

Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council Foundation
Board meeting PMFSC April 26, 2025
PMFSC Activity Update for PMVFD May 3, 2025

Topic	Status
Financial status	<p>FY24</p> <p>FY24</p> <p>Monthly Financial report: (03/31/2025)</p> <p>Total cash/assets \$ 17,119.65</p> <p>Cash Checking \$ 16,585.54</p> <p> Unrestricted \$ 16,585.54</p> <p> Restricted \$ 0</p> <p> CCI/CAL FIRE \$</p> <p> NRP \$ 0</p> <p> SDRFF \$ 0</p> <p>Cash Savings</p> <p> Unrestricted \$ 516.66</p> <p> Restricted \$17.45</p> <p>Expenses</p> <p> Total \$13,985.25</p> <p> PMFSC \$1,512.25 (Tax Prep)</p> <p> \$ 2350.00 (Stumpmasters)</p> <p> Grant funded \$10,123.00 (DRG/CEQA)</p> <p>Revenue</p> <p> Total: \$63.12</p> <p> Grant funding: \$ 0</p> <p> Indirect/reimbursement \$ 0</p> <p> Paypal \$ 43.12</p> <p> Donations \$ 20.00</p> <p> Other \$</p> <p>Liabilities \$</p> <p>Reimbursement/ Fees/payments:</p> <p>Current Cash Balance (04/25/25)</p> <p> Total cash \$ 10,310.43</p> <p> Unrestricted \$ 10,292.98</p> <p> Restricted \$ 17.45</p> <p>Other: CCI advance will cover ~\$7000 of CCI work already done</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>Renewal: General Liability/D&O (May) ~ \$1800; Medical insurance due June? ~\$600</p>
Fundraising/Donations	August fundraiser: ~ \$1500

CAL Fire	No representation
SD Cty Fire Protection District (SDCty Fire Authority)	No representation
Fire Advisory Board	<p>March 3. Mtg</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Location new/upgrade current Borrego station discussed -Battery storage safety-17 sites currently in Cty.Regulations not keeping up with rapidly advancing technology -Annual fire remediation fee increasing to \$3.08 per ft² (was \$2.19).Applies only to all new construction (commercial/residential) - Fire Marshal inspection fee increasing to \$451 from \$381 (Expands preparedness) --Fire marshal fees: new residential permit: \$232/hr (25-26) from \$184 for enforcing fire codes/fire alarm systems - Supervisor request for new helicopter and 2 water tankers underway-will take several years -Observatory personnel in favor of helipod water storage at Observatory. Cliff has meet with staff. Excellent site at side of parking lot with water standpipe nearby. Cal Tech would need to do maintenance. Cost < \$100,000. Several other CAL Tech facilities use same helipod company that contacted CKellogg who referred caller to YV. Add to next CCI grant application. Include water storage need in CWPP update. Next meeting May 12
USFS	<p>Dana Barre Fuels Management Report: (4/25/25)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Birch Hill: Completed the Birch Hill prescribed burn (56 acres) unit for the year. -Penny Pines: We still have 15 acres of timber piles within the --Penny Pines: plantation that will be burned next year (with snow). The green timber was thinned last fall, and the wood was not cured enough to burn this season – hence the rollover RX work for next year. -Observatory: Completed prescribed fire work in Observatory Unit 1 (8 acres). -Jeff Valley:Completed prescribed fire work in Jeff Valley unit 18a (52 acres) & part of the Unit 13 machine piles (5 acres – burned what was cured). <u>We have a much more prescribed fire work to do in Jeff Valley next season.</u> Currently building a new burn plan to allow surface fire (versus just pile burning) which should open more opportunities and may help us increase our prescribed fire pace and scale as it relates to this project. -Fry Creek: Have a cut/pile contract (prebid) meeting with prospective contractors at the end of this month; with planned contract start after Labor Day. It will be for 182 acres cut/pile and dead tree felling in Fry Creek. -Jeff Valley: Have a 35-acre targeted (spray only cut shrub stumps and regrowth) herbicide spray contract planned to start the first week in June (estimated) for Jeff Valley units 3/8 (two most-western units above and west of Conifer Rd.) -Aguanga: Have plans to broadcast burn on Aguanga Unit 2 (up to 100 acres - near High Point lookout) in mid-May – activity and accomplishments are weather dependent, of course.

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 -General Meeting: March 13 (LG) Discussed Zone 0 IBHS (Insurers Institute Business & Home Safety -individualHO/HOA focus) vs Firewise (community focus). Firewise best applies to us. -Contact CAL FIRE (Adam Gettman) re realistic requirements for Palomar Mountain rural vs. city/urban residential communities (re 5' vegetation free boundary all around structure and tree trunk & branch spacing requirements) -Morgan Dioli on maternity leave. Contact is Heather- same SDFSC office/tele. -FSC Expo April 30 @ 12:30-1:30 Announcement with Registration sent to PMFSCplus -WUI workshop June 14: need to advertise early and often to attract new owners. Concern re no afternoon field trip which everyone felt was most useful. Contact Rex Hambley. -CWPP being updated. Add water storage -PMFSC requested a community chipping day and a WUI workshop during summer
PMVFD/PMCFA	Nothing new
PMPO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Funding 4 dumpsters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dumpster #1: April 5/6 Dumpster #2: May 3/4 -TOT grant: Rock removal Rd 30 for emergency access; Important for tourists-Air B&Bs -Pancake breakfast: May 24 CB in charge. Clear with Station 79 -PMPO SONGS Subcommittee: With many other community organizations (Vulcan Mountain, Borrego, etc) Opposing AB 941- the new "" bill to fast-track transmission projects without proper safeguards, similar to the one we successfully stopped last year (AB 3238).
CERT	No representation
CCPM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Front door-no change. Opens from inside Back door has new combination. Need for video camera discussed

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: Exemption approved for roads west of Station 79 -Landowner consent: Most land owned by one owner (Ray Carpenter) who is supportive. No problem with local residents, landowners. A few parcels in trust, out-of town owners, etc- need to contact once we know parcel numbers to send out. Consent request. RC & MP to work out actual road routes & parcel #s, owners name/address to send permission request. -Work done: Only in Birch-Hil thus far. First grant CEQA (several years) and owner consent (3 yrs) still apply. Now that CEQA exemption in place, PMFSC can fund 2 workdays @ \$2350 pending receipt of 2nd grant advance -Funding advance #2: Will apply when current reimbursement request in plac Anticipate 4-6 week delay in receiving funds.</p> <p>SDRFF SAFE 2025 (\$12,000) 6/1/25-4/15/26 SAFE 2024: Dumpsters, Chipping, Board D&O/Liability insurance 6 dumpsters (June-Nov): 90 homeowners served;110 individual loads; 13.75 tons vegetation/debris removed -2 on-site chipping days: 30 homeowners served; 21 individual sites; 2880 ft³ chipped -105 volunteer hours= \$3885 in-kind donation -Final SAFE 2024 report submitted April 15</p> <p>-SDRFF SAFE 2025 grant application submitted April17: \$20,000 Chipping (X 6 @ \$1750); dumpsters (X 8 @ \$1000); insurance(\$1800). Funding decision in mid-May.</p> <p>RCD Dead/dying tree removal 2024-2026 Crestline/Birch Hill: Defensible space improvement 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. -Funding: Stan met with Forest Service folks last week; they say the funding is good to go. They are just finalizing their approval of the environmental compliance. -Sign-ups are continuing. If people have a neighboring parcel with no structure, it is still worthwhile to sign up. -Map shows who has signed up and what parcels we have surveyed. -Tree removal: Plan is still to start removing trees around the end of May.</p> <p>n.b. Volunteer hours: CA value: \$37/hr in 2024</p>
2024 Submitted Grants	SDRFF SAFE 2025 (PMPO: TOT)
2025 Potential Grants	2025 NRP: Chipping, dumpster
Community Activities & Workshops	WUI June 14
Other	
Next PMFSC Board Meeting: June 28,, 2025 @ 9AM at PMCC In person & ZOOM	