

Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council Foundation Board Meeting
July 22, 2017 Board Meeting Cancelled
Activity Update for PMVFD Board Meeting August 5, 2017

Topic	Status
Financial status	Bank balance (07/31/17): \$2857 (\$2500 2017 SDG&E Grant not included) No outstanding liabilities
Insurance	Insurer identified. Will obtain insurance policy as soon as necessary.
Community educational activities	-Website: www.mypalomarmountain.com/firesafecouncil (agenda/minutes/announcements) -Postings on Community Bulletin board outside Post Office -Workshops planned for this year: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) To be held August 26 @ Station 79 9:00AM-4PM. Morning didactic/afternoon site visits. Dan Butz will lead with Clay Howe 2. Chain Saw Use, Care & Safety: Jessica Murany (State Park) has not found instructor. State Park declined due to liability. Has contacted USFS. 3. Fire Gel Use and Storage: Use of fire gel (Barricade) improved product (no outdate) and new recommendations for more limited application. No date yet -Community watch: Participated in July 4 th holiday community watch for illegal fireworks
CAL FIRE	-County wide evacuation initiative underway. Plan to meet with individual FSCs. No new info
Grants: active	USFS Palomar Fuel Reduction Grant: to create 100' Defensible Space around homes provides \$80,000 (\$120,000 total allocated) for chipping, prep work, dead tree removal. Sponsored and administered by FSCSDC/RCD; coordinating all requests/work. Chris Kelley FSCSDC/RCD representative for PMFSC (Sheryl Landrum-administrator) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$50,000 for individual chipping - \$18,000 for prep work with 50% cost share (=\$36,000) - \$12,000 dead tree removal (≤ 25 ft from structure) End Date 12/31/17 PMFSC sent announcement including FSCSDC flier to names on PMPO mailing list and to all Palomar PO Boxes in Nov 2016. Apply on-line. Information on PMFSC website. Need fuel piled for chipping when request made No delay after request .Can apply more than once. FUNDS AVAILABLE for all categories (chipping, 50% share of cost prep work, dead tree removal) Excellent resident reviews for chipping provider. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. SDG&E (2016) \$2500 for community education projects/workshops 3. SDG&E (2017) \$2500 for community education projects/workshops
Grants: submitted/pending	1. San Diego County Neighborhood Reinvestment Program: \$29,000 Fire gel to distribute to homeowners (PENDING) No news yet
Grants: in process	2017-2018 SRA Fuel Reduction Grant: -SRA informational workshop (7/12/2017): Attended by Cecelia Borland

	<p>-In contact with Ca (Natalie Burke) and Local SD Cty (Cheyenne Borello) SRA Grant managers. Grant application not yet posted. Total funding available still uncertain [\$10 million allocated, another \$8 Million pending (AB 524)] Total allocation will determine maximum grant funding- hopefully \$200,000.</p> <p>-Property owner consent for Conifer Road firebreak (Phil Boczanowski) and 32 J improvement (Justin Pettis) obtained</p> <p>-Proposals/cost estimates drawn up for both Conifer Road firebreak and 32 J improvement.</p> <p>-Wes Ruise, LJ Tribal Fire Chief will send support letter for Conifer firebreak and will request tribal council consent to brush clear adjacent tribal land</p> <p>-Letter sent to CAL FIRE (Bat. Chief Hendrie) and USFS (Tim Gray) and asking for support. Need PMVFD support letter.</p> <p>-Planning meeting 8/5/17 11AM-1PM at Carlyle's</p> <p>-Need CAL Fire and PMVDF to review /approve 32 J improvement plan</p>
Grants Potential	- USFS grants for fuel reduction OUTSIDE 100' defensible space require 50% share of cost with commitment in writing up front. To be submitted May 2018 if consents/cost sharing commitments can be obtained.
Grants: submitted/not funded	- SRA Fuel Reduction Grant-2016 (\$200,000) for 1) improvement in Crestline/Birch Hill (Borland to Conifer) contingency evacuation route 2) fuel reduction on land outside the 100' defensible space. NOT FUNDED. Plan: Revise & resubmit next cycle.
Projects: Evacuation Routes	<p>-Alternative contingency (evacuation) routes for Crestline/Birch Hill: Exit to East grade. County Evacuation initiative underway. Meeting with individual FSCs planned.</p> <p>1. Private road (32 J) loop from Crestline Rd through Borland's to Conifer Road and East Grade (S7) is passable with 4-wheel drive/small trucks. Low clearance vehicles would have difficulty and large emergency/fire vehicles can't get through. Gate at Conifer/East Grade secured with a lock. Needs improvement for 2 wheel drive vehicles and access of larger fire/emergency vehicles. Owner consent being sought for road improvement and roadside brushclearing. Per PMPO meeting: May need <i>new survey and new easement</i> for any segment involving road realignment outside current easement.</p> <p>2. Dirt track through Wall's property from Crestline to East grade is well graded, easily passable and well maintained by landowner.</p> <p>3. Old road from Birch Hill to East grade through private and USFS land would need to be cleared, graded and the final portion through USFS land drops off abruptly (6 ft) to East Grade and would need modification.</p> <p>4. Work with Cal Fire and County on County wide evacuation plan</p>
USFS	Dana Barre: Contract work will start this fall in the Birch Hill, Fry Creek, and Palomar Divide and High Point TT areas...for cut and pile work and cut, lop and scatter on the Palomar Divide and Palomar TT. Also ramping up for project work that will be done by USFS crews in the Fry Creek area. All areas treated are potential prescribed burn projects for the latter part of the year and next year.
FSCSDC	PMFSC representatives attend bimonthly meeting
Fundraising	Thanks to all donors. Donations welcome!

Board/Meetings	Monthly meetings 4 th Saturday of the month PMFSC Board: 3 seats open for volunteers
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WUI workshop to be held 8/26/17 in lieu of August PMFSC Board Meeting
Next regular PMFSC Board Meeting: 10:00 AM September 23 @ Station 79 PMVFD Board Room
All community members welcome