Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council Foundation

PMFSC Meeting Sept 26 Report for PMVFD Meeting Oct 3, 2026

Topic	Status
Financial status	FY25 **Monthly Financial report:** **Current Cash Balance** (09/25/26) Ending Total Cash: $ 44,313.02 Unrestricted $ 18,004.48 Restricted $ 26,265.42 Grant funding available: $ 26,265.42 -SDRFF $ 7,298.21 -CCI $ 23,333,21
Insurance	
Fundraising/Donations	Late autumn/early winter community finding campaign planned
CAL Fire SD Cty Fire Protection District (SDCty Fire Authority)	No report
Fire Advisory Board	No report
USFS	Current hazardous fuels reduction contract is about 80% complete. The contractor has completed 102 acres of cut/pile work in Fry Creek and 210 acres cut/pile work on the Cottonwood unit of Palomar Fuelbreak (from Deer flats down High Point TT). The last work site in this year's contract is not in the area of Palomar Mt., so all contracted fuels mitigation work on Palomar is done for the year.
FSCSDC/RCD	**General FSCSDC Meeting**: Sept 10 @ Am Red Cross Headquarters: Zone 0 Presentation (Capt Mike Cornette) . 3-5 year plan complicated. Unclear how guidelines will apply to Palomar. Presentation Ssides distributed to PMFSC+ after Sept FSCSDC meeting. FIREWISE: Safer from Wildfire (2022): CA Dept Insurance regulation: requires insurance companies to recognize Firewise USA designated communities and provide discounts. FIREWISE team: Lead LG; MP, YV Team represents PMFSC, PMPO, PMFSC Zone differences: SD Cty vs. State/Firewise Zone 0: State/Firewsie & SDCty 0-5' Zone 1 State/Firewise 5-30' vs. SDCty 5-50' Zone 2: State /Firewise 30-100' vs. SDCty 50-100'

	No new progress
PMVFD/PMCFA	Preliminary St #79 workout unit preliminary plan out for review.
PMPO	Funding approved PMFSC dumpsters @ $1066 in FY 26-27 SONGS sub-committee very active; & is at the forefront helping unite affected communities in opposition to Powerlink. Sandrine Montgomery presented latest activity. Communtry groups are coalescing Monthly forums/specific topic scheduled with multiple community groups represented. PMFSC will send a formal opposition letter to CPUC when public comment period opens after SDG&E submits their plan to CPUC in late Nov
CERT	Nothing to report
CCPM	Friday night music jam inaugurated. Campground has been reserved for 2027 Labor Day Hoedown
Completed grants	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 (dumpstersX3/chippingX4) General liability/D&O PMFSC Board insurance. 15. SDRFF SAFE 2024 ($12,000) 6/1/24-4/15/25 Fuel Reduction (Dumpsters, Chipping,) Board D&O/Liability insurance 16. SDRFF SAFE 2025 ($15,500) 6/1/25 – 4/15/26 6 Dumpsters, 4 on-site Chipping, $1500 Board D&O/Liability insurance
Current grants	**CCI Fire Prevention ($149,700) 2023-2029** **23 FP MVU 2088 5GG22153** "*Palomar Mountain Emergency Access and Emergency Evacuation Project*" Crestline/Birch Hill: Roadside brushclearing & critical infrastructure protection -Funding status: $23,333.31 remaining rom Advance #4. $40,421 remaining in $149,000 grant -Work in Progress Pedley Valley: Stump removal underway Crestline/Birch Hill: Roadside maintenance done Mendenhall Valley Rd: To be requested -Quarterly report (July-Sept) due Oct 31. Need pictures SDRFF SAFE 2026 ($12,000) 6/1/256– 4/15/27 ($24,000 requested) Dumpster X2 @ $1100 Chipping X5 @ $1750 Insurance $1050 - Insurance: $1050 pd June -Dumpsters: #1 July 11 #2 Sept 12 -Chipping : #1 July11 #2 July #3 July 31 #4 August #5 TBS **Additional Dumpsters:** May16 PMFSC June 5 PMPO#4 2025 August 8 PMFSC Sept 12 PMPO #1 2026 October 10 PMPO #2 2026 **Additional chipping:** -FSCSDC Community Chipping day TBS -PMPO will cover basic dumpster cost X4 in FY26 (July26-June27) **FSCSDC funded Community Chipping Day** at RC's place TBS -Annual increase in Ramona Disposal dumpster fee anticipated this fall.

	Dead/dying tree removal (RCD) 2024-2026: Birch Hill/Crestline DDT will be removed within 150' of structures (sheds, barns, habitable structures.) Birch Hill/Crestline Progress: None since June Approximately 60-65% of the work competed. Contractor has time sensitive jobs elsewhere to finish first. Plan to be back up to finish in mid-October. Will include mapping and removing trees for all APNs with original consent per verbal confirmation (Stan Hill)
Submitted Grants	None
Potential Grants	**NRP: Roadside CAL FIRE water storage** Site: Roadside water tank: **RC** has volunteered his land along Bailey Meadows &State Park Rds. (Phil Boczanowski has sites with access to water available on Conifer Rd.) Labor: Installation labor - volunteer. Materials: Need cost estimate for two 2500 gallon tanks & one 5000 gallon tank. Piping/fittings cost to dependent on site. Determine requirements and budget (**RC/CKellogg**) Permit: Not needed if complying with limited size/height restrictions Grant submission pending final budget for equipment, fittings, etc (RC/CK)
Community Activities & Workshops	Dumpster: Oct 10
Administrative	General annual meeting/Board elections Oct 24
Next PMFSC Board Meeting: Oct 24 @ 9 AM in CCPM ZOOM and in-person	