

The Palomar Mountain Community Fire Association

Minutes of the monthly meeting of The Board of Directors, October 1, 2022.

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 A.M. by President Borland. Board members present in person at the Community Center (Station 79 grounds): Glenn Borland, Robert Carlyle, Michael Pique, Keith Ronchetti. Also present were CERT Coordinator Bill Leininger, Cliff Kellogg, John Lesac, John Lucia, Palomar Fire Safe Council President Yvonne Vaucher, and (near the end) CAL FIRE Battalion Chief Adam Gettman. Kathy Bates-Lande and Board member Tom Mendenhall called in by telephone.

Public Comment: Cliff Kellogg suggests we get our flagpoles out of storage and into our meeting room.

Minutes: The minutes from the 08/06/2022 board meeting were approved.

Financial Report: Keith Ronchetti's written report (available at palomar-fire.org) showed a balance of \$88,808.42 (plus \$2253.71 held for CERT) The report was approved. Liability insurance for the Board is about to be renewed.

Station 79 Report: Cliff Kellogg says the station in July had five traffic incidents, three medical alerts, and one public assistance call; overall down 17% from 2021.

County Fire Advisory (CFA) Board Update: Cliff attended the county fire advisory board meeting in September. The agriculture pass program "Phase One" has been approved. This will allow people to re-enter their property during emergencies to take care of cattle and horses. "Phase Two" that would allow access to groves and orchards has not yet been approved. The county performed 1461 defensible space inspections this year. The next fire advisory board meeting is November 28.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): Bill Leininger reports Palomar CERT participated in a county-wide quarterly outreach program on October 22, next to the Palomar store during the Lotus Club car rally. The theme was "Prepare in a Day". CERT members have received updates to their personal gear bags. The next CERT academy training at Station 79 is still to be scheduled; in January or February there will be a public first-aid class "Stop the Bleed". There will be a Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) program at the Santa Ysabel Preserve Nature Center on November 19.

Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council (FSC) Yvonne Vaucher: The council has \$48,212.49, mostly for clearing roads, with \$9127 unrestricted. The US Forest Service will be doing hand-cutting on the west side of Conifer Road below Birch Hill. The dumpster today is being supervised by Cecelia Borland, John Lucia, and Linda Thorne.

Robert Carlyle is still trying to see how we can affordably remove a large rock obstructing easement road 30 east of the Lodge. He will talk to Phil Bozanowski about finding a contractor who is certified to remove a rock. Robert and Captain Kowalski inspected a different, larger, rock alongside easement road 32J at the north end of Birch

Hill. For that rock, they think the most practical solution is to bring the road out 4-5 feet to allow fire engines to swing around the rock. Robert's Stumpmasters crew chipped last week, with three houses still on the list to do. The FSC written report is posted at palomar-fire.org.

Next FSC meeting is 10 AM Saturday October 22, the Annual General Meeting, at the Community Center (Station 79 grounds). Today is the Gold-Spotted Oak Borer (GSOB) Town Hall here at Station 79 at 10 AM immediately following this meeting.

Community Center of Palomar Mountain (CCPM): Cliff Kellogg talked to Monica Toledo at the county two weeks ago, continuing the effort to make a legal arrangement for the community to reclaim use of the small house. The county is again revising the draft license, with the issue of us having to perform and document "Storm Water Management Training" still unresolved.

Community and Fire Department Event Sign: The Station 79 CAL FIRE crew is ready to put our existing sign back up whenever (and where) we want. We are not yet decided on whether to put up a new double-sided sign or whether to revise the text and picture on our existing sign before putting it back up, perhaps to say "Palomar Events". The official San Diego County Station 79 sign will soon be given a permanent mounting with river rocks around it.

Palomar Mountain Planning Organization (PMPO) Michael Pique (Secretary): next board meetings are December 3 and February 25, both 10 AM. After that is the Annual General Meeting, Saturday 05/27/2023 (Memorial Day weekend) at 10 AM.

Adjournment: 09:49 AM 10/01/2022. The next PMCFA meeting is Saturday November 5, 2022, at 9 AM, at Station 79 with Zoom and/or telephone call-in available.

- Michael Pique, Secretary. Minutes approved by PMCFA Board 2022-12-03.