



Kern River Valley Fire Safe Council Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 18, 2012

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Virtual Attendance: Terry Bolt, Don Davis, Ken Delfino, Tom Gelder, Christine Hancock, Gordon Hancock, Penny Lampkins, Hayward Mendenhall, Sharon Rooney, Lloyd Smith

President's Activities:

- Collaborated with Tom Curran and Jim Tyack (representing the Breckenridge community) in developing a proposal to the USFS RAC. The proposal was submitted to USFS on 4 September. The proposal would pay for roll-off containers to be placed in the Breckenridge community next spring to remove hazardous fuels. Chipping and burning entail a significant risk. Bart Kicklighter and Al Watson (Acting District Ranger) fully endorsed to proposal. Tom Curran made a presentation to the RAC committee on 13 September. The proposal value was \$8,000. We received a USFS letter dated 26 September 2012 approving our project, but at a reduced amount of \$3,450. Prepared the required paperwork for the reduced scope grant and delivered it to Bart Kicklighter at the Kernville office. (5 hours preparing forms and 75 miles round trip to Kernville)
- Designed and ordered twelve Defensible Space Demonstration Lot signs. The total cost for the signs, posts, hardware and shipping was \$1,467.19. Searched all of the records and made inquiries of former council participants in an attempt to identify the location of the demonstration lots to no avail. Finally solicited the help of KCFD (Ira Peshkin and Jimmie Rocha). There appears to have been 16 lots originally authorized under the grant. Then it seems that 4 of those lots were subsequently built upon or at least removed as demonstration lots. That leaves 12 lots. When the lot locations are identified will install the new signs.
- Attended the California Fire Safe Council's 2012 Wildfire Prevention Regional Conference at Pala Resort in San Diego County on 19 Sept. Several good presentations on the wildfire issues in California, lots on Firewise Communities, and some poorly done presentations regarding insurance issues. (500 miles and 7 hours at conference)
- Attended with Mrs. Smith the retirement dinner for District Ranger Rick Larson, on 5 October 2012. Also had the opportunity to discuss the council's activities with the Acting District Ranger Al Watson.

- Board members are reminded that in lieu of physically meeting monthly we agreed to provide monthly reports via email. Even if you did not do anything associated with the Council, board member should “report in” so that we can indeed show that we are meeting in compliance with our by-laws.
- The results of the Collaborative meeting will be the primary topic for the November Stakeholder’s meeting. It is also time to nominate new Board members. We must maintain a Board of Directors of at least five members in order to conduct our business.

Treasurer’s Report – Sharon Rooney:

Attached are reports for October 2012.

- Reimbursed Lloyd Smith \$1,467.19 for the Defensible Space Demo Lot Signs.
- Form SI100 for the Secretary of State is due next month. Will complete form and mail with fees.

Time spent on council business: 2 hours.

Mileage for council business: 2 miles.

Committee Activity Reports:

Grants – Acting Grants Committee Chairman Lloyd Smith

- Proposed the annual Collaborative Meeting for 18 October 2012. However, it has been changed to 25 October 2012 in the USFS Kernville conference room. Proposals for any new projects should be submitted to Lloyd so that they can be scoped out prior to the meeting. The Breckenridge project will be added to the list of projects. Recall that priorities are set for all fuel reduction projects in the Kern River Valley at this meeting.

Ken Delfino’s Grant Report of August September and October follows:

* New information is in *italics*

Alta Sierra - Grant ID #10-DG-11051345-060

This is the third second season on a three year project. *Kern County Fire Department did not work on the project during the 7th quarter. All their crews were on fires. Work has restarted on Old Stage Road during October and will be billed at the end of the 8th quarter at the end of December.*

- Quarter 1 invoice ending 9/23/2010 = 32.3 acres. Paid
- Quarter 2 invoice ending 6/30/2011 = 5.7 acres. Paid
- Quarter 3 invoice ending 9/30/2011 = 27.2 acres (85% of 32 acres treated, 15% held back until piles are burned). Paid.

- Quarter 4 invoice ending 12/31/2011 = 14.4 acres (85% of 16.9 acres treated, 15% held back until piles are burned). Paid.
- Quarter 5 invoice ending 3/31/2012 = 12 acres (1.5 miles) along the lower portion of Old State Road. Paid.
- Quarter 6 invoice ending 6/30/2012 = 12 acres (1.5 miles) on the upper portion (below Alta Sierra) and lower portion of Old State Road. Invoiced to the Forest Service.
- *Quarter 7 – no activity.*

2012 grant

The 2012 grant to the California Fire Safe Council was approved in October 2011. The grant includes the renewal (maintenance) of 11 projects that have been completed around the Kern River Valley over the past 12 years. Three hundred and thirty eight acres will be treated.

The total cost of the project is \$241,000 with \$120,500 coming from the grant and \$120,500 match. A 50% match was required for the 2012 grant. All contract requirements have been met and work can commence at any time.

- Quarter 1 report on the project was been submitted (ending 2/29/2012), with a match amount of \$1,074 from KRVFSC.
- Quarter 2 report was submitted (ending 5/31/2012), with a match amount of \$2,237 from the council. Ken Delfino and Derrick Davis inspected all 11 projects on the ground on 6/28/2012. No work or charges have been made by Kern County Fire Department.
- *Quarter 3 report was submitted (ending 8/30/2012), with a match of \$850 from KRVFSC and \$15,490 from KCFD.*
- *Quarter 4 report is due to the State Fire Safe Council in December 2012 (ending 11/30/2012). Work on the ground will occur during this quarter.*

Fundraising – Tom Gelder

No new activity

Chipper Days –Don Davis:

This report will bring the chipper activity up to date for the past two months.

- September: No chipper activity. I was gone on fires for almost all of September.
- October:

1. Have revisited the sites up in Isabella Highlands (Sawmill Rd) that were not chipped during the spring chipper days and am in the process of getting them rescheduled when the weather permits fire season to abate.

2. Visited with Tom Telfino at the Lodge at Painted Rock and was given a tour as we surveyed his chipping needs. The lodge is an impressive and beautiful spot if

anyone is looking for a wedding or meeting location.

3. Sent a email to Ira Peshkin of KCFD outlining the needs for #1 above and the proposed Keyesville Chipper Day for the lodge. I will let you know when these are scheduled and completed.

(3 hours and 45 miles)

Website – Penny Lampkins

No new activity

Education/Speakers Bureau- Terry Bolt, Chair

- Spoke with Marsha at the Kern Valley Sun and she agreed to put hints in the paper from the Council, the Feds and the County - county sent in a few but Feds still waiting to approve it - I suppose. I sent in a list of twenty but have not seen anything in the paper.
- Talking to teachers to find out what they would want from a Firesafe program - I wanted to work with the Forest Service but that is unlikely for the present.

Travel - 36 mi

Council Time - 2 hours

Next KRVFSC Board Meeting: The stakeholder's meeting will be 15 November 0930 to 1130 at the County Supervisor's conference room in Lake Isabella.