

## The Palomar Mountain Community Fire Association

Minutes of the monthly meeting of The Board of Directors, March 7, 2026.

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 A.M. by President Robert Carlyle. Board members present in person at the Community Center (Station 79 grounds): Robert Carlyle, Keith Ronchetti, Tom Mendenhall, Mark Thompson. Board member Michael Pique was away on an excused absence. Also present in-person were Yvonne Vaucher and Cliff Kellogg. Elizabeth Getzoff and Lafe Ball joined by Zoom teleconference.

Pledge: Robert led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: Reminder from Cliff Kellogg regarding the upcoming time change. We discussed community center utilities and switches; specifically, heater locations.

Minutes: The minutes from the February 7, 2026, meeting were approved.

Financial Report: Keith Ronchetti's written report (available at [palomar-fire.org](http://palomar-fire.org)) showed a balance of \$91,427.20, with an additional \$1220.29 held for CERT. No notable income or expenses. Keith confirmed filing of our California form 199. Our IRS/Audited form documentation remains consistent with previous years. The report was approved.

Station 79 Report: A new exercise shed is being built on-site following a new construction plan.

County Fire Advisory (CFA) Board: Cliff Kellogg. A new helicopter and a C-130 aircraft are expected by the end of the year. Updates provided on the new Descanso Fire Station. Fee Schedule: Discussion of increased costs for inspections, ambulance transport, and standby fees.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): No report.

Community Center of Palomar Mountain (CCPM): Robert Carlyle, Chair. No report.

Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council (PMFSC) Yvonne Vaucher: Discussion regarding the discrepancy between the between number of Palomar Mountain *structures* in county maps and the actual number of *residents* needing to be cited in the PMFSC CWPP (Community Wildfire Protection Plan) and Firewise application. Discussion regarding the roadside water tank placement and cost estimates dependent on location and permission from county to provide grant funding for placement on private land.

It was noted that the complete Fire Safe Council meeting minutes can be found online at [palomar-fire.org](http://palomar-fire.org) under Documents>Board Meetings. Because Yvonne will be away in March, the next FSC meeting will be 9 AM Saturday, April 25, in person at the CCPM and by Zoom.

Palomar Mountain Planning Organization (PMPO): The next meeting will be the Pancake Breakfast and Annual General Meeting with election of officers, May 23.

Old Business: the emergency telephone outside of Station 79 is now working.

Adjournment: 9:52 AM 03/07/2026. The next PMCFA meeting will be 9 AM Saturday, April 4, 2026, at the Community Center. We expect to have Zoom call-ins available. .

Minutes by Tom Mendenhall. Formatted by Michael Pique, Secretary

Minutes approved by PMCFA Board 04/04/2026