

PALOMAR MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors

Saturday, Jan. 9, 2016

The meeting was called to order 8:08 A.M. by President Leininger.

Board members present: Glenn Borland, David Robarts, Mike Pique, and Suzann Leininger.

Absent: Keith Ronchetti

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public comments: none.

The minutes of the December 5th meeting were reviewed. David made the motion to accept and Suzann seconded. The motion was approved.

Financial report: Suzann reviewed Keith's written report in his absence. (This written report attached as part of these minutes.)

Chief's report: Battalion 7 Chief Cristina Williamson read from her written report. (Submitted as part of these minutes.) She again commented on the lack of qualified drivers among the volunteer reserves. The Palomar station has been calling on drivers from the De Luz station to alleviate some of our needs. Mike Sweeney has been hired by the Boulder Colorado P.D. and is leaving the PMVFD. Engine 7769 is out of service because of transmission problems and probably will not come back to the Palomar Station. The manual transmission equipped Ford pickup truck, 7789, has been re - purposed by County Fire for possible reassignment. The new snow blower was picked up just in time for last week's storm. It proved to be not very effective on the wet, icy snow that we received, however it was a good introduction to its operation by the station crew.

County Fire representatives have surveyed the station for the installation of a backup generator. This is proposed for the 2016/2017 fiscal year. The chimney repairs in the crew's quarters have been completed. Problems with the shower mixing valve are scheduled to be repaired this coming week.

Captain Rick Johnson, from Station 70, reviewed his priority list of the Palomar Station's needs. On the top of this list is the apparatus bay automatic door opener. His list of short/ long term needs amount to about \$30,000 and have been submitted to County Fire for review. Chief O'Leary will do an on-site inspection and review of this list.

Staffing: Two CALFIRE positions have been committed to staff the Palomar Station in an "overhead" capacity during the winter or off season months. This is only on a temporary basis. Cristina stressed the PMVFD Board/ community needs to keep pressure on the County Board of

Supervisors to permanently assign winter staffing at the Station 76. She stated that the volunteer reserves would benefit from the mentorship by having career fire fighters on site to provide leadership.

Suzann made the motion to accept the Chief's report, Mike seconded and the report was approved.

Fire Safe Council: Cecelia Borland reported on recent activities. A grant request in the amount of \$10,000 has been submitted for continuation of community fire clearance projects. This will be administered under the County Fire Safe Council. The time frame for submitting a \$20,000 SRA grant for the continuance of the Palomar Divide fuel break project has run out. A new grant proposal will be submitted for the next go around. Cecelia stated that the filing fees for the Palomar Fire Safe Council non-profit status reinstatement are anticipated to be about \$2500. This is expected to happen by March 2016. The next PFSC meeting is scheduled for St. Jan. 16 at 2:00 P.M. at the Phelps's on State Park Rd.

Old Business: Mike Pique reported on the upcoming community chipping days. There are 9 requests so far, spread out over the mountain.

New Business: Chief Williamson handed out the letter received from County Fire regarding their intent to review the ISO rating for all community areas within CSA-135, including Palomar Mountain. She discussed the implications for the community and what our role was in the review process. Glenn Borland discussed the point of view from the Palomar Mountain Mutual Water Co. perspective. This letter attached as part of these minutes.

Calendar Check: The next scheduled PMVFD Board meeting will be Feb. 16, 2016 at 9:00 P.M. at the Palomar Fire Station admin. building.

Adjournment: 10:30 P.M.