

PALOMAR MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Board of Directors, October 7, 2017.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by President Kellogg. Board members present: Cliff Kellogg, Michael Pique, Glenn Borland, Robert Carlyle. Also present were Cal Fire Engineer Gerad Bullard, CERT Coordinator Bill Leininger, PMVFD past president Suzann Leininger, CCPM board member Rosie Lopresti, and Fire Safe Council Vice-President Cecelia Borland.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: Rosie Lopresti offered three comments: 1) She asks for a Fire Board resolution supporting grant funding for easement road clearing, as proposed by the PMPO; 2) The water tanks and hose hookups in the Bailey Meadow area are hard to see and need to be more visible and clearly marked "for fire department use". It was suggested we get signs made by the Highway Safety company in Escondido; 3) Bring an empty jug to the October 15 Apple Festival and take home free cider. Suzann Leininger says she is now serving on the CSA 135 Fire Advisory Board, under Supervisor Bill Horn, which will be advising the San Diego County Fire system.

Financial Report: Cliff Kellogg presented Keith Ronchetti's written report (The report has been included as part of these minutes.). Current assets, excluding CERT funds held by the board, are \$104,821.50. This includes \$421 revenue from sales at the September 2 CCPM Fair. Our payment of \$4776 for liability insurance is expected to be reimbursed by the county. The report was approved.

Minutes: The minutes from the 07/01/2017 board meeting were approved.

Station 79 Report: Engineer Gerad Bullard presented an oral report. The septic system work is completed and in service. All equipment is in working order except for water tender WT79, which is still under repair. We saw 14 calls in August, about 1/2 medical and 1/2 vegetation fires. One fire was on the South Grade and was quickly responded to. One engineer is being trained as a driver and will be put here at times. Cal Fire is following up on plans to allow all firefighters to drive the smaller vehicles. The Paramedic program is now operational with one (at least) here on duty at all times.

Cliff Kellogg talked to Liz Hagerty, assistant to Chief O'Leary. They received grant funding to install a new electrical generator at the station, perhaps by the end of 2017.

CERT - Coordinator Bill Leininger reported that last month's CERT meeting focused on the Barricade fire-blocking gel, with a gel demonstration and a review of application and removal procedures. CERT is trying to compile a listing of gel depot locations and condition. The last county Office of Emergency Services CERT Council meeting revealed that California has updated the Disaster Service Guidelines to further limit what CERT volunteers can legally do and reduces worker compensation benefits for

CERT members. The next local meeting will be to prepare for the October 19 "Great Shakeout" earthquake emergency drill. Ongoing questions are where our emergency supplies will be stored during construction and who will maintain the CERT vehicle.

Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council (FSC): Cecelia Borland says the FSC now has \$5300. They are buying 2 pressure washers to remove Barricade gel from houses after fire danger has passed. Tim Gray from the US Forest Service conducted a hands-on chainsaw safety class on August 26. The FSC's Annual General Meeting will be on October 28 to hold elections for Board seats, three-year terms. The county Fire Safe Council is making a new push for evacuation plans to be added to the Wildland Fire Preparedness Plans, in cooperation with Cal Fire. We are still looking at 32J and at the road below the Walls' residence as evacuation routes. Since the SRA tax collection has been suspended, it is uncertain where funding would come from. We do have a letter of support for improving those two routes from USFS Chief Wes Ruise.

Community Center of Palomar Mountain (CCPM): Rosie Lopresti summarized the 2018 event plan: an Easter Egg hunt at the County Park, a summer Movie Night at a private residence, the Labor Day weekend fair at the County Park, and a Christmas Party perhaps at Mother's Kitchen. She asks if the CCPM should put up a Rubbermaid type temporary storage shed on the PMFD property to store supplies during construction. Cliff Kellogg suggests keeping things in the cargo containers, which we have an OK from Liz Hagerty to keep on-site during construction. We can also store things in the basement of the house but there are many mice there. The CCPM wants to sell their freezer, hutch, and dinnerware.

New Business:

Administrative Office Trailers - The Palomar Christian Conference Center has applied for a permit to put them at the Center. Cliff has emails from Chief O'Leary asking us for our schedule for moving the trailers out. Cliff will get bids for moving the cargo containers both to the downhill old barbecue pit and to the uphill site along the side road. Liz Hagerty says we are at least 6 or 8 months out from actual construction, most of the time being needed for permits.

Termination of County contract: we have formally terminated the old contract that PMVFD had with the county to provide fire protection and medical aid services.

Motorcycle Safety Letter - We received a letter from CHP Oceanside Captain Amy Mangin that CHP has been addressing our concerns with enforcement on Palomar Mountain. Keith Ronchetti will post it on our web site.

Adjournment: 10:22 A.M. 10/07/2017. The next board meeting is Saturday 11/04/2017 at 9:00 AM.

- Michael Pique, Secretary

Minutes approved by PMVFD Board 11/4/2017.