

Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council Foundation
PMFSC Board meeting: January 25, 2025
PMFSC Activity Update for PMVFD February 1, 2025

Topic	Status
Financial	FY24 Monthly Financial report: (11/30/24 & 12/31/24) Total cash/assets \$ 35,675.43 Cash Checking \$ 18,871.43 Unrestricted \$ 18,871.43 Restricted \$ 0 CCI/CAL FIRE \$ 0 NRP \$ 0 SDRFF \$ 0 Cash Savings Unrestricted \$ 516.66 Restricted \$ 16,287 CCI Expenses Total \$ 12,753.00 PMFSC \$ 0 Grant funded \$12,753.00 Revenue Grant funding: \$ Indirect/reimbursement \$ 0 Paypal \$ 141 Donations \$ 390 Other \$5 (Interest) Liabilities \$ 0 Reimbursement/ Fees/payments: Current Cash Balance (1/20/25) Total cash \$ 35,718.55 Unrestricted \$19,338.09 Restricted \$16,286.34 (CCI)
Insurance	Requirements reviewed for Firewise community participation program. Not necessary for now given CCI, and access to SDRFF & NRP grants. Not required to qualify for CA FAIR fire insurance but may be helpful to PM homeowners if private insurance companies return to CA. Requires detailed community survey and active engagement of community members New CA regulations issued 1/1/25 by Insurance Commissioner Lara to encourage insurance companies to return to CA. New insurance model premium will be based on area's wildfire risk. Will require insurance companies to cover 85% of homes in at risk areas. Concern re effect of LA fires on availability and premiums for CA FAIR & private insurance for PM homeowners
Fundraising/Donations	
CAL Fire	New St 79 permanent Captain. Matt Waters coverage begins Jan 26 oriented at 79 orienting X 3 weeks. Will cover half week so we will have 24/7 Capt. coverage with Captains Kowalski and Waters.

SD Cty Fire Protection District (SDCty Fire Authority)	-
Fire Advisory Board	Next meeting March 3, 2025
USFS	<p>-Planned Prescribed Fire Units Jeff Valley; Birch Hill; Observatory (near USFS Observatory Campground); Aguanga Unit 2. Burning of cut material to take place in the next prescribed fire season through winter/spring 2025 pending staffing & acceptable weather conditions.(Likely after Jan 2025) -RC added to the notifications list for prescribed burning on Palomar Mt., so that he could pass on community notifications via social media and/or email. Notifications are typically done the day prior to planned ignitions.</p> <p>-Birch Hill cut/pile/thin/limb (71 acres) & Aguanga Unit 2 cut/pile (161 acres, near High Point lookout) contract work was completed the end of November. - USFS crews completed the cut/pile work in Observatory Unit 1. Sporadic efforts to continue RX fire prep have been done in Jeff Valley -From December to date, all our staffing efforts have been concentrated around wildfire preparedness and response. -Top priority prescribed fire projects are Birch Hill, Jeff Valley, and the Ramona Fuelbreak. -Due to current staffing commitments with local fires, along with weather and fuels conditions Fuels work, on hold and out of prescription (low live fuel moistures) for prescribed fire. When more favorable weather pattern, staff will begin working on our Fuels objectives.</p> <p>-Henshaw Lake Scenic Overlook overgrown. Needs maintenance. (YV emailed Dana @ USFS)</p>
FSCSDC/RCD	<p>FSCSDC: -Home Defensible Space Assessment Program & chipping will continue in 2025. New program has similar funding for communities in high wildfire risk areas with large elderly population (Julian, Wynola, Warner Springs) Per Morgan Dioli new program includes Palomar. -Free fire alarm installation available (Red Cross) - One site community chipping: Will schedule for late spring/early summer if possible. -General Meeting (Jan 9, 2025): New <i>Regional Resilience Program</i> grant focuses on improving defensible space, increasing community wildfire prevention/awareness/action. -CWPP Revision due. New online format. Webinars scheduled by State and SDCFSC in Feb, CWPP focus must be on defensible space and emergency evacuation (ingress/ egress). EG, MP, MM volunteered to help update 2017 CWPP</p>
PMVFD/PMCFA	Current internet connection inadequate for community meetings at CCPM.
PMPO	New 2 yr resident tags available in March
CERT	<p>CERT currently activated for Border 2 Fire support-mission is to support Animal Services activities (pet reunification, housing, feeding, etc) at Cuyamaca College in El Cajon. - PM CERT completed training in Dec 2024 and Jan 2025 on responding to Winter Weather Emergencies.</p>
CCPM	Working on new door locks. Gutter and bathroom heater repairs pending.

All Completed grants	<p>1.SDG&E (2016) \$2500 for community education projects/workshops 2.SDG&E (2017) \$2500 for community education projects/workshops 3.SDG&E (2018) \$2500 4. 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. 5.NRP (Neighborhood Reinvestment Program) 2017-18: \$10,000-All funds expended for Fire Gel home kits/2 diesel power washers. 6. SDG&E (2019) \$2500 7. NRP (Neighborhood Reinvestment Program) 2018-19 \$48,328 Dumpster weekends (8) 116 land/homeowners/40.2 tons. Chipping (9 days/half days): 42 landowners 8.SDG&E 2020: (\$2500) Community education/fuel reduction. 9. NRP 2020: Neighborhood Reinvestment Program (NRP) 2020 \$25,000) Grant backdated to July 1, 2020. Chipping 12 days; Dumpster 10 weekends; Barricade 1 Home Kit 10. SDRFF2021 (\$2500) Dumpster, insurance, community education 11. CCI (2019-2022) \$169,520 Emergency access/evacuation road improvement (BirchHill/Crestline) 12. SDRFF SAFE (2022) \$12,000 Wildfire Safety community education, defensible space improvement 13. NRP (2022) \$48,827 Defensible space fuel reduction, wildfire risk reduction, evacuation safety End: 09/30/23-Final Report submitted to SD Cty Supervisors 10/26/23. Activities: 12 chipping days @ \$1500; 7 dumpster days @ \$893; Fire Gel: \$22,680; 14. Evacuation signage: \$1877.82 14. SDRFF SAFE 2023 (\$10,000) 6/1/23-4/15/24: Fuel reduction (dumpster/chipping), General liability/D&O PMFSC Board insurance. 3 dumpsters, 4 chipping days, liability insurance</p>
Current grants	<p>CCI CAL FIRE: 5GG22153: (\$149,700) 12/27/2023 - 03/15/2029 <i>"Palomar Mountain Emergency Access and Emergency Evacuation Project"</i> Roadside brushclearing for emergency access/evacuation & critical infrastructure protection - CEQA: State referred back to local CAL FIRE for review & comment - Funding advance (\$37,425.00) covers CEQA and Birch Hill /Crestline Funds available for ~ 2 more days in Birch Hill/Crestline maintenance pending CEQA cost - Consent TEP forms updated. RC will get landowner consent. - Submitted 4th quarter report due Jan 31 .</p> <p>SDRFF SAFE 2024 (\$12,000) 6/1/24 to 4-15/25 Fuel reduction (dumpster/on-site chipping), insurance. Work done - Dumpster #1: June 1 -Dumpster # 2 July 6 -Dumpster # 3 August 3 -Dumpster #4 August 24 -Dumpster #5 Oct 5 -Dumpster # 6 Nov 2 -Chipping #1 August 15 -Chipping #2 Oct -All funds expended. - Submitted 1st and 2nd quarterly reports. Volunteer hours: 105 @ \$37/hr=\$3885 in-kind labor; 6 dumpster weekends, 2 on-site chipping days -Final report due April15. Need photo documentation of dumpster and chipping (before & after) to submit with final grant report -Next SDRFF application due April 2025, potential funding June 1, 2025</p> <p>RCD Dead/dying tree removal 2024-2025 -Survey of trees to be cut/removed scheduled for winter, cut/removal in spring. -Dead Trees survey will start in late winter/early Spring. -DT will be removed within 150' of sheds, barns, etc in addition to all habitable structures. May extend out to 300' - Palomar Mountain Mutual Water company sent DDT announcement with TEP consent QR ode to 238 PMMWC. Announcement & Link also sent out by PMPO and on Nextdoor -Only 55 consents received by RCD as of 01/25/25. Will publicize again on Nextdoor and PMN. LT will review list of with PMMWC members and recontact those who have not yet responded.</p>
2025 Pending Grants	None
2025 Potential Grants	<p>SDRFF 2025: dumpster, chipping, insurance NRP 2025: summer funding for chipping, dumpster & rock removal</p>
Community Activities & Workshops	
Other	

Next PMFSC Board Meeting: Feb 22 9AM at PMCC PMFSC business only preceding PMPO meeting
In person & ZOOM