

## **The Palomar Mountain Community Fire Association**

Minutes of the monthly meeting of The Board of Directors, April 5, 2025.

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 A.M. by President Robert Carlyle. Board members present in person at the Community Center (Station 79 grounds): Robert Carlyle, Tom Mendenhall, Michael Pique, Keith Ronchetti, Mark Thompson. Also present in person were Miriam Munoz and Bill Leininger. Elizabeth Getzoff and Jim Hamerly joined our Zoom teleconference. The Zoom connection, now made over the "CCPM" network installed by Fred White, was stable throughout the meeting.

Pledge: Robert led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: none offered.

Minutes: The minutes from the March 1, 2025, meeting were approved.

Financial Report: Keith Ronchetti's written report (available at [palomar-fire.org](http://palomar-fire.org)) showed a balance of \$91,705.80, with an additional \$1220.29 held for CERT. No noteworthy deposits or expenses in March. The report was approved.

County Fire Advisory (CFA) Board: Cliff Kellogg is away; no report.

Station 79 Report: Captain Kowalski away; no report.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): Bill Leininger says that CERT was activated in January for the Border-2 fire. Regular training continues. In May and June, CERT will work with CAL FIRE on the summer DSI (Defensible Space Inspections). We plan to hold a big Saturday meeting to bring Palomar residents up to date, especially on the new "Zone Zero" area. Elizabeth Getzoff asks how we can deal with Zone Zero on erosion-prone slopes. Bill says we expect to get a "realistic approach" from CAL FIRE. They are mostly concerned with removing small shrubs and debris from near structures. Michael Pique suggests we do a Post Office box (EDDM) mailing when the time is right to publicize the meeting.

Community Center of Palomar Mountain (CCPM): Robert Carlyle, Chair. No events. Tom Mendenhall says the RING camera (to monitor who comes into the building) needs \$100 to purchase and \$100 per year network charge. The PMCFA will pay both. Miriam will monitor it, over the Internet, when it is set up.

Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council (PMFSC): Yvonne is away, no report. The next FSC meeting will be 9 AM April 26, in person at the CCPM and by Zoom; we skipped March because Yvonne and other Board members were unable to attend.

Palomar Mountain Planning Organization (PMPO): The next PMPO meeting will be the Annual General Meeting with election of board members, Saturday May 24, at 10 AM immediately following the Pancake Breakfast (which starts at 8 AM).

New Business:

USFS Gates Closing Off Summit Circle: The new gates now block our access to the CERT trailer and to the dumpster. We were told we would get access when needed. Cecelia needs contact information for the USFS person responsible. Michael Pique and Robert will get that to Cecelia.

PMCFA Article for PMPO Newsletter: Robert has not yet revised his article (written in 2024) to reflect the current CAL FIRE ambulance crewing situation, or that our new all-terrain ambulance has arrived.

Adjournment: 9:23 AM 04/05/2025. The next PMCFA meeting will be at 9 AM, May 3, 2025, at the Community Center. We expect to have Zoom call-ins available.

Michael Pique, Secretary

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