

Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council Foundation
Board meeting (PMFSC Business only): February 22, 2025
PMFSC Activity Update for PMVFD March 1, 2025

Topic	Status
Financial status	<p>FY24</p> <p><u>Monthly Financial report: (01/31/2025)</u></p> <p>Total cash/assets \$35,721.81</p> <p>Cash Checking \$ 18,914.55</p> <p> Unrestricted \$ 18,914.55</p> <p> Restricted \$ 0</p> <p> CCI/CAL FIRE \$ 0</p> <p> NRP \$0</p> <p> SDRFF \$ 0</p> <p>Cash Savings</p> <p> Unrestricted \$ 516.66</p> <p> Restricted \$16,290.60</p> <p>Expenses</p> <p> Total \$0</p> <p> PMFS \$ 0</p> <p> Grant funded \$0</p> <p>Revenue</p> <p> Grant funding: \$0</p> <p> Indirect/reimbursement\$0</p> <p> Paypal \$ 43.12</p> <p> Donations \$0</p> <p> Other \$3.26</p> <p>Liabilities \$</p> <p>Reimbursement/ Fees/payments:</p> <p><u>Current Cash Balance (2/21/25)</u></p> <p> Total cash \$31,064.93</p> <p> Unrestricted \$19,474.93</p> <p> Restricted \$11,590.21</p>
Insurance	<p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Concern re effect of LA fires on availability and premiums for CA FAIR & private insurance for PM homeowners</p>
Fundraising/Donations	August fundraiser: ~ \$1500
CAL Fire	-Arson: 4-5 Molotov cocktail fires set on S Grade 2/21/2025. Quickly extinguished by CAL FIRE/Reservation crews

SD Cty Fire Protection District (SDCty Fire Authority)	
Fire Advisory Board	Next meeting March 3, 2025
USFS	<p>Report for PMFSC 2/22/25</p> <p>Prescribed fire was planned for the week of February 3rd in Observatory Unit 1 (near the campground/adjacent to Canfield) but surface conditions were still too dry, and burn was cancelled.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ _ Successful 2 days of burning on 2/11-12 in Jeff Valley Unit 18 – _36 acres of piles; and Jeff Valley Unit 13 – _5 acres of machine piles (at landing). ➤ _We set up to continue the burn in Unit 18 on 2/13, but conditions became too wet to meet objectives. ➤ _Likely be too wet to burn for the next week or two, depending on final rain totals post-storm. ➤ _Top priorities are Jeff Valley Unit 18 and the Birch Hill Unit, adjacent to East Grade. We will begin preparations (putting in hose/snap tanks and control line improvements) for Birch Hill. Fuel composition of the piles in Birch Hill (large shrub piles) vs. Unit 18 (large diameter logs) are much different. Observatory Unit 1 (small shrub piles) is the lowest priority unit but is in the plans to burn as well. The receptivity of fuels at these various locations will drive decisions for where/when we insert with fire. ➤ _Comment sent to me recently regarding the need for fuel reduction needed around the Henshaw Overlook. This area was cut/piled and burned a couple of years ago. The Fuels Officer and I reevaluated it this week. Additionally, the Overlook is being partially reconstructed this year and with this activity expect some minor brush cutting to occur as needed. I think we can cut & and chip the regenerating shrubs around the Overlook within the footprint that was previously treated and intend to add this activity to the FY26 program of work. ➤ _New addition to our Fuels Team, Jonathan Polanksy (Fuels 33) who started with us last month, as Rusty Sexton accepted a promotion to Battalion 31 (PRD, North). I expect there will be opportunities for Jon to become more engaged with FSC members and the happenings as he gets more integrated into the program.
FSCSDC/RCD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Home Defensible Space Assessment Program will continue in 2025 but does not include Paloma this year. -New program has similar funding for communities in high wildfire risk areas with large elderly population (Julian, Wynola, Warner Springs, ? Palomar) -Chipping program continues for common site community chipping day -Free fire alarm installation available (Red Cross) - New Regional Resilience Program grant focuses on improving defensible space, increasing community wildfire prevention/awareness/action -CWPP being updated -PMFSC requested a community chipping day and a WUI workshop during summer
PMVFD/PMCFA	deferred
PMPO	deferred
CERT	deferred
CCPM	deferred

Completed grants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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
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Current grants	<p>CCI CAL FIRE: 5GG22153: (\$149,700) 12/27/2023 - 03/15/2029 “Palomar Mountain Emergency Access and Emergency Evacuation Project” Roadside brushclearing for emergency access/evacuation & critical infrastructure protection</p> <p>-CEQA: Back at local CAL FIRE (Cheyenne Borrello) for final review/approval per Paul Ohlman/DRG forester.</p> <p>- Funding advance (\$37,425.00) issued 09/25/24 must be expended in 6 mo by end of March 2025. ~\$12-14,000 needed to cover CEQA. All other funds have been used for Birch Hill/ Crestline roadside maintenance on roads improved during preceding CCI grant. (Maintenance included in current CCI grant & landowner consents still valid.) Will request Advance #2 ASAP after CEQA exemption approved and DRG paid for CEQA.</p> <p>- TEP forms updated: RC to get landowner consent for new roadside improvement area west of Summit.</p> <p>- CCI 4th quarter and advance funding reports submitted Jan 31.</p> <p>SDRFF SAFE 2024 (\$12,000) 6/1/24-4/15/25 Dumpsters, Chipping, Board D&O/ Liability insurance</p> <p>All funds expended. PMFSC funded small overage to cover last chipping</p> <p>-6 dumpsters (June-Nov): 90 homeowners served;110 individual loads; 13.75 tons vegetation/debris removed</p> <p>-2 on-site chipping days: 30 homeowners served; 21 individual sites; 2880 ft³ chipped</p> <p>-105 volunteer hours= \$3885 in-kind donation</p> <p>-Quarterly Reports for Aug 31 and Nov 30 submitted.</p> <p>-Final report due 4/15/2025</p> <p>-Photo documentation of dumpster and chipping (before & after) needed</p> <p>RCD Dead/dying tree removal 2024-2025 Crestline/Birch Hill: Defensible space improvement</p> <p>-Well attended Community meeting Nov 23, 2024</p> <p>-Dead Trees survey will start in Spring 2025. Tree removal scheduled for summer 2025. DDT will be removed within 150' of sheds, barns, etc in addition to all habitable structures. May be able to extend out to 300'in some circumstances.</p> <p>-TEP: 77 Crestline/Birch Hill homeowners have agreed to participate. (Many more land parcels)</p> <p>-Residents will need to mark dead deciduous trees if survey before spring leafing.</p> <p>-RCD has received permission from Lodge owner to park equipment across Crestline Rd in summer when cutting trees</p> <p>-Funds on hold due to Federal govt funding closure</p> <p>n.b. Volunteer hours: CA value: \$37/hr in 2024</p>
2024 Submitted Grants	None
2025 Potential Grants	<p>2025 NRP: Chipping, dumpster & rock Removal</p> <p>2025 SDRFF: Application due April15, 2025</p>
Community Activities & Workshops	None
Other	FY 2023 e-Taxes filed (Feb 15, 2025)
Next PMFSC Board Meeting: April 26, 2025 @ 9AM at PMCC March 22 Meeting Cancelled In person & ZOOM	