

**Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council Foundation**

Report for PMFD (fireboard@[palomar-fire.org](mailto:fireboard@palomar-fire.org))

**PMSFC Board Meeting: September 24, 2016**

Topic	Status
501c3 status	- Federal reinstatement received 08/25/16 retroactive to February 2014. State 501c3 reinstatement application submitted.
Community education/activities	<p>- Monthly Vignettes highlighting need for individual responsibility for residential wildfire protection posted by PMFSC on mypalomarmountain.com</p> <p>-Community bulletin board updated monthly with educational materials</p> <p>-Educational material provided at PMVFD annual meeting.</p>
FSCSDC	<p>PMFSC members attended bimonthly meeting September 8,2016</p> <p>-Britney Munoz is the RCD/FSCSDC representative for the PMFSC</p>
Grant funding	<p><b>-USFS grant</b> (\$121,000/12 months) for fuel reduction on 100' defensible space sponsored by RCD/FSCSDC:</p> <p>Fund allocation: \$80,000 total for fuel reduction on Palomar [(chipping (\$50,400), preparation work (brushclearing, ladder fuel removal) with 50% share of cost (18,000), dead tree removal within 25' of a habitable structure (\$12,000)]. There is ongoing communication between PMFSC and RCD/FSCSDC re process, specifics, funding allocations. We anticipate the need for less funding for chipping and more funding for preparation.</p> <p>Flier (attached) posted on community bulletin board and on Palomar mountain News. Flier will be mailed to all Palomar landowners if a mailing list is made available.</p> <p>Landowners may now apply on county chipping website (to expedite need to indicate in comments section that chipping site is on Palomar Mountain) and via telephone number for preparation work (Speak with Britney Munoz).</p> <p>USFS will assist in identifying homes needing defensible space fuel reduction based on their June 2016 inspection. Identified homeowners will be directly contacted about grant funding now available.</p> <p>- New <b>SRA</b> grant for fuel reduction beyond 100' defensible space to be submitted by PMFSC (9/28/16)</p> <p><b>-California Conservation Corps (CCC)</b> fire prevention projects for public land near habitable structures: Proposal submitted by the PMFSC to create 2 firebreaks on 1) Palomar Summit and 2) between State park and Private land. Proposal favorably reviewed. Submission previously on hold. Steve Kirsch (CCC representative) will restart work on contract submission.</p> <p>- <b>SDG&amp;E</b> still has funding (\$2500) available for community education projects. PMFSC applying now that IRS 501c3 status is reinstated.</p>
Cal Fire/PMFD	<p>- Staffing has been 24/7.</p> <p>- Request for heliopad on S7 at mile 10 requested in new PMFSC SRA grant proposal</p>
USFS	Dana Barre, USFS forester for Palomar, is attending monthly PMFSC meetings.
ISO changes	Applies to 2017. Awaiting specific information.
Evacuation Routes	<p>Improvement of evacuation/emergency access loop linking Birch Hill via Borland's to Conifer Road and S7 included in new SRA application</p> <p>-Alternative evacuation routes: No action this month. Awaiting cooler weather and less poison oak to walk the routes (1-3)</p> <p>1.Dirt track through Wall's property from Crestline to East grade is well graded and is easily passable. However, the gate at East Grade is secured with a heavy cable lock with non-</p>

	<p>standard numerical combination (SDGE).</p> <p>2. Dirt track through Borland's to Conifer Road is passable although low clearance vehicles would have difficulty. Gate at East Grade secured with a lock that would need to be cut with bolt cutters.</p> <p>3. Old road from Birch Hill to East grade would need to be cleared, graded and the final portion that drops off abruptly (6 ft) to East Grade would need modification.</p> <p>-Liaise with CAL Fire, USFS, Sheriff's Dept., PMFD, CERT, Community Center, re alternative routes from both (Birch Hill) and West sides of South Grade, evacuation instructions, provisions for post-evacuation access.</p> <p>-Update 2008 Evacuation/Temporary Evacuation site brochure as needed</p> <p>-Inform PM community of standard and alternate routes, evacuation/post-evacuation instructions, temporary evacuation/assembly sites</p>
Fundraising	Donations welcome!
PMFSC Board election	<p>Will be held at annual meeting on October 15, 2016. 3 current members are up for re-election, a maximum of 2 additional seats are open. Terms are for 3 years. To be placed on the ballot, anyone interested in joining the PMFSC board should send their name to Cecelia Borland &lt;&lt; <a href="mailto:cecelia10@idafab.com">cecelia10@idafab.com</a> &gt;&gt; by October 2 and must be present at the annual meeting.</p>

**Annual General PMFSC Board Meeting:** 10:00 AM, Saturday October 15, 2016 Location: TBA  
All community members welcome