

Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council Foundation
 PMFSC Board meeting Feb 28, 2026
PMFSC Activity Report for PMVFD Meeting March 7, 2026
 (PMFSC business only, PMPO Mtg followed)

Topic	Status
Financial status	<p>FY25 Monthly Financial report: (01/31/26) Approved</p> <p>Total cash/assets \$54,705.65</p> <p>CashChecking\$16,740.17</p> <p>Unrestricted \$13,708.30</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Restricted \$3031.87</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">CCI/CAL FIRE \$0</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">NRP \$0</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">SDRFF \$3031.87</p> <p>Cash Savings \$37,965.48</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Unrestricted \$535.80</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Restricted\$37,429.68</p> <p>Expenses Total\$6350</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">PMFSC \$0</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">D u m p s t e r \$ 0</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Other: \$6350</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(SDRFF \$1650/CC 4700 CCI)</p> <p>Revenue \$0</p> <p>Grant funding: \$0</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Indirect/reimbursement \$ 0</p> <p>Donations</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Paypal \$43.12</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Donations \$</p> <p>Other income \$4.68 Interest</p> <p>Liabilities \$</p> <p>Reimbursement/</p> <p>Fees/payments: RRF1 \$25 (501c3 registration)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Taxes Filed</p> <p>Current Cash Balance (02/27/26)</p> <p>Ending Total Cash: \$39,502.04</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Unrestricted \$13,075.50</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Restricted \$ 19,333.42</p> <p>Grant funding available:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">SDRFF \$3031.87</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">CCI \$16,301.55</p>
Insurance	<p>CA FAIR homeowner Firewise discounts:</p> <p>Firewise community 10%</p> <p>Structural protection /home hardening:10%</p> <p>Defensible space protection 5%</p> <p>Combined max 14.5%</p>
Fundraising/Donations	Monthly Paypal only

Station 79	<p>Equipment bay public phone now functional</p> <p>Full staff (3 State/2 Cty) expected after training complete. 2 engines/water tender/ ambulance will be on site</p> <p>Workout shed approved by <u>Cty</u> Fire Advisory Board. Awaiting expected Cty Supervisors approval.</p>
Fire Advisory Board	<p>(11/17/25) County Fire Facilities Maintenance and Capital Construction Initiatives— Pending Board of Supervisors: Advertise and award contract for Station 78 workout shed project. Review innovative construction methods to save money</p> <p>Next meeting 3/2/26</p>
USFS	<p>(2/17) Birch Hill and Jeff Valley Machine Piles completed 2/16, 2/17</p> <p>(2/27)</p> <p>-Completed Jeff Valley Units 18/4/6/9/13, Birch Hill Unit 1c, and Fry Creek Unit 7.</p> <p>-Setting up to burn Jeff Valley Unit 11b – 13ac (attached unit map) on 3/4- weather dependent. 11b Unit will be our last in Jeff Valley for this season.</p> <p>-Remainder of the burning season to Mid-May/weather dependent): Continue burning in Fry Creek Units 2/8 (potentially continuing into 4/5/6) and Aguanga Unit 2 (near High Point lookout).</p> <p>-Fuels treatment contract work is in the planning phases and later this spring will provide an update for planned projects for the summer.</p>

FSCSDC/RCD	<p>FIREWISE: CAL FIRE Captain Michael Cornette, new Community Risk Reduction FSC Captain replaces Thomas Shoots. Attended PMPO mtg 2/28 to introduce FIREWISE program to community.</p> <p>PMFSC Application progress (LG):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Survey review: BH/CL 31; Other 29 (mostly Bailey Meadow) Questionably representative of whole community as replies appear to be from homeowners with more improved defensible space and home hardening. Street driveby suggested- for defensible space category estimate. -Difficult to determine from surveys current improvement % categorization required for application (>75/75-50/50-25/<25%). Few Palomar homes have gutters or soffit vents per surveys. Defensible space likely the major problem area that can be addressed. -Need the most accurate PM population. Difficult to determine as there are a varying number of fulltime/parttime/absentee homeowners. Census documents residents by zip cose. There are more than 1 zip code on Palomar though majority in 92060. <p>SDCty lists 282 Palomar residents per CKellogg. B. Phelps & Real estate database and SDG General Plan document 301 current dwelling units/occupancy unknown. DSI number likely most accurate but needs to include entire PMFSC area. Working with Mike Cornette to get Palomar DSI numbers from central CAL FIRE source (LG).</p> <p>Current SDC dwelling estimate link: https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/pds/advance/DevTracker/PalomarMountain.pdf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Action plan volunteer effort requirement: 1 hour/year/home needs to be documented. Should not be a problem. -SDCty CWPP discussed: Individual FSC feedback requested-done (YV) <p>-Vibrant Planet Platform: CAL FIRE initiative for FSC projects wildfire hazard reduction (only 2 units in State SD + AEU Emeril Unit) <i>Map wildfire risk to people and property based on various parameters; design projects for risk reduction</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Hazard determination: Geography, vegetation, wind, conditions, etc (Wildfire model: burn probability + fire intensity based on history, conditions, etc -Values at risk: at risk (structural/utility Assets, Safety, Recreation, Biodiversity, Biomass, Ecology, Water, Science/Culture) -Risk Reduction opportunity "Biggest bang for Buck" Predict relative outcomes -Create FSC <i>strategic project areas mitigation for risk reduction</i> <p>Includes detailed plan with various metrics (acreage, treatment methods, financial estimates, Contact: josh.black@fire.ca.gov brice.smith@fire.ca.gov</p> <p>https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/r3LQrzBiZtJFb0FS43aZelARp6nBO5BfHBqex04v6GyCLUidaYNDVNYUpW7DUo67.-XVcUH7-oQmZikGy?startTime=1762799489000 Passcode: !*Wfmq10</p> <p>Current Vibrant Planet plans all target remote USFS areas on North side of Palomar Mountain range. Need relevant plans for south and north slopes directly below Palomar community and for privately owned land within Palomar community.</p>
PMVFD/PMCFA	deferred
PMPO	deferred
CERT	deferred
CCPM	deferred

<p>Completed grants</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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, \$1200 Board D&O/ Liability insurance
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Current grants	<p>CCI Fire Prevention (\$149,700) 2023-2027 23 FP MVU 2088 5GG22153 "Palomar Mountain Emergency Access and Emergency Evacuation Project" Crestline/Birch Hill: Roadside brushclearing & critical infrastructure protection</p> <p>Remaining funding: \$16,301.55 (Will fund 7 more days work). Most roadside brushwork completed. Tree removal TBS -West side: Pedley Rd roadside brush work to 5" either side completed (1/15, 1/16 pd \$4700) Dead tree removal (6"-3ft diameter) Needs to be done. If funds available can clear 10' either side. -Crestline/Birch Hill: No current work but CAL FIRE indicates some areas that need improvement. RC to review with Capt. Kowalski -Mendenhall Valley Rd: If CCI funds available when Pedley Rd done will discuss including the proximal Mendenhall Rd leading to residences close to Canfield Rd. CAL FIRE (Cheyenne Brrello) initially declined to include Mendenhall Valley Rd in the grant. Road very overgrown; several houses in 1-2 miles; provides CAL FIRE access to Mendenhall Valley homes. -Quarterly report (Dec 25) submitted. Next report due March 31.</p> <p>SDRFF SAFE 2025 (\$15,500) 6/1/25 – 4/15/26 Funds 4 chipping days @ \$1750, 7 dumpsters @ \$1500, D&O insurance @ \$1500 Funds remaining: \$3031.87 Chipping (4/4) #1, #2 July 8, July 9 #3 Oct 2 #4 Dec 18 Plan another chipping before April 15</p> <p>Dumpster (6/7): #1, #2, #3 @ \$1000 June (6/7 July (12/13) Aug (16/17); Raised fee: \$1,066 as of 8/25 (4 tons max wgt) #4, #5, #6 Sept (5/6) Sept (26/27) Nov (15/16) Plan 1-2 dumpsters before April 15</p> <p>Semi-annual report pending</p> <p>Dead/dying tree removal (RCD) 2024-2026: Birch Hill/Crestline DDT will be removed within 150' of structures (sheds, barns, etc in addition to all habitable structures. May extend out to 300'-) Have cut approximately 175-180 trees with chippers are following closely behind. Will be going up to get an accurate assessment of current status. Arrangement with SDG&E and Davey Tree to cut down some of the SDG&E "stumps". DDT team will remove wood on the ground. Most up to date map provided. Funds about 65% spent. Will look for more funding opportunities to continue the project</p> <p>Volunteer work value (CA 2025): \$39.79/hr</p>
2024 Submitted Grants	None
2025 Potential Grants	<p>NRP Roadside water storage <u>Site:</u> Roadside water tank: RC has volunteered his land along State Park Rd. Phil Boczanowski has sites with access to water available on Conifer Rd. <u>Labor:</u> Installation labor - volunteer. <u>Materials:</u> Need cost estimate for two 2500 gallon tanks & one 5000 gallon tank. Piping/fittings cost to dependent on site. (RC/CKellogg) <u>SDCty:</u> Need grant funding approval to use grant funding for placing tanks on private land (YV)</p> <p>SDRFF: Next grant application due late April /early May 2026. Apply for dumpster chipping, insurance</p>

Community Activities & Workshops	None
Administrative:	None
Other Business	Tree density guidelines. PMFSC will provide community education re tree density on defensible space/ beyond defensible space land. Awaiting USFS recommendation for optimal tree density.
Next PMFSC Board Meeting (Annual Board Mtg) March 28, 2026 @ 9AM at PMCC In person & ZOOM	