



**Kern River Valley Fire Safe Council  
Online Board Meeting  
Thursday, March 15, 2012**

**Attendance:** Terry Bolt, Don Davis, Tom Gelder, Christine Hancock, Gordon Hancock, Sharon Rooney, Lloyd Smith

The meeting was held on-line.

**Committee Reports:**

**Treasurer's Report – Sharon Rooney**

Paid:

\$150.00 to Amy Freeland for the 2009, 2010 & 2011 financial review

\$92.75 to Zephyr Associates, Inc. for our web page

Per our decision at the February 16, 2012 board meeting I have removed the chipper, laptop & camera from the fixed assets list and also sent an e-mail to the insurance company that we did not want to renew our property insurance policy that covered these items.

**Time spent on council business: 5 hours**

**Mileage for council business: 4 miles**

**Grants – Patrick Pontes and Ken Delfino**

**Lake Isabella Project-** According to Derrick Davis there are several more weeks of cleanup to do and the project work will be complete. KCFD will send the final Worksheets in the next few weeks and that should meet our Match commitment. We should finish the project by the end of the Grant Term.

If there is no need for Chipper Days in the community, we should have adequate Match completed to meet our commitment.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter Accomplishment Report was completed and submitted to CFSC.

**Mountain Shadows Project-** There still remains some clean-up work to complete and Derrick feels they will be done with the project. We have one remaining Chipper Day to complete. If it is determined there is no additional need for a chipper day, we may have sufficient Match completed to meet our commitment. KCFD will send the final Invoice for payment in the next week, and the remainder of their work will go toward meeting the Project Match.

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## **Actions-**

At the February FSC Meeting, we reviewed a more formal method of documenting our monthly E-Meetings for tracking Match costs. The group agreed to use the revised monthly format, along with the 2012 position rates and updated mileage figure.

The “Chipper Day” revised cost breakdown from January 2011 & 12 was also reviewed and discussed. Derrick agreed to reformat the document with KCFD Letterhead to more formalize our Match cost. These two actions will strengthen our Project Match documentation.

## **CFSC News/Update—**

Last week we received word from our CFSC Grant Manager Denise Carrington (recently replaced Cathy Brooke) that she will be leaving the California FSC. According to Denise, Katie Ziemann will be the new Grants Manager for our FSCs. Katie is in the Glendora Office and can be reached at 626-335-7426 or [kziemann@cafiresafecouncil.org](mailto:kziemann@cafiresafecouncil.org).

**Brian Marshall** has been named the new chief of the Kern County Fire Department. He has been the acting chief since the retirement of Nick Dunn last fall. This is good news for all Fire Safe Councils. He has been supportive of our efforts and attended our last County wide meeting (January). He has extensive experience in wildland fire and indicated that additional resources will be devoted to wildland fire safe activities.

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

This is the third second season on a three year project. Kern County Fire Department submitted two invoices for work accomplished through 12/31/2011.

- 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). Invoiced to Forest Service.
- Quarter 4 invoice ending 12/31/2011 = 14.4 acres (85% of 16.9 acres treated, 15% held back until piles are burned). Invoiced to Forest Service.

No piles have been burned during this quarter. The fall and winter weather has been dry and burning conditions have not been ideal. Recent snow should allow burning this spring.

Some work has been done on Old State road during this quarter, about 10 acres.

### ***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.

A grant training session was conducted on February 17 in Santa Barbara attended by Ken Delfino and Ed Royce. The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report on the project has been submitted, with a match amount of over \$1,000 from KRVFSC. No work or charges have been made by Kern County Fire Department.

### **Sierra Nevada Conservancy Grant**

A full grant was submitted on January 23, 2012. The grant is for 100 acres of fuels treatment on vacant lots within the community of Alta Sierra. The grant request totals \$148,500 with \$135,000 in Prop. 84 funding and a \$13,500 match.

Our grant has advanced to the full review (passed initial requirement review) and SNC has added \$2 million to this grant round (previously \$5 million). Grant decisions will be made in June 2012.

### **Chipper Days – Don Davis**

Things are starting to get busier for the Chipper Committee:

Additional requests are coming in for Chipper Days.

Below is a copy (minus the attachments) of the e-mail I sent out to the Chipper Day coordinators of their respective communities.

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Participating Communities:

Here is the current list of the scheduled Fire Safe Council Chipper Days that we have so far for 2012.

**Isabella Highlands, Sawmill Road:** March 20 or 24th (tentative)

**Saddle Springs:** April (Rio Bravo Supt. to contact Hayward for meeting date)

**Walker Pass:** May 5th

**Squirrel Valley Mt. Mesa:** May 19th

**Alta Sierra:** June 2nd

**Hungry Gulch/Wofford Heights:** June 9th

If there is a problem or question about the date, please reply back ASAP or call me at 760-376-4116

Also, please get on the Kern River Valley Fire Safe Council website (<http://krvfiresafecouncil.org/ChipperDays.htm>) and look at the Chipper Day Guidelines, print out the attached Property Owner's Sign Up Sheet (make as many copies as you need) and the Post Chipper Day Report. Have all the participating property owner's sign the sheet and estimate how many man-hours were spent preparing for the Chipper Day.

During the Chipper Day, take some digital photos of what some of the areas and piles looked like before and after the chipper work and also, the crews and volunteers while they are working.

After the Chipper Day is completed, please fill out the Post Chipper Day Report and:

1. Attach it, along with some of the photos, in an e-mail to [krvchipperdays@aol.com](mailto:krvchipperdays@aol.com) (or)
2. Mail them to KRVFSC, PO Box 633, Kernville, CA 93238 (or)
3. Bring them to one of the Fire Safe Council meetings.

Try to encourage as many property owners as you can to participate.

**Fundraising** – Tom Gelder

Nothing new to report

**Education Committee** – Terry Bolt

Nothing new to report

**Outreach** – Christine and Gordon Hancock

Nothing new to report

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned. **The next online meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2012, on-line.**