

**Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council Foundation Board Meeting June 24, 2017**  
**Report for PMVFD Board Meeting July 1, 2017**

Topic	Status
Financial status	Bank balance (05/31/17): \$2857 Loans repaid.
Insurance	Insurer identified. Will obtain insurance policy as soon as necessary.
Community educational activities	<p>Website: <a href="http://www.mypalomarmountain.com/firesafecouncil">www.mypalomarmountain.com/firesafecouncil</a> (agenda/minutes/announcements)</p> <p>Postings on Community Bulletin board outside Post Office</p> <p>Workshops planned for this year:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI)</b> Coordinated by the FSCSDC through USFS grant: On hold pending instructor availability</li> <li>2. <b>Chain Saw Use, Care &amp; Safety:</b> Jessica Murany (State Park) is organizing. To be scheduled in August/3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday?</li> <li>3. <b>Fire Gel Use and Storage:</b> Use of fire gel (Barricade) improved product (no outdate) and new recommendations for more limited application</li> </ol>
CAL FIRE	<p>-Defensible space inspection underway. No doorknob notification packets being used. Violation notices will be mailed out. USFS not participating this year.</p> <p>-County wide evacuation initiative underway. Plan to meet with individual FSCs.</p>
Grants: active	<p><b>USFS Palomar Fuel Reduction Grant:</b> to create 100' Defensible Space around homes provides \$80,000 (\$120,000 total allocated) for chipping, prep work, dead tree removal. Sponsored and administered by FSCSDC/RCD; coordinating all requests/work. <b>Chris Kelly</b> FSCSDC/RCD representative for PMFSC (<b>Sheryl Landrum-administrator</b>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- \$50,000 for individual chipping</li> <li>- \$18,000 for prep work with 50% cost share (= \$36,000)</li> <li>- \$12,000 dead tree removal (≤ 25 ft from structure)</li> </ul> <p><b>End Date 12/31/17</b></p> <p>PMFSC sent announcement including FSCSDC flier to names on PMPO mailing list and to all Palomar PO Boxes in Nov 2016.</p> <p>Apply on-line. <b>Information on PMFSC website.</b> Need fuel piled for chipping when request made <b>No delay after request</b> .Can apply more than once. <b>FUNDS AVAILABLE</b> for all categories (chipping, 50% share of cost prep work, dead tree removal)            Excellent resident reviews for chipping provider.</p> <p>2. <b>SDG&amp;E</b> (2016 ) \$2500 for community education projects/workshops</p>
Grants: submitted	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>SDG&amp;E</b> (2017) \$2500 for community education (PENDING)</li> <li>2. <b>San Diego County Neighborhood Reinvestment Program:</b> \$29,000 Fir gel to distribute to homeowners (PENDING)</li> </ol>
Grants: submitted/not funded	- <b>SRA Fuel Reduction Grant-2016</b> (\$200,000) for 1) improvement in Crestline/Birch Hill (Borland to Conifer) contingency evacuation route 2) fuel reduction on land outside the 100' defensible space. NOT FUNDED. Plan: Revise & resubmit next cycle.
Grants: potential	- <b>SRA Fuel Reduction Grant-2017</b> Will focus on smaller grants for 1) <b>Fuel reduction:</b> East slope below Birch Hill/above Conifer Rd/Jeff Valley and 2) <b>Evacuation:</b> improving emergency access/egress 32 J. To be submitted September 2017. Apply in conjunction with PMVFD?

	<p>SRA informational workshop 2 PM July 12 @ CAL FIRE Headquarters</p> <p><b>-USFS grants</b> for fuel reduction OUTSIDE 100' defensible space require 50% share of cost with commitment in writing up front. To be submitted May 2018 if consents/cost sharing commitments can be obtained.</p>
Projects: Evacuation Routes	<p>-Alternative contingency (evacuation) routes for Crestline/Birch Hill: Exit to East grade. County Evacuation initiative underway. Meeting with individual FSCs planned.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Private road (32 J) loop from Crestline Rd through Borland's to Conifer Road and East Grade (S7) is passable with 4-wheel drive/small trucks. Low clearance vehicles would have difficulty and large emergency/fire vehicles can't get through. Gate at Conifer/East Grade secured with a lock. Needs improvement for 2 wheel drive vehicles and access of larger fire/emergency vehicles. Owner consent being sought for road improvement and roadside brushclearing. Per PMPO meeting: May need <i>new survey and new easement</i> for any segment involving road realignment outside current easement.</li> <li>2. Dirt track through Wall's property from Crestline to East grade is well graded, easily passable and well maintained by landowner.</li> <li>3. Old road from Birch Hill to East grade through private and USFS land would need to be cleared, graded and the final portion through USFS land drops off abruptly (6 ft) to East Grade and would need modification.</li> <li>4. Work with Cal Fire and County on County wide evacuation plan</li> </ol>
USFS	<b>Michelle Bletcher</b> (Patrol 32): USFS Palomar forester and liaison for PMFSC.
FSCSDC	PMFSC representatives attend bimonthly meeting
New	<p>Jessica Murany (State Park) reported at the June 24 PMFSC meeting that spent fireworks casings were found twice in June at Kica Mik Scenic Overlook presenting a very serious wildfire threat to Palomar Mountain, especially given the current extremely dry conditions and high ambient temperatures. Similar spent fireworks were found at the Henshaw Lookout on East Grade, July 4th 2013. It is not known whether or not the intention of the person setting of the fireworks is malevolent (I.e.an arsonist) or uninformed as to the danger of inadvertently setting off a wildfire.</p> <p>Given that the coming July 4th holiday is a time when someone would be likely to set off fireworks, a community taskforce was formed to organize a night-time (8PM-3AM) watch by residents for illegal fireworks set off on Kica Mik, Pacheco Memorial and Henshaw overlooks during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday on Sat-Tuesday, July 1-4. If fireworks are spotted, 911 would be called for a sheriff response to hopefully apprehend the offender. An informational/organizational meeting will be held Friday June 30 @ 7 PM at Station 79 Board room. Anyone who is able to participate in the July 4th holiday watch should attend the Friday meeting or contact Robert Carlyle to schedule.</p>
Fundraising	Thanks to all donors. Donations welcome!
Board/Meetings	<p>Monthly meetings 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month</p> <p>PMFSC Board: 3 seats open for volunteers</p>

**Next PMFSC Board Meeting:** 10:00 AM Saturday July 22, 2017 @ Station 79 PMVFD Board Room  
All community members welcome