

## MFSC STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

October 28, 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: Cal Fire Headquarters, 2221 Garden Road, Monterey; Expanded Dispatch Center behind the Cal Fire Headquarters 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 opened by President Kelly O'Brien at 9:04 AM.

2. **INTRODUCTIONS:** Present were:

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| Kelly O'Brien (President),       | Mike Caplin (CPOA/Palo Colorado) |
| Richard Ravich (Vice President), | Hal Latta (Big Sur/CERT)         |
| Penny Vieregge (Secretary),      | Lynne Semeria (HCFC)             |
| Robert Taylor (Cal Fire)         | Tom Di Bartolo (PG&E)            |
| Steve Daus (Big Sur Grant PM)    | Mike Emmett (HCFC)               |
| Robin Hamelin (Cal Fire)         | Jonathan Pangburn (Cal Fire)     |
| Edward Muñiz (MoCo Dept PH)      | John List (LRM)                  |
| Steve Painter (OPR Inc.)         | Robin Hamelin (Cal Fire)         |

3. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- From Tom DiBartolo introducing Felix Sorrentino of PG&E
- From Tom Di Bartolo on PG&E Grant application
- Copy of handout by Dick Ravich for the Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> presentation
- SOD flyer for Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at Hidden Valley Theatre by Kerry Frangioso

4. **ACTION ITEMS:** (Reports are scheduled in the Agenda)

5. **REVIEW OF MINUTES:** The Minutes of September 23, 2010 were reviewed.

Corrections:

Section 8 Website – dele – *while soliciting only etc.* Change to *Only soliciting donations within the State of CA.*

6. **PROJECT SUMMARIES:**

A. Big Sur Grant: Work Status Update: Steve Daus reports a quiet month. He is following up on the initial letters sent to landowners while waiting for all the responses to come in. The bid packages are ready to go as soon as the responses come in. The permits have been received. Per an e-mail from Carl Holm the project is cleared to proceed to the next step. The cost of the permit was \$232.36. However, the next Grant money deposit (\$163,000), due in October from the CA/FSC will not be made until the sign off from BLM that requirements have been met. Currently BLM is not responding. Chief Taylor states that the Notice of Exemption received last month allows the field survey to start today. Steve D. points out that currently we have no money in the Operational budget. **ACTION: HAL LATTA TO CONTACT BILL KERWIN FOR CLARIFICATION.** Chief Taylor reports that Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> is the end of time for any negative comments to be submitted to the CA/FSC Clearing House. None have been received. Led by Mike Caplin, everyone in the room thanks Cal Fire for its guidance and participation in this process.

B. Carmel Highlands Community Fire Committee: Lynne Semeria reports that their Grant Request was approved last Friday. The group will be holding its 1<sup>st</sup> organizational meeting with their volunteers. **ACTION: KELLY O. SIGNS THEIR SUB AGREEMENT WITH CA/FSC.**

C. Rancho Tierra Grande: Ed Muñiz reports that that the Buckeye Canyon CEQA work can continue beyond the County right of way and on University property. The Fire Department has agreed to this..

C. MFSC Project Atlas: Joe Rawitzer reports ongoing work with Jonathan Pangburn.

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. Strategic Planning Committee:

a. Fund Raising/Grant Writing: Sonja C. Koehler (no report)

B. Public Information/Education

a. Website: Kelly O. informs us that the donate button is still not working. Everything else has been done. She requests that any press releases or information for the site be sent to her [Kelly@oxiprep.com](mailto:Kelly@oxiprep.com) Her back up is Dick Ravich [bigsur@sprynet.com](mailto:bigsur@sprynet.com)

b. Grant Workshops: Randy is planning a local workshop. **ACTION: KELLY O. TO PUT HIS WORKSHOP LIST ON THE WEBSITE.**

c. Presentations: Air District Advisory Committee – 11/04/2010

- The team of Kelly O'Brien, Chief Taylor and a professor from San Jose State University plans a straight clarification of the recommendations offered in the CWPP.

- Dick Ravich is speaking on 11/17/2010 to the Law Chiefs in Salinas. He reports that both Sheriff candidates have signed in favor of the CWPP recommendations. Dick has written a handout which he shall use.
- Kerry Frangioso is giving a SOD presentation at Hidden Valley Theatre. **ACTION: KELLY TO PUT ON THE MFSC WEBSITE.**

C. MC2WG Mike Caplin reported on the Board of Supervisors' CWPP Workshop. Both concerned parties had equal time to speak. Supervisor David Potter made a motion that the BOS not sign off on the document and that the Planning Department work with both groups to insure that the CWPP was in compliance with Environmental law. His motion was approved.

**9. NEW BUSINESS:** *A MOTION TO COMBINE THE NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER MEETINGS INTO ONE MEETING ON DECEMBER 2, 2010 WAS MADE BY DICK RAVICH SECOND HAL LATTA. APPROVED.* The meeting will be held at the **CARMEL HIGHLANDS FIRE STATION** at the usual time.

**10. GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Jonathan Pangburn recommends that the Grant Writing Committee meet with neighboring Fire Safe Councils, and submit joint Grant Applications. An invitation has already been received from the San Benito Fire Safe Council. Jonathan offers to act as Advisor. *A MOTION THAT MFSC ACCEPT THIS INVITATION FROM SAN BENITO FSC AND ACTIVELY CONTINUE TO PURSUE NETWORKING WITH OUR NEIGHBORING COUNCILS WAS MADE BY DICK RAVICH SECOND LYNNE SEMERIA,. APPROVED ENTHUSIASTICALLY.* Jonathan volunteers to be an Advisor to the group. **ACTION: HE AND LYNNE S. SHALL FOLLOW UP ON DEVELOPING THIS. H**

**11. ADJOURNMENT:** *MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY PENNY VIeregge SECOND DICK RAVICH. APPROVED.* The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Vieregge, Secretary, MFSC

**NEXT MEETING**

**DECEMBER 2, 2010 CARMEL HIGHLANDS FIRE STATION**