

**Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council Foundation**  
 December 16, 2017 PMFSC Board Meeting  
**PMFSC Activity Update for PMVFD Board Meeting January 6, 2018**

Topic	Status
<b>Guests</b>	Bob Uribe (SDC Fire), Tim gray (USFS) Michelle Pletcher (USFS), Dean Kowalski (CALFire), Rick Burruss (Director)& Bruce Baker (Palomar Observatory)
Financial status	2017 Income: \$12,500 (SDG&E and NRP grants) 2017 Expenses: Insurance; Fire Gel/Power washers Current balance: ~ \$2500 Seeking CPA
Insurance	Provident Liability insurance for Board obtained for 1 yr: Oct 2017-Sept 2018)
Community activities	<b>Communication:</b> PMFSC website, Next Door Neighbor
CAL FIRE	- <b>County wide evacuation initiative</b> underway using PACE evacuation route format. . [Primary (East/South Grades); <b>Alternate</b> (Nate Harrison Grade); <b>Contingency</b> (Borland/Conifer, Walls); <b>Emergency Shelter</b> (Temporary Refuge Areas)-Crestline Lodge field, Summit helicopter pad, ????. Emphasis in both getting out ASAP and sheltering in place or at a TRA if not possible to leave. Observatory staff does not have resources (space, shelter, water, etc) to function as a primary shelter in place but can be used as a last resort.
Grants: received	1. <b>USFS/FSCSDC Palomar Fuel Reduction Grant:</b> 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. <b>Chris Kelley</b> FSCSDC/RCD representative for PMFSC (Sheryl Landrum-administrator) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- \$50,000 for individual chipping</li> <li>- \$18,000 for prep work with 50% cost share (= \$36,000)</li> <li>- \$12,000 dead tree removal (≤ 25 ft from structure)</li> </ul> <b>Grant End Date 12/31/17</b>  <b>FUNDS STILL AVAILABLE FOR CHIPPING per Chris Kelly ; requesting extension</b>  <b>Apply ASAP on-line. Information on PMFSC website.</b> Indicate in notes that you are Palomar resident. Need fuel piled for chipping when request made. Chipping provider will call after application received. <b>No delay after request.</b> Can apply more than once. Excellent resident reviews for chipping provider. 2. <b>SDG&amp;E</b> (2016 ) \$2500 for community education projects/workshops 3. <b>SDG&amp;E</b> (2017) \$2500 for community education projects/workshops 4. <b>NRP (2017):</b> Fire Gel grant \$10,000-expended for Fire Gel home kits/2 diesel power washers. All funds expended
Grants: submitted	None pending.
Grants: in progress	<b>Goal: Fuel reduction and contingency evacuation route on Eastern Slope</b> (Crestline/Birch Hill/Observation Point area) 1. Fuel reduction along Conifer Road

	<p>2. Improvement private road (32 J) loop from Crestline Rd through Borland's to Conifer Road and East Grade (S7) for emergency vehicle access and resident Passable with high clearance/4-wheel drive vehicles. Low clearance vehicles would have difficulty and large emergency/fire vehicles can't get through.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Consent obtained from property owners of Conifer Road and along 32 J</li> <li>-Detailed proposal drawn up for Conifer Road. Proposal for 32 J improvement in process.</li> <li>-Formally requested improvement or consent for us to improve SDG&amp;E easement on evacuation route.</li> <li>-Support from USFS (Clay Howe) and LJ Reservation Fire Chief (Wes Ruise) <b>Need support letter from PMVFD Board and local CAL FIRE.</b></li> <li>-Letter sent to CAL FIRE (Bat. Chief Hendrie) asking for support.</li> <li><b>-SRA fee suspended for 2018-2030. No SRA grant funding posted</b></li> <li>-Property owner consent for Conifer Road firebreak (Phil Boczanowski) and 32 J improvement (Justin Pettis) obtained</li> <li>-Proposals/cost estimates drawn up for both Conifer Road firebreak and 32 J improvement.</li> <li>-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</li> </ul>
Grants Potential	<p><b>Awaiting 2018 USFS &amp; CAL FIRE call for submissions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>-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.</b></li> <li><b>-2018 WSFM WUI Grant Program : Requires secure 50/50 match Due 8/25/18</b></li> </ul>
Grants: submitted/not funded	<p><b>-SRA Fuel Reduction Grant-2016</b> (\$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.</p>
Projects: Evacuation Routes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Alternative contingency (evacuation) routes for Crestline/Birch Hill: Exit to East grade. County Evacuation initiative underway. Meeting with individual FSCs planned.</li> <li>1. Private road (32 J) loop from Crestline Rd through Borland's to Conifer Road and East Grade (S7). Gate at Conifer/East Grade secured with a lock.</li> <li>2. Dirt track through Wall's property from Crestline to East grade is well graded, easily passable and well maintained by landowner.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul> <p><b>Working with Cal Fire and FSCSDC on County wide evacuation plan</b></p>
PMVFD	<p><b>Trailer to be moved to PCCC when permits obtained</b></p>
PMPO	<p><b>Board members signed PMPO Road Maintenance resolution</b></p>
USFS	<p><b>New Palomar Mountain Fuels Ranger: Phouva Vorpanya (replacing Michelle Bletcher)</b>  <b>Planned controlled burns: Fry Creek (winter)&amp; Birch Hill (spring)</b></p>
FSCSDC	<p>PMFSC representatives attend bimonthly meeting  <b>CWPP revisions due next year (Jan 2019)</b></p>
Fundraising	<p><b>Send donor request letters to neighboring tribes this spring (2018)</b></p>

Board/Meetings	Monthly meetings 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month
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**Next regular PMFSC Board Meeting:** 10 AM January 27,2018 Robert Carlyle's House (33409 Bailey Meadow Road)  
**All community members welcome**