

**MONTEREY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL**  
**STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**May 27, 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](http://www.FireSafeMonterey.org)

1. **CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pro Tem Lonni Trykowski at 9:05 AM.**
2. **INTRODUCTIONS: Those present were introduced as follows:**

**Jeanie Lewis (RTG/HOA)**

**Dick Ravich (MFSC/CERT)**

**Robin Hamelin (CAL FIRE)**

**Lenore Semeria (Carmel Highland HOA)**

**Penny Vieregge (Big Sur)**

**Lonni Trykowski (RTG/HOA)**

**Mike Caplin (CPOA-Palo Colorado)**

**Pam Peck (CPOA- Palo Colorado)**

**Betsy Hibbits (MBUAPCD)**

**Steve Daus (Daus Environ Servs)**

3. **REVIEW OF MINUTES:** Minutes from the April 30, 2009 meeting were reviewed. *MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS READ MADE BY RICHARD RAVICH SECOND ROBIN HAMLIN. APPROVED*
4. **ACTION ITEMS:** In the absence of Rob Thompson, Kelly O'Brian and Lisa Goettel most of these items are carried over to the June meeting.
5. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

a Chairman Trykowski read her letters of thanks to retiring Board members Bob Sayre and Danny Marquis. All appreciate her Southern talent

b. A letter from Michelle Noseworthy reporting on the Rancho Cielo program which has graduated 30 students who are ready and willing to work on fire clearance programs. Chief Eucleyedes shall use them on the County property section of the RTG perimeter using Grant 17 funds. Katherine Lopez of Highlands would like to utilize this crew. The details of insurance coverage need to be worked out. Lonni Trykowski reports that the Gavilan crews are covered. Private vendors must have their own insurance which must comply with County rules. RTG is working with its local funds.

c. A letter from Paul Robbins advising MFSAC of another Grant opportunity. Mike Caplin and Pam Peck have re-submitted the numbers that were requested. **ACTION: PAM AND MIKE TO REPORT AT THE JUNE MEETING.**

d. A copy of Chief Pilotte's report on 'sundowner' wind phenomena **ACTION: PENNY TO FORWARD TO MIKE CAPLIN.**

e. **Lonni** reports that Paul Robbins has informed her that a small Grant is available for small workshops informing the public what they can and cannot do on fire clearance for shareholder property. **ACTION: DICK RAVICH WILL RESPOND AND EXPRESS MFSC INTEREST IN THIS GRANT.**

f. **Webmaster** Lisa Goettel (see Committee reports #7 + **ACTION ITEMS**)

## 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### a. CWPP:

1. Summary of meeting with Supervisor Potter and Land Use Agency Representatives: Steve Daus and Michael Caplin report, with enthusiasm on this meeting with "a good group of decision makers in County Planning". Also conferencing by phone was the Executive Director of the Coastal Commission. The primary discussion revolved around advocating that General Plan policies be changed to allow and encourage fuel reduction by shareholders. There are plans to have another meeting with the group. **ACTION: MICHAEL CAPLIN TO REPORT TO MFSC IN JUNE.**
2. Big Sur Grant: Steve Daus reports that the revised application of the accepted Grant for Big Sur has been submitted. **ACTION: STEVE TO E-MAIL A COPY TO PENNY V.** Steve also reports that the Big Sur CWPP is 75% through with the technical information on where the money already granted is to be used. He has also finished with 50% with the regulatory background. He has to wait for Monterey County CWPP to be finished in order to incorporate that language. He is arranging a series of 2 meetings in North Valley and two at Pacific Valley School. The first will update shareholders on what the process is doing and solicit continued input from the community The second is for presentation of developments. **ACTION: STEVE TO ASK LISA G. IF THE MFSC WEBSITE CAN SET UP AN E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS.** Both Steve and Dick Ravich hope for Agency representation at these meetings. **ACTION: DICK RAVICH WILL TALK WITH CHIEF HAINES.**

Mike Caplin reports that Amber Gardiner called to say that more Grant money could be available The USFS may be open to negotiating on matching funds. She suggested an adjusted grant application from the Palo Colorado and Cachagua group who have named themselves the Wildfire Fuel Reduction Committee. . Kudos to Mike and Pam for being able to meet the overnight deadline.

3. Paul Robbins: Advises the Council on how the stimulus-funded work can be implemented in Monterey County. He is considering re-submitting the proposal for Cachagua-Jamesburg to the County of Monterey's ARRA. He also suggests that all the non-funded Monterey County fuel-load reduction Grants can be bundled into one submission
4. Rancho Tierra Grande HMO: Lonni Trykowski reports that their RFP follow up for 2010 has been accepted per Cindy Reeves. **ACTION: EDWARD MUÑIZ TO ASK THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT IF COUNTY FORCES CAN BE USED FOR THIS NEXT PHASE, IF THE COUNTY NEEDS RIGHT OF ENTRY OVER PRIVATE LANDS. AND IF THE COUNTY NEEDS TO ESTABLISH CRITERIA FOR STEEPNESS OF THE AREA. EDWARD WILL ALSO CHECK WITH PETER STERN TO FIND OUT IF COUNTY NEEDS TO HIRE A BIOLOGIST TO RESEARCH ANY NEW AREAS UNDER DISCUSSION.**

b. Public Education :

1. Workshop: **ACTION: ROB THOMPSON TO CONTINUE WORKING WITH DAVE EGBERT IN DEVELOPING WORKSHOPS TO BE OFFERED BY MFSC**

2. Website:

- By letter, Lisa Goettel reports that she has saved a full copy backup of the old site
- Has sent an invoice for the next 25% of the project
- Requests a meeting with Sarah Gordon for training in the Contribute Program.
- She has noticed that MFSC hasn't registered the .com and l.net version of the Website domain name. **ACTION: LISA STRONGLY RECOMMENDS DOING THIS ALONG WITH REGISTERING montereyfiresafecouncil.com and also .net. She recommends GoDaddy and offers to set them up. (Mo ACTION taken. ACTION: SECRETARY TO PUT ON JULY BOARD AGENDA.**

7. **PROJECT SUMMARIES:**

a. Fire Academy Community Graduates: Lonni T. reports that the RTG scheduled January plan is completed. The Graduates are also wanted for July clearance for the elderly. **ACTION: LONNI TO PHONE NATALIE OF THE FIRE ACADEMY.** There was a discussion on the perimeter clearing around the two RTG subdivisions located on the top of the canyon chimney. Lonni assures Chief Hamlin of Carmel that the residents have a general knowledge of the escape route.

8. **OLD BUSINESS.**

- a. Rancho Cielo WYT: Chief Hamlin is also working with the Rancho Cielo Wildfire Youth Training Program regarding logistical support and insurance coverage.

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **ACTION: DICK RAVICH TO GET IN TOUCH WITH PAUL ROBBINS ABOUT THE STIMULUS FUNDED WORK AVAILABLE THROUGH MONTEREY COUNTY.**
- b. There was also a discussion on how the Council might better reach out and inform homeowner groups of the MFSC work and encourage reps to attend meetings.

10. **ADJOURNMENT: MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT MADE BY DICK RAVICH SECOND BY MIKE CAPLIN. APPROVED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:30.PM**

**NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**JULY 25, 2009**

**THERE WAS NO BOARD MEETING DUE TO LACK OF A QUORUM.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Penny Vieregge,  
MFSC Secretary