

MONTEREY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES
March 26, 2009

- Call to order 9:10 am by President Thompson
- MC2WG are moving to develop localized CWPPs and working on a draft letter for the April 8th Monterey County Planning Commission meeting that will determine the development of a subcommittee to address Wildfire regulation issues
- Cindy Reeves spoke to Amber Gardner and determined that no signatures were needed on the Dudek-written CWPP draft in order to complete the April 30, 2009 grant requirement deadline
- A request was posed to the MFSC to hold off on obtaining signatures until the community input is complete (Response was that an MFSC CWPP review committee made up of CALFIRE, USFS, BLM, and others will convene to make this decision)
- A request was posed to the MFSC to engage a speaker (Joe Stutler and cohorts from Deschutes County, OR) to give a presentation to the Board of Supervisors about the importance of developing a Countywide forester position
- A request was posed to the MFSC to include language in the CWPP that supports policies that remove barriers to fuels reduction projects
- Steve Daus recommended that John Upton would be willing to address the MFSC regarding changes in emergency regulatory situations
- Discussions were engaged in regarding “Stay and Defend” policies and “Overgrown Hazard Zones (OHZ)” that preclude public ability to perform fuel reduction work
- A request was posed to the MFSC to develop the MFSC steering committee meeting as a forum for law enforcement and fire professionals to engage with the community to address best actions for emergency response and fires/stay and defend
- A request was posed to the MFSC to bring the monks who “stayed to defend” the Tassajara Zen Center to discuss their experience at a MFSC steering committee meeting
- Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am

ACTION ITEMS

- ***Robin Hamelin will email Sheriff’s contact information to Rob Thompson
- ***Rob Thompson will contact Fire Chiefs’ Association and encourage them to attend MFSC steering committee meetings
- ***Rob Thompson will contact Matt Little, Jr Insurance company and encourage them to attend MFSC steering committee meetings
- **Steve Daus will contact Board of Supervisors regarding concerns about the EIR and limitations to fuels reduction projects
- **Steve Daus will write a letter to the Planning Commission urging the development of a subcommittee to review draft EIR issues of MC2WG
- **Richard Ravich will email the group Joe Stutler’s job description that a similar one will be developed in Monterey County