USFS and the Cattlemen's Association both are gearing up for fire season.

b. Joanne Fogolin of PG&E states that her company is interested in helping out with chipper days.

c. Bob Sayre announced that WestMed Ambulance service is now staying in Big Sur until the end of the year when the contract will be put out to bid.

10. ADJOURNMENT: MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT WAS MADE BY BOB SAYRE SECOND BY MIGUEL ERREA. APPROVED.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 AM.

NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 26, 2007

Respectfully submitted,
Penny Vieregge
MFSC Secretary