

**MAYACAMAS FIRE SAFE COUNCIL (FSC)
MINUTES**

MEETING 09.03.19

Attendees:

Berta Acker; Kristen Drummond; Geoff Herrick, Jennifer O'Mahony; Lisa Warner.

Absent: Theresa Hayle

Guest: Colleen Ganaye

The meeting opened at 6:30pm.

TEAM UPDATES

MVFD BOARD MEETING - Berta

The contract with Sonoma Valley Fire & Rescue that transfers MVFD under their authority is still not signed. It's unclear as to when this will happen.

There is a good summary on Nextdoor of history of the relationship between MVFD and various Sonoma fire entities.

Lisa made a presentation about the PG&E clearance grant and took questions from the board.

Alison Ash resigned as President of the MVFD, though she will remain on the board.

TREASURER UPDATE - Geoff

Geoff has submitted close-out documentation for the signage grant. This involved the purchase of a printer and supplies.

There is currently \$903.49 in the treasury and with the balance due for printer related expenses the amount will increase to w \$1426.67

GRANT UPDATES – Lisa/Kristen

ROADSIDE TREATMENT GRANT

The first \$25K of this \$50K grant is due from PG&E. Check hasn't arrived yet. When the work is complete (anticipated to be done by on 9/4) , we need to submit final documentation to receive the remainder of the grant – further \$25K.

MAPPING PROJECT

The letter outlining the project is prepared and ready to send out to homeowners. Following discussion it was agreed that the letter be revised to reflect that there is an opportunity to receive educational information, in addition to giving access to MFSC to survey of water/entry & exit and roads. Project has to be completed by end of 2020. Need to survey 80-90 properties if all in the area are surveyed.

Project needs to include outreach, education, and information gathering.

Goal is to send out the letter in November.

CALFIRE GRANT

Grant application hasn't been opened yet and no date is known as to when grant application window opens.. The Council agreed not to do roadside treatment due to difficulty in getting permission from all owners involved.

Instead the proposal is to do a shaded fuel break – helps CalFire in their fire-fighting efforts. Area CalFire proposed is east of Cavedale Rd. all the way from station 1 to station 2 Mount Veeder Council is already planning to do a shaded fuel break joining Lakoya Road with an existing fire road that eventually comes out onto Cavedale Road near 4770 Cavedale. CalFire is more interested in providing funds to areas that take advantage of existing work. This area also takes into account the impact of north winds and uphill conditions in that it encompasses the ridge top between Sonoma and Napa.

Members noted that we have to do better job of narrating our story and fleshing out details that make it compelling.

Board agreed to ask Greg Holquist to scope out the project cost.

A vote was held on whether we want to put efforts behind researching this project rather than any of the other projects in the CWPP

Geoff made a motion to continue to do research in preparation for a grant application for this project. Berta seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNITY GRANT – REBUILD NORTH BAY

Lisa had looked at North Bay grants earlier this year and our projects didn't appear to meet their criteria. We had an introduction via MVFD. Lisa has meeting set up to discuss what small projects we might have that fit their criteria for grants.

Lisa posted information on Nextdoor about private grants available to individual homeowners.

OTHER BUSINESS

INSURANCE

Currently unclear what the status of insurance is for board members. Council board members were insured under the County and given the changes where the MVFD fire dept. is no longer under county jurisdiction the status of our insurance is unclear.

Kristen to check with Northbay Fire as to whether board members insurance was transferred.

MARKETING

Theresa, Kristen and Lisa looking at how to improve web site.

NEWSLETTER

It was agreed that rather than do a MFSC newsletter we would ask MVFD for a page in their newsletter. Berta to ask when it comes out and if we could have a page for FSC news.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.