

Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council Foundation
PMFSC Board meeting September 26, 2025
PMFSC Activity Report for PMVFD Meeting October 4, 2025

Topic	Status
Financial status	FY24 Monthly Financial report: (08/31/2025) Current Cash Balance (09/26/25) Total cash \$ 25,194.27 Unrestricted \$ 12,951.15 Restricted \$ 12,200.00 (SDRFF grant) Pending invoices: \$ 1066 (Sept 5/6 dumpster) Upcoming expenses: \$ 1066 (Sept 26/27 dumpster)
Insurance	-FIREWISE: Safer from Wildfire (2022): CA Dept Insurance regulation: requires insurance companies to recognize Firewise USA designated communities and provide discounts. CA FAIR Firewise discounts: Firewise community 10% Structural protection /home hardening:10% Defensible space protection 5% Combined max 14.5% -Jim Desmond Insurance Town Hall Webinar (06/05/25) available on line (Sharon Smith/Outreach analyst CA Dept Insurance) FIREWISE team: Lead LG; MP, YV Team members represent PMFSC, PMPO, PMVFD -Community Risk assessment survey - Sent to all Palomar Mountain USPS mailboxes - Sent out to PMPO email list to fill out online - Will be available at Hoedown sign-in and PMFSC table SURVEY: N~30 received. Need to collate surveys to develop required 3 year action plan. May need another round to be more representative. Thomas Shoots, our SD FIRE Authority FIREWISE advisor, just promoted to Battalion Chief at Deer Springs, continue to advise until replacement available.
Fundraising/Donations	August donation campaign flyer featuring CA Black Oak was distributed to all Palomar Mountain USPS mailboxes.
CAL Fire	No representative/report
SD Cty Fire Protection District (SDCty Fire Authority)	
Fire Advisory Board	No representative/report. Last meeting Sept. 8
USFS	Fry Creek cut/pile contract in progress, work started 9/3 and they are about 50% completion with the 182 acres. -Prescribed fire prep in Jeff Valley units is being scouted/flagged by our staff, with implementation (handline construction) likely to begin in October. -No near term plans for burning, still awaiting executed Burn Plans and fuel moistures are still quite low (outside of prescription).

FSCSDC/RCD	FSCSDC General Meeting -211 explained: Umbrella for community resource referral including for Fire Incident related questions/activities/contacts -2025 Non-Profit Day Award: Certificate of Recognition to all SDC FSC -AB 2911: May provide route for funding roadwork/improvement for communities with 30+ homes with one way in and one way out. -Helipod diptank: Need to explore desirability & location with Cal Fire -FSCSDC Community Chipping Day: Nov 10 at Robert Carlyle's place Nieto's Tree care will be chipping provider -CWPP: Submitted 09/05/25. Preliminary approval with minor edits.
PMVFD/PMCFA	Deferred
PMPO	-Dumpster funding: Pledged to fund 4 dumpsters @ \$1000 each; have funded 3 so far in April and May; 4th dumpster will be deferred to spring when no grant funding available. -Rd #30 Rock Removal: May not be needed per recent communication with Cal Fire -SONG Update: Transmission line now SDG&E responsibility. Need to be sure Palomar community included in mitigation boundaries if lines are in proximity to Palomar.
CERT	Saturday, October 11th, CERT will sponsor a Palomar Mountain Community Outreach Event, Saturday, October 11th, from 9-11 AM, at Station 79 will have give-aways for the attendees. Topics include: - <u>Using a fire extinguisher</u> - we'll have a simulator there for attendees to learn how to use a fire extinguisher - <u>Earthquake preparedness</u> - in coordination with the annual Great Shakeout, on Thursday, 16 Oct, to practice earthquake response - <u>Price of Preparedness games</u> - learn how affordable preparedness supplies are More info coming on NextDoor.
CCPM	Deferred
Completed grants	1.SDG&E (2016) \$2500 for community education projects/workshops 2.SDG&E (2017) \$2500 for community education projects/workshops 3.SDG&E (2018) \$2500 4. USFS/FSCSDC Palomar Fuel Reduction Grant (2017)Final report: Curbside chipping-65 homes; DSAP coast share prepwork-22 homes; dead trees removed-8. WUI workshop held 8/18. 5.NRP (Neighborhood Reinvestment Program) 2017-18: \$10,000-All funds expended for Fire Gel home kits/2 diesel power washers. 6. SDG&E (2019) \$2500 7. NRP (Neighborhood Reinvestment Program) 2018-19 \$48,328 Dumpster weekends (8) 116 land/homeowners/40.2 tons. Chipping (9 days/half days): 42 landowners 8.SDG&E 2020: (\$2500) Community education/fuel reduction. 9. NRP 2020: Neighborhood Reinvestment Program (NRP) 2020 \$25,000) Grant backdated to July 1, 2020. Chipping 12 days; Dumpster 10 weekends; Barricade 1 Home Kit 10. SDRFF2021 (\$2500) Dumpster, insurance, community education 11. CCI (2019-2022) \$169,520 Emergency access/evacuation road improvement (BirchHill/Crestline) 12. SDRFF SAFE (2022) \$12,000 Wildfire Safety community education, defensible space improvement 13. NRP (2022) \$48,827 Defensible space fuel reduction, wildfire risk reduction, evacuation safety End: 09/30/23-Final Report submitted to SD Cty Supervisors 10/26/23. Activities: 12 chipping days @ \$1500; 7 dumpster days @ \$893; Fire Gel: \$22,680; 14. Evacuation signage: \$1877.82 14. SDRFF SAFE 2023 (\$10,000) 6/1/23-4/15/24: Fuel reduction (dumpster/chipping), General liability/D&O PMFSC Board insurance. 3 dumpsters, 4 chipping days, liability insurance 15. SDRFF SAFE 2024 (\$12,000) 6/1/24-4/15/25 6 Dumpsters, 2 on-site Chipping, \$1200B oard D&O/Liability insurance

Current grants	CCI CAL FIRE: 5GG22153: (\$149,700) 12/27/2023 - 03/15/2029 <i>"Palomar Mountain Emergency Access and Emergency Evacuation Project"</i> Roadside brushclearing/tree removal or emergency access/evacuation & critical infrastructure protection -Will apply for advance funding application: (\$37,000) Must use in 6 mo. -Reimbursement for road improvement rec'd from CAL FIRE In July 2025 -Crestline/Birch Hill: No work done in the past month -West-Side: Two days' work will be funded by PMFSC. To be reimbursed when CCI advance funding available. -New contractor: <i>Nieto's Tree Care</i> (Jose Nieto); licensed, has workmen's comp, website. Contractor to provide signed contract, non-discrimination and drug free workplace forms. -Quarterly report due end October SDRFF SAFE 2025 (\$15,500) 6/1/25 - 4/15/26 Funds 4 on-site chipping days @ \$1750/day; 7 dumpsters @\$1000/dumpster; \$1500 D&O insurance Work done thus far: On-site Chipping (3/4) #1 July 8; #2 July 9; #3 Oct 2; #4 TBS Dumpster weekend: #1 June (6/7); #2, July (12/13); #3 Aug (16/17); #4 Sept (5/6); #5 Sept (26/27) (New fee: \$1,066/weekend as of 8/25; previous fee \$1003/weekend) RCD: Dead/dying tree removal 2024-2026 Crestline/Birch Hill: Defensible space improvement (\$250,000) DDT will be removed within 150' of sheds, barns, etc in addition to all habitable structures. May be able to extend out to 300' in some circumstances. -Funding released by USFS Sept 30, 2025 -Contractor: <i>Southland Forest Management</i> (JD Hamilton, Temecula) -Will resume mapping Sept 29 & start dropping trees mid-October weather permitting -Place to store wood needed (Stan Hill working with RCarlyle) -Still Crestline/Birch Hill home owners who have not signed up. PMFSC will resend sign-up notices via EDDM to Palomar PO Boxes and work on finding a way to send notices to APN owners who have not yet signed up Volunteer work value CA 2025): \$39.79
2024 Submitted Grants	None
2025 Potential Grants	PMFSC: NRP Chipping/Dumpster/Helipond PMFSC: CCI water storage, Continued roadside maintenance
Community Activities & Workshops	Hoedown (August 30) PMFSC had a FIREWISE table to distribute/collect surveys
Next PMFSC Board Meeting (Annual Board Mtg) October 18, 2025 @ 9AM at PMCC In person & ZOOM	