



Kern River Valley Fire Safe Council Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 19, 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:

- Received a worksheet from Derrick Davis (KCFD) indicating that the two defensible space hardship case properties had been cleared and that the demonstration lots had been maintained. The total on the worksheet was \$5,874.10. However, the worksheet did not provide information on location of the properties or the lots. A request was returned to Derrick Davis for additional information. Once that information is available will coordinate with either Ernie Villa or Bart Kicklighter from the USFS for concurrence and then prepare an invoice to be sent to the USFS for payment. Once the invoice is submitted to the USFS and paid this will close out the Hardship and Defensible Space grant.
- Sent a note to CFSC (Katie Ziemann) to notify her that the KRVFSC was not planning to attend the 2013 grant workshop or submit a grant proposal for the 2013 cycle. Katie provided an acknowledgement.
- Had a significant conversation with Jim Tyack (President of Breckenridge POA) about defensible space and what the fire council can do. Breckenridge property owners did some clearing, but piled the brush, leaves, and pine needles on USFS land. The USFS (Artie Colson) call the POA on the issue, along with an issue about no shooting in the area. Jim subsequently had a conversation with Rick Larson (USFS) and was told that the USFS fuel reduction project in the area was approved. I provided information on defensible space, that it is a property owners' responsibility, but that the KRVFSC could provide a chipper day. Jim indicated that most of the issue was pine needles and leaves. I stated that pine needles and leaves are NOT something that we would run through the chipper because of rocks and dirt. I provided that his best option was to haul the pine needles and leaves to the dump or to burn them when they could get a burn permit. Jim indicated that he (or someone else from Breckenridge would attend our meetings).
- Researched the actions from our May meeting on the distribution of Ready, Set, Go. It was uncertain as to whether Ready, Set, Go was distributed in the schools before the summer break. Terry Bolt determined that they were taken to the

schools by the local fire stations. Sharon Rooney verified that we have not gotten an invoice from KCFD for the \$1,500 that we had agreed to provide for publication. Terry Bolt was going to try to get some more copies of Ready, Set, Go to distribute throughout the community business.

- Reviewed the KRVFSC website and provided a list of necessary changes to Penny Lampkins.
- Provide corrections to the minutes for the May 2012 stakeholder's meeting to Tom Gelder.

Treasurer's Report – Sharon Rooney:

The reports for July 2012 are attached.

- A check for \$400.00 was paid to Terry Bolt to reimburse her for Target Gift Certificates for her Classroom projects.

Time spent on council business: 1 hour

Mileage for council business: 0

Committee Activity Reports:

Grants – Acting Grants Committee Chairman Lloyd Smith

- Confirmed with Patrick Pontes that all of the requirements for the 2011 CFSC grants have been fulfilled and that we have completion acknowledgement from CFSC.
- Confirmed with Ken Delfino that he had been able to review all of the sites for the 2012 project with Derrick Davis (KCFD) and come to an agreement on the location and type of work to be completed. KCFD expects to initiate work on this project before the end of August.
- Reviewed an invoice and completion map for the Alta Sierra and Wofford Heights USFS project for the second quarter of 2012 and concurred with the invoice. Ken Delfino will review the progress and coordinate with Ernie Villa and/or Bart Kicklighter for USFS concurrence before the invoice is submitted for payment to USFS.

Ken Delfino's June/July Grants Status Report:

- **Alta Sierra** - Grant ID #10-DG-11051345-060 This is the third second season on a three year project. Kern County Fire Department submitted the 6th quarter invoice for work accomplished through 6/30/2012.
- 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.

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 1st quarter report on the project has been submitted (ending 2/29/2012), with a match amount of over \$1,000 from KRVFSC. A 2nd quarter report was submitted (ending 5/31/2012), with a match amount of over \$2,000 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.

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). **The grant was turned down by the SNC Environmental Review committed based on the lack of a full environmental document (legally not required for the project).**

Fundraising – Tom Gelder: - No activity to report

Chipper Days –Don Davis:

- No new chipper days have occurred during the past month. The crews have been busy on fires.
- Requested through Derrick Davis the possibility of getting the few properties up Sawmill Rd completed by the new KCFD Alta Sierra Station crew. It's a 3 person

seasonal station that does project work in the Alta Sierra area, but also responds to local fires, medical aids, etc. They are not as busy as the hand crews so there's a good chance we can get this last chipper day done by them.

Website – No activity

Education/Speakers Bureau- Gordon and Christine Hancock, trailed Terry Bolt leaving Ready, Set, Go magazines at the local business in Lake Isabella, Bodfish, Weldon, Mt. Mesa and South Lake for the months of June and July.

Next KRVFSC Board and Stakeholders Meeting: Thursday, August 16, 2012, at Supervisor McQuiston's Conference Room, Lake Isabella at 9:30 a.m.