

## MONTEREY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL- STEERING COMMITTEE

### MINUTES FOR September 30, 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, in the Expanded Dispatch Center behind the main building. (Please park in the front and walk down to the 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 type so that projects can be followed through.**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Kelly O'Brien at 9:01 AM. A warm welcome was extended to Allan and Judy Thompson from the Santa Clara FSC. Those present were:

Kerri Frangioso (UC Davis)	John List (LRM)
Judy Thompson (SCMFSC)	Allan Thompson (SCFSC)
Betsy Hibbits (MBUAPCD)	Mike Caplin (CPOA/CERT)
Miguel Errea (MoCo Cattlemen's Assoc)	Peter Harris (USFS)
Jeanie Lewis (RRV/HOA)	Kelly O'Brien (J/C Com Task Force)
Dick Ravich (CPOA/CERT)	Lynne Semeria (CHFAT)
Rob Thompson (TWM)	Lonni Trykowski (RTG/HOA)
Penny Vieregge (Big Sur)	Steve Daus (BSG/Proj Mgr)
Mike Emmett (CHFAT)	Robin Hamelin (Cal Fire, PB, CH, Cypress)
Leland Lewis (CHFAT)	Jonathan Pangburn (Cal Fire)
Joe Rawitzer (M/SB/RIA/WFSC)	

- 1. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Air District Advisory Committee requesting that the MSFC give a presentation of the MFSC recommendations for the MoCo CWPP on 10/07/09. Kelly O. has accepted and has re-scheduled it for November 4, 2010. As leader, she will form her team.
- Copy of the letter Dick Ravich has sent to each member of the Board of Supervisors urging them to take the time to separate the facts of a legitimate CWPP from the fictions that are being disseminated by some environmental groups.

- 2. ACTION ITEMS:** (Completed)

- 3. REVIEW OF MINUTES:** The minutes of August 26, 2010 were reviewed.

**Corrections: all references to Ventana Wilderness Society be changed to VENTANA WILDERNESS ALLIANCE or VWA**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS CORRECTED MADE BY DICK RAVICH SECOND MIGUEL ERREA. APPROVED.**

**4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**A. STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE**

1. Fund Raising/Grant Writing Update – Sonja Christionat Koehler reports that she is still collecting information for three proposal drafts - *The Community Foundation, Yellow Brick Road* and *PG&E*. The total value of grants on the table is \$7500. **ACTION: KELLY O. TO PROVIDE A COVER LETTER OF APPROVAL FOR THE APPLICATION.** Sonja is working on applications for grants that open up in the spring of 2011. She also plans to construct an individual donor program.
2. Report on meeting with Randy Richter on 09/29/10 – Kelly O'Brien reports that Randy offered the 2010 booklets to be given out at Grant Workshops. Upon asking about the October Grant payment, Randy informs her that he needs six weeks lead time. Dick Ravich points out that the paperwork work and request were submitted in November of 2009. There was a discussion on the lack of coordination between CA FSC and Liaison for the source of the grants. Randy will try to pull together an annual two day conference for information sharing among Fire Safe Councils. He states that the 2011 Grants will be more focused on outreach, education and re-treatment of projects.
3. Since the presentation by Santa Clara Fire Safe Council's Allan and Judy Thompson is pertinent to the present discussion all agree to move it up on the agenda. The MFSC is deeply grateful to the Thompsons not only for the clarity of their presentation but also for the brilliant, groundbreaking work they have done over the years. **ACTION: MFSC ENCOURAGES MORE NETWORKING AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE WITH OTHER FIRE SAFE COUNCILS. KELLY O. WILL LEAD THE GROUP WORKING ON THESE PRESENTATIONS. ACTION: SECRETARY TO ADD TO THE PERMANENT AGENDA UNDER COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**B. PUBLIC INFORMATION/EDUCATION**

Website:

Sonja reports that the donate button is non-functional. **ACTION: KELLY TO FOLLOW UP. ACTION: KELLY – ADD TO LINE STATING “ WHILE SOLICITING ONLY IN CA WE CAN ACCEPT SPONTANEOUS DONATIONS FROM EVERYWHERE.**

The Sherry Tune presentation *FIRESCAPE* will be scheduled later in the year.

Kelly reports that she is still in discussion with Les Roundtree for a presentation to possibly be scheduled for the October meeting.

**C. MC2WG** – Mike Caplin reports that he continues to track down misstatements by various groups.

**5. PROJECT SUMMARIES:**

- A. **BIG SUR GRANT UPDATE** – Steve Daus reports that with the Certificate of Exemption granted we can now start work immediately according to CEQA. The Landscaping Permit is next. Once granted it is good indefinitely.
- B. **CARMEL HIGHLANDS** Lynne Semeria, who also met with Randy R., reports that he stated that grant monies can only be used for what has been outlined in the Grant Application. Payment for a Grant writer must have been factored into the application. **ACTION: KELLY O. TO EXPLORE THE NOTION THAT IF THE MFSC's 15% REPRESENTS OPERATING COSTS THE COUNCIL INCURS FOR ITS BUSINESS DOES NOT GRANT WRITING SUPPORT SUCH COSTS?**

Lynn also reports that the CHFSC application did not budget for insurance as they were unaware of such a need. MFSC has only Directors and Officers insurance which does not cover people outside the Board. The contractors have their insurance. Alan Thompson states that SCFSC has a special crime and theft bond. CHFSC should probably have liability insurance even if they do not hire a Project Manager. **ACTION: HIGHLANDS GROUP TO INVESTIGATE FURTHER. ACTION: DICK R. TO LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF MFSC GETTING INSURANCE SINCE WE HOLD THE MONEY.**

C. **RTG** – Lonni Trykowski (No Report)

6. **OLD BUSINESS:**

**ACTION: PENNY V. TO COMPLETE THE STEERING COMMITTEE LETTER AND MAIL OUT OVER PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE.**

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A discussion of Section B of the President's letter of 7/8/10 is tabled until October meeting.

8. **PRESENTATION:** (see 4A<sub>3</sub>)

9. **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** *MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY PENNY VIEREGGE SECOND DICK RAVICH. APPROVED.* The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM

**Respectfully submitted,  
Penny Vieregge, Secretary MFSC**