Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council Foundation

PMFSC Board meeting- Sept 28, 2019

PMFSC Activity Update for PMVFD Board Meeting Oct 5, 2019

Topic	Status
Financial status	Monthly Financial report: (as of 8/30/19) Cash: \$ 3,909.68 Restricted grant funds: \$6,449.12 Total assets: \$ 10,358.80 Expenses: \$2,456 (\$2400 NRP Grant) Donations: \$ 55 Liabilities: 0 Fees/payments due: 0
CAL FIRE	CAL FIRE (Cal Hendrie), USFS (Clay Howe), Sheriff Palomar visit: Daylong tour to gather information for community evacuation planning (feasible primary and alternate routes, temporary refuge areas. etc). Difficulties of narrow, overgrown private roads, difficult to reach remote cabins, etc appreciated. Concerns re rapid, non-resident and large group evacuation (e.g. CCC) expressed. Grants obtained for community evacuation to be administered through local FSCs. Consideration: Do individual volunteer FSC have expertise, time, or staff to administer State and Federal grants with complex reporting & accounting requirements? Would there be County Assistance? RCD/FSCSDC has agreed to be the fiscal sponsor for previous PMFSC grant
	applications but Palomar is in Upper San Luis Rey RCD, not San Diego RCD, so San Diego RCD needs to ask LAFCO/Upper San Luis Rey RCD for special permission each time to be our sponsor. Future PMFSC Ca State and Federal grants will be coordinated with SD Cty, Fire Authority, CAL FIRE & USFS so that goals are congruent and supported by all parties.

SDCo Fire	Building Resilient Wildfire Resistant Communities Program: SDCty+ CALFIRE Fire Authority Community Support Program (CRP)unded by Supervisors + State Resources. Four areas of focus: 1) Community education; 2) Defensible space/ Structural hardening; 3) Vegetation management; 4) Evacuation. Palomar a priority this fiscal year beginning in January.
	Education: Fire safe Messaging through CERT, FSCs
	Defensible space/Structural hardening: Knox box, Ember resistant vents, inspection
	Vegetation: Fuel breaks, prescribed burns, chipping
	Evacuation: Community evacuation plans, improve evacuation routes
	CRP Priorities from PMFSC, PMVFD, PMPO, CERT, CAL FIRE Station 79: almost all related to evacuation (personal/community planning, communication, defensible space/ fuel reduction, evacuation safety)
	Meeting of PMFSC/CERT with CRP- <i>Fire Authority Community Support Program</i> requested to discuss community input
	CEQA : To be eligible for a CEQA "Exemption " we need to submit list of people in Crestline/Birch Hill who would consent to brush clearing along their private road to Eric Just (<i>Fire Authority Community Support Program</i>). A " no cost" CEQA "Exemption" still requires someone from SDCo FA to come out and evaluate land and submit a report so process shortened but not eliminated.
USFS	USFS Palomar Community Defense Zone and Fuelbreak Project (2010); 2) Described collaborative planning for the next USFS grant cycle that includes Jeff Valley and other Palomar Mountain fuelbreaks. If funded, work would begin 2021-2022 after NEPA approval process. LT will be PMFSC planning representative. USFS 2019-2020 Cut/Pile/Burn projects: Conifer Rd area, Birch Hill, Penny Pines, Jeff
	Valley, Morgan Hill/Nate Harrison Grade, Palomar Divide, French Valley, Doane Pond. Healthy Forest Program: Thinning to begin behind USFS Station along Palomar Divide. Includes Penny Pines.
FSCSDC	RCD/FSCSDC has received \$1.355 million grant from USFS for fire mitigation on private land. May have some support for Palomar (We are in San Luis Rey not in SD RDC-RCDSDC needs permission to assist with PM projects) 2019 CWPP approved. Awaiting final signatures (Bob Uribe will obtain).
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PMVFD	Mountain-wide siren system : pros & cons discussed. PMVFD Board will ask Sentry Siren to map necessary Palomar siren locations. Issues raised: potential need for private land consent/easements, maintenance, sustainability, primary responsibility
	Water tanks: PMVFD Board will assume full responsibility for community water tank placement, acquisition, funding.
	Dumpster : Could PMVFD sponsor an extra dumpster day in Oct or November? (\$610) CK to discuss with PMVFD Board.
PMPO	Next meeting Nov 16

CERT	Community Resilience Program: Working jointly with PMFSC
	Barricade: Available. All old (2007) Barricade needs to be replaced since even if shake may clog garden hose. OK, however, for power washers.
ССРМ	No report
Community Activities & Workshops	Crestline/Birch Hill/Observation Point Alternative Evacuation Route: Phil Boczanowski masticated/brush cleared 15" on both sides of Conifer Rd. Completed:
	PMFSC/CERT: Barricade Fire Gel Use Workshop (May 18)
	FSCSCD/PMFSC: WUI workshop (August 24)
	Dumpster days (3): May 4; June 1, July 6, Aug 3, Sept 7(filled by 9:30 AM, several truck loads turned away)
	Chipping days: 5 days
	Future:
	Dumpster Days: 1st weekend, Last weekend: Oct 5 (CB coordinating)
	(? Extra day TBS? Needs funding as grant \$ completely expended) Chipping days: 1½ days TBS (RC coordinating with Stumpmasters)
	Chipping days. 172 days 120 (NO coordinating with oldinpmasters)
Active grants	Neighborhood Reinvestment Program (2018): (\$48,328) 72 Barricade Fire Gel home kits; 6 dumpster rentals; 6 community chipping days, workshops. 11/1/18-10/31/19 ENDS 10/31/19
	- Dumpster Days: Scheduled 1st Sat of the month May-October
	- Chipping report: 21 properties chipped thus far
	- Distribute/ Exchange for old (2007) Barricade
	SDG&E 2019 (\$2500): Community workshops & education. AWARDED
Grants: submitted/pending	None
Grants: to be submitted/ potential	CCC: Roadside brushclearing on evacuation route (CCC contact: Steven Kirsch). Needs CEQA (Ca Environmental Quality ACT). Referred to SDCty Fire Authority. On hold.
	NRP 2019-20: PMFSC will apply for chipping days (10); dumpsters (6) and Barricade (1 pallet.) Rolling deadline.
	SDG&E: Hazardous Fuels Management Program RFP: \$25,000-100,000) for defensible space, fuel breaks, roadside brushclearing Deadline Oct 11.
	PMFSC will apply for brushclearing on private roads in Crestline/Birch Hill.
	Ongoing need for in-kind match from PM residents/landowners for grant applications.

Next PMFSC Board Meeting: October 19, 2019: 10 AM @ PM Fire Station 79		
Other	Annual Board Meeting: Elections of Board members & Officers, Oct 19, 2019	
	\$96,630. Contract work: \$56,000 total for chipping (\$30,000), dead tree removal(\$15,000) and DSAP (\$10,000). Remainder is support for FSCSDC as fiscal sponsor. Total in-kind match \$26,200: Homeowner in-kind pledges used-\$16,000, PMFSC matching pledge-\$2800 (100 hours), FSCSDC matching pledge-\$7000	
	3.(CALFIRE) 2018 CA Climate Investments Fire Prevention Grants Program: (18-FP-MVU-2037) for Alternate Evacuation route (Crestline/32J/Conifer) submitted Dec 18, 2018. Budget \$409,890 Administrator: RCDSDC Would provide 60' fuel reduction/ingress-egress corridor on eastern slope just below Birch Hill: (20" both sides of Conifer Road for 1 mile from S7 to Greenfield Rd) & at least 5' fuel reduction on private road loop from Crestline Rd, through 32 J to Conifer Rd. Final amount requested: \$378,253 (\$409,890 less \$31,637 donated as in kind by partner Phil Boczanowski) 4.CFSC grant: YV submitted 6/10/19: NOT FUNDED	
	2. CALFIRE /Cap Trade Fire Prevention program: (\$274,086) PMFSC Evacuation Route Improvement/Fuel reduction Project for Crestline, Birch Hill, Observation Point for emergency vehicle access and resident evacuation	
Grants: Submitted/Not funded	1. 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.	
Closed grants	 1.SDG&E (2016) \$2500 for community education projects/workshops 2.SDG&E (2017) \$2500 for community education projects/workshops 3. USFS/FSCSDC Palomar Fuel Reduction Grant (2017) Final report: Curbside chipping-65 homes; DSAP coast share prepwork-22 homes; dead trees removed-8. WUI workshop held 8/18. 4. Neighborhood Reinvestment Program (NRP) 2017: \$10,000-All funds expended for Fire Gel home kits/2 diesel power washers. 	