DATE:  Saturday, December 22, 2018

LOCATION:  Dry Creek-Lokoya Fire Station, 5900 Dry Creek Road

ATTENDANCE:  Joe Nordlinger, Gary Green, Bill Robertson, Roger Provost, Paul Woodward, Jeff Enos, Carole Meredith

ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO AGENDA:  Home Winemakers Classic, MVFSC self-promotion

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES:  The minutes of the December 1, 2018 meeting were approved

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT (Joe Nordlinger):

NCFF:  The NCFF has 4 new board members.  Prospective new Fire Safe Councils include Diamond Mountain, Spring Mountain and Calistoga.

Cal Fire Fire Prevention Grants Program:  Joe has submitted 12 grant applications to the 2019 Cal Fire FPG program— 5 for MVFSC (2 of them with Mayacamas FSC and including $21,000 for MVFSC administrative costs), 4 for the Deer Park and Angwin FSC's (including $21,000 to MVFSC for administrative costs), 1 for the Atlas Peak FSC and 2 for NCFF.  One of the NCFF projects is a county-wide CWPP and the other is $150,000 for maintenance.

Forest Health Grants:  Deadline is in January.

California Fire Safe Council:  We have been awarded money but we need to submit some federally-required information by January 19.

PROJECT MANAGER’S REPORT (presented by Joe Nordlinger in Greg Holquist’s absence):  All projects have been completed except the Neighbors in Need project.

Wall Road and Redwood loop (SRA funds):  These projects are finished.

Neighbors in Need:  Greg Holquist has been in touch with the residents of 4515 Dry Creek Road.
TREASURER’S REPORT (Gary Green)

The checking account balance as of 12/7/18 was $49,609.47 and the money market savings balance was $10,039.04.

The 2019 budget was approved. We have been awarded $497,750 from Cal Fire Fire Prevention Grants program and $125,000 from the California Fire Safe Council. We also expect to receive $12,000 from NCFF, $100,000 from PG&E and $13,000 in donations.

A budget line 712.2 was added for Administrative tools (e.g., Dropbox account, website).

Line 710.1 (Road Signs) was increased from $1,000 to $5,000 (see Promoting MVFSC below).

NEW BUSINESS:

HWC: Gary Green reported that 2019 will be the last year that the DCL VFD will hold the Home Winemakers Classic and he asked whether MVFSC would want to take it over. Gary Green said he would not continue to run it if MVFSC took it over. The event has the potential to generate $10-20,000 for general funds and some good publicity. The group agreed to take it under consideration.

Promoting MVFSC: Jeff Enos suggested that we should promote our activities to the public more actively. He suggested that we put signs on public roads and the past use of our existing A-frame signs was mentioned. Other suggestions were that we use the 3 large road signs to promote MVFSC and that we make new large permanent signs to explain each project. It was mentioned that signs on private driveways might not sit well with the residents.

Jeff Enos wants to propose a specific project for Enchanted Hills because they need help and we can provide it.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:50 am

Next Meeting: Saturday, January 26, 9 am, DCL Fire Station 5900 Dry Creek Road