

**MONTEREY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
May 27, 2010**

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 project**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pro-Tem Richard Ravich at 9:03 AM
2. **INTRODUCTIONS:** The following introduced themselves:

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| Peter Harris (USFS) | Richard Ravich (Big Sur) |
| Lynne Semeria (Highlands) | Kelly O'Brien (MC2WG/JCCTF) |
| Bob Taylor (Cal Fire) | Penny Vieregge (Big Sur) |
| Miguel Errea (MoCoCA) | Steve Paine (contractor) |
| John List (Contractor) | Thomas Di Bartolo (PG&E/Davey) |
| Penny Vieregge, (Big Sur) | |

3. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Jonathan Pangburn – Bio Mass information (See Steering #6a)
ACTION: SECRETARY TO ADD TO CONTRACTOR LIST ON WEBSITE.

4: ACTION ITEMS:

5. **REVIEW OF MINUTES:** Hard copies were handed out. Due to time pressures the review is tabled to the June Meeting.

6: COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Strategic Planning Committee –Grant Workshops_ (No Report)P

B. Public Information/Education

- a. Project Wildfire – Kelly O'Brien reports that she is waiting for a response from Lisa Goettel on implementing the upgrading on the points agreed upon at the April meeting.
- b. Website Independent Contractor Site.

Biomass disposal (from Correspondence). **Michal Durden (678-420-4284)**
mike@extremeforest.com or www.extremeforest.com . Mr Durden is putting together a mobile biomass plant to move into an area, tie into the local distribution line and feed the power back into the grid. He is also prepared to gather the material left and transport it to a Biomass Plant in the area to offset costs. **ACTION: PENNY TO GIVE INFORMATION TO STEVE DAUS**

- **ACTION: PENNY TO PASS LETTER TO LISA G. TO PUT INTO THE INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS LIST ON OUR WEBSITE.**

- **ACTION: PUT ON INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS LIST Steve Painter and John List (Masticator Contractors from Santa Barbara LRMfiresafe.com**

C. MC2WG:

- a. Update on progress of MoCWPP Recommendations – Kelly O’Brien reports on her meetings with Sierra Club reps who maintain that the attorney letter sent to the Board of Supervisors was really to Pam Silkwood, the attorney for Jim Hill and the Supervisors were not threatened by the Sierra Club of their local Chapter. Kelly is finding their talks productive. She cannot report this about the Ventana Wilderness Society. However, Kelly feels that it is important to continue to pursue finding common ground agreement for this community based document. The Sierra Club has requested a micro soft version of our MoCoCWPP in order to put in their respectful additions. We all agree that in the two years of putting together this document it was important that all interested parties come to the table and talk together. The document is written and has been signed off by Fire Agencies and local Fire Chiefs. Our thorough documentation of the public meetings, forums and website input made the process open. This process will continue toward the time that is open for revisions to the document. Dick Ravich reports the Tom Hopkins of the Ventana Wilderness Society wants a copy of the Big Sur CWPP as well as a copy of the MoCo CWPP. The latter is available. The established protocol is that the Big Sur CWPP will be made available when the administrative draft is passed by the Administrative Review committee then passed to the Agencies. After Fire Agency comments the following draft made then be made available to the public for input.

7: PROJECT SUMMARIES:

- A. Big Sur Fire Reduction Grant - Steve Daus.
- B. Carmel Highlands - Lynne Semeria reports they are still waiting for their Grant money
- C. RTG Status update: Lonni Trykowski (No Report)
- D. Cachagua/Jamesberg – Joe Rawitzer (No Report)

8: OLD BUSINESS:

Project Atlas – Joe Rawitzer (No Report)

9: NEW BUSINESS: (None)

10: GOOD OF THE ORDER: Chief Taylor announces that the MC2WG group is traveling to Sacramento to accept the prestigious Cal Fire partnership Award for their two years of work in developing the MoCoCWPP document. This award was established to acknowledge those recognizing the need for fire safety in Monterey County. MoCo Cal Fire personnel will also receive the Fire Team award for organizational enhancement.

11: ADJOURNMENT: MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY PENNY VIEREGGE SECOND MIKE CAPLIN. APPROVED. The meeting was adjourned at 10:AM.

Respectfully submitted, Penny Vieregge, Secretary MFSC

NEXT MEETING JUNE 25, 2010