

## **PALOMAR ACTION COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING OF January 2, 2009**

The Palomar Action Committee, a subcommittee of the Palomar Mountain Planning Organization held a meeting around the Phelps' dining room table on Friday, January 2, 2009 and was called to order at 4:30 PM by Chairman, Tom Burton. Present were PAC Members: Bonnie Phelps, Bruce Graves, Earl Walls and Tom Burton. Also present was PMPO Chairman, Glenn Borland, Community member, Jerry Fisher and for a brief portion at the end of the meeting, our co-host, Don Phelps.

#### **Defreeze, Agenda and Prior Meeting Minutes**

Tom led the defreeze process as the group shared how they felt about being right here, right now. After this was accomplished, the Agenda was reviewed and adjusted, the minutes of the Meeting of December 12th were unanimously approved as presented. Thereafter, the following business transpired:

#### **Land Report**

The group followed the prior minutes' summary of the land items that they had been tracking.

#### **CDBG**

Earl reported that a request for \$287,000 for the 2009 Grant had been filed. They heard back from the County that the maximum was \$200,000. Earl thus trimmed all non-essentials out of the request. He's met with the local contractors, suggesting they do a joint bid if the Grant is awarded.

#### **Volunteer Fire Watch Program**

Glenn confirmed that there has been no response to our prior letters. The PMPO mailbox has two keys: he and Allen Serry have them, and check the box regularly.

Jerry Fisher checked with his Sheriff's Dept contacts and found that our letter had been received and has been referred to the new replacement for Sean Garrity, Jim Nolan. With Don Phelps' ability to contact Jim, we're hopeful we can get some attention to our suggestion/request.

## **PALOMAR ACTION COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING OF January 9, 2009**

The Palomar Action Committee, a subcommittee of the Palomar Mountain Planning Organization held a meeting around the Phelps' dining room table on Friday, January 9, 2009 and was called to order at 4:10 PM by Chairman, Tom Burton. Present were PAC Members: Bonnie Phelps, Earl Walls and Tom Burton. Arriving late were PAC Members: Heather Beer and Bruce Graves. Also present for a portion of the GP2020 discussion was PMPO Chairman, Glenn Borland. Community member, Jerry Fisher was present for the whole meeting, and for a brief portion at the end of the meeting, our co-host, Don Phelps.

#### **Defreeze, Agenda and Prior Meeting Minutes**

Tom led the defreeze process as the group shared how they felt about being right here, right now. After this was accomplished, the Agenda was reviewed and adjusted, the minutes of the Meeting of January 2nd were unanimously approved as modified. Thereafter, the following business transpired:

#### **Land Report**

The group followed the prior minutes' summary of the land items that they had been tracking.

#### **CDBG**

Earl reported that construction on the CSC continues. At long last, the foundation for the modular administration and bunk house at the PMVFD has begun. This includes an overall site drainage system. There are no updates on the 2009 CDBG application, which as reported has been adjusted for the \$200,000 ceiling.

#### **Volunteer Fire Watch Program**

Glenn confirmed, again, that there has been no response to our prior letters.

Jerry Fisher met this week with Lt. Jim Nolan and Sergeant Bishop. He said a majority of the hour meeting time was involved in getting the main concept across and discussing risks. Regular law enforcement personnel apparently have a low estimation of the capabilities of 'volunteers.' Jerry powerfully presented the concept of the Fire Watch

# PALOMAR ACTION COMMITTEE

## Agenda

Date: Friday, January 23, 2009  
Time: 4:30 p.m.  
Location: Phelps'  
Gatekeeper: Bruce  
Taskkeeper: Earl

4:30	10	Defreeze/Prior Minutes/Negotiating Agenda	All	I/D/A
4:40		Old Business		
	10	Land Report	Bonnie	D
	5	CDBG Status	All	D/A
	15	GP2020 status	All	I/D/A
	5	Road Closure Issue	Bon/Don	I/D/A
5:15		New Business		
		1.		
		2.		
		3.		
5:20	10	Next Meeting/Agenda/Refreeze	All	I/D/A



9800 Fredericksburg Road  
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MICHAEL E PIQUE  
10550 N TORREY PINES RD # MB-5  
LA JOLLA CA 92037-1000

January 16, 2009

Reference: USAA Lawsuit Concerning Your 2007 CA Wildfire Loss

Dear Mr. Pique,

After investigating the causes of the wildfires that damaged your property last fall, USAA believes that several third parties were responsible for causing or contributing to the fires. The purpose of this letter is to advise you that USAA is pursuing these third parties in a subrogation lawsuit. If successful, USAA may be in a position to reimburse some or all of your deductible. USAA has referred the handling of this matter to attorney Shawn Caine. Mr. Caine may be in touch with you for some basic information concerning your loss specified below:

<b>Member #:</b>	2340254
<b>Policy #:</b>	80A
<b>Loss report #:</b>	8
<b>Loss property address:</b>	22935 E GRADE RD PALOMAR MOUNTAIN CA 92060

If so, USAA requests that you provide Mr. Caine with information related to your loss. If you believe that you have claims or losses that have not been paid by insurance, you may wish to retain your own counsel to pursue those claims. Mr. Caine represents USAA only.

In the event you receive letters, legal forms or information from other persons, insurance companies or entities in connection with USAA's subrogation claims, or if you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact USAA at 1-800-531-USAA (8722). If you are already represented by a lawyer in connection with this matter, please have your lawyer contact Mr. Caine at [scaine@cainclaw.com](mailto:scaine@cainclaw.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeffrey A. Newton".

Jeffrey A. Newton  
Claims Service Director, Property Claims  
USAA Casualty Insurance Company

[PMPO Letterhead]

Senator Feinstein/Boxer

Re: USFS Kudos from Palomar Mountain

Dear Senator:

We have had a survey issue outstanding affecting over 20 Palomar property owners for over 15 years. We have had several other land use issues and property issues resultant from the October 2007 Poomacha Fire. Our ACTION Subcommittee Member Jerry Fisher has had numerous phone calls and at least one meeting with the following USFS personnel: Bernhard Scott Jackson  
Jeff Wells, others??

These governmental employees, to a person have been reasonable, responsive and empathic. We (at last) have a sense that we may be on a track to a win-win resolution.

We know that much public service is not appreciated. Therefore we wanted you to know that we are grateful for the efforts of these and others in the government who are taking a big picture, equitable approach to creative problem solving.

Sincerely

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#### **Defreeze, Agenda and Prior Meeting Minutes**

Tom led the defreeze process as the group shared how they felt about being right here, right now. After this was accomplished, the Agenda was reviewed and adjusted, the minutes of the Meeting of January 9nd were unanimously approved as modified. Thereafter, the following business transpired:

#### **Road Closures**

Don Phelps reported that he had talked with Jim Nolan, Sherriff replacing Sean Garrity, in charge of the back country, including us about road closure policies. Apparently Jim lives in Temecula and understands first hand the difficulties that road closures represent. Don says Jim has explained that he is not into micromanagement of his department. Policies therefore should be substantially more reasonable as far as our access to the Mtn at times of difficulties. Don cautioned, however, that this is ONLY the SD Sherriff's position. We also can be affected by decisions of CalTrans, CHP and the Forestry.

To prove you are a Palomar resident if your driver's license doesn't use a Palomar address, some mail or a copy of a utility bill or deed might be best advised.

#### **PAC Vacancy/Election**

As indicated via email, Heather Beer has resigned her PAC membership due to time constraints. In her resignation she suggested that Jerry Fisher would be a good replacement for her. Tom noted that Jerry had been present for PMPO and PAC meetings for almost a year and had made significant contributions. Tom gave Jerry one last chance to bow out, before nominating Jerry as Heather's replacement. Earl seconded the motion which unanimously carried.

**PALOMAR ACTION COMMITTEE**  
**TASK LIST**  
**February 27, 2009**

RESPONSIBILITY	TASK DESCRIPTION	WHEN TO BE COMPLETED
Tom	Draft letter for BG to Iversons	Done
Bonnie	Web site update for PAC	Jim Hamerly standing by
Tom	Assist Bonnie with 'words' for Web site	ASAP
Tom	Find descriptive paragraph on Action Ctee accomplishments for Web site	Done
Bruce	Talk with Borlands about PMPO land ownership	Done
Tom	Reincarnate Task list	Done
Tom	CCPM minutes to Earl	Done
Tom	Contact Mike Pique re Dual Survey	Done--Attend 10-24
Tom	Write paragraph for News announcement of Mtg	ASAP
Earl	Follow up PMVFD Board memos if Tom absent	11-1-08
Tom	Resent PMVFD Memo's to Earl	Done
Tom	Follow-up Dual Survey materials supplied by Mike	In process
All	PMPO follow-up Jerry's Volunteer Fire spotter idea	Done
Heather	HUD payroll like report on Volunteer labor	Done
Tom	Draft History of Action Committee Paragraph	In Process with Bonnie
Tom	GP 2020 Template evaluation	Done
Bonnie	Iverson Follow up: 1)Vesting; 2)Lorne description; 3) Valuation	In Process
Tom	Iverson Deed for easement and transmittal	After Bonnie's advance work
Heather	Dump research with David Ross and Julian Disposal	Done
Bruce	Dump closing County responsibility research	Done
Tom	Volunteer Fire letters	Done--follow up 1-2-09

**PALOMAR ACTION COMMITTEE**  
**TASK LIST**  
**February 6, 2009**

<b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>	<b>TASK DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>WHEN TO BE COMPLETED</b>
Tom	Draft letter for BG to Iversons	Done
Bonnie	Web site update for PAC	Jim Hamerly standing by
Tom	Assist Bonnie with 'words' for Web site	ASAP
Tom	Find descriptive paragraph on Action Ctee accomplishments for Web site	Done
Bruce	Talk with Borlands about PMPO land ownership	Done
Tom	Reincarnate Task list	Done
Tom	CCPM minutes to Earl	Done
Tom	Contact Mike Pique re Dual Survey	Done--Attend 10-24
Tom	Write paragraph for News announcement of Mtg	ASAP
Earl	Follow up PMVFD Board memos if Tom absent	11-1-08
Tom	Resent PMVFD Memo's to Earl	Done
Tom	Follow-up Dual Survey materials supplied by Mike	In process
All	PMPO follow-up Jerry's Volunteer Fire spotter idea	Done
Heather	HUD payroll like report on Volunteer labor	Done
Tom	Draft History of Action Committee Paragraph	In Process with Bonnie
Tom	GP 2020 Template evaluation	Done
Bonnie	Iverson Follow up: 1)Vesting; 2)Lorne description; 3) Valuation	In Process
Tom	Iverson Deed for easement and transmittal	After Bonnie's advance work
Heather	Dump research with David Ross and Julian Disposal	Done
Bruce	Dump closing County responsibility research	Done
Tom	Volunteer Fire letters	Done--follow up 1-2-09



## **PALOMAR ACTION COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING OF February 6, 2009**

The Palomar Action Committee, a subcommittee of the Palomar Mountain Planning Organization held a meeting at the Phelps' guest apartment on Friday, February 6, 2009 and was called to order at 4:05 PM by Chairman, Tom Burton. Present were PAC Members: Bonnie Phelps, Earl Walls, Jerry Fisher, Bruce Graves and Tom Burton. Also present was Community member, Louise Walls.

#### **Defreeze, Agenda and Prior Meeting Minutes**

Tom led the defreeze process as the group shared how they felt about being right here, right now. After this was accomplished, the Agenda was reviewed and adjusted, the minutes of the Meeting of January 23rd were unanimously approved as presented. Thereafter, the following business transpired:

#### **Land Report**

The group followed the prior minutes' summary of the land items that they had been tracking.

#### **CDBG**

Earl reported that construction on the CSC continues, with good progress being made. They are at a dry wall stage—with just three more sheets to hang. They are behind on the plumbing—it would be helpful just to have a helper for John Lucia.

On the 2009 grant, they have learned that the WHOLE County is only getting \$200K (as opposed to our being able to ask for that amount. We have therefore reduced our request to \$65K for generators, one for each building. This will be more flexible and still move us forward, although there is great doubt that we will receive anything.

#### **Volunteer Fire Watch Program**

No response has yet been had to our letters, though Sgt. Bishop is saying good things about the idea to Jerry. There is apparently a PowerPoint being prepared to present the program (Sheriff's internal use we are assuming).

## **PALOMAR ACTION COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING OF February 27, 2009**

The Palomar Action Committee, a subcommittee of the Palomar Mountain Planning Organization held a meeting at the Phelps' on Friday, February 27, 2009 and was called to order at 4:05 PM by Chairman, Tom Burton. Present were PAC Members: Bonnie Phelps, Earl Walls, Jerry Fisher, and Tom Burton. Member Bruce Graves arrived after the meeting was underway.

#### **Defreeze, Agenda and Prior Meeting Minutes**

Tom led the defreeze process as the group shared how they felt about being right here, right now. After this was accomplished, the Agenda was reviewed and adjusted (correcting under CDBG on page one that the amount to be spent on the generators is \$35,000), the minutes of the Meeting of February 6th were unanimously approved as presented. Thereafter, the following business transpired:

#### **Land Report**

The group followed the prior minutes' summary of the land items that they had been tracking.

#### **CDBG**

Earl reported that construction on the CSC continues, with good progress being made. There will be another Saturday work session tomorrow. They have help for plumber John Lucia, so they're hopeful he will be able to be there—that's the most behind area right now.

On the 2009 grant, they have learned that the initial County Committed that deals with these matters has APPROVED our \$35K generator grant request. AMAZING—GREAT!! Of course, it doesn't mean that we'll pass the next round of committee work. But it does indicate good work from the past and on working with them on this request.

#### **Volunteer Fire Watch Program**

No response has yet been had to our letters. Jerry will talk with Don Phelps to see if he will intercede with Sgt. Bishop on behalf of the project.

# PALOMAR ACTION COMMITTEE

## Agenda

Date: Friday, March 20, 2009  
Time: 4:00 p.m.  
Location: Phelps'  
Gatekeeper: Bruce  
Taskkeeper: Earl

4:00	10	Defreeze/Prior Minutes/Negotiating Agenda	All	I/D/A
4:10		Old Business		
	10	Land Report	Bonnie	D
	5	CDBG Status	All	D/A
	5	GP2020 status	All	I/D/A
	1	Volunteer Fire Watch	All	I/D/A
	5	SDGE/PUC	All	I/D/A
	5	State Water Board/Septic	Tom	I/D/A
	5	PMPO Water measuring device	All	I/D/A
4:50		New Business		
		1.		
		2.		
		3.		
5:00	10	Next Meeting/Agenda/Refreeze	All	I/D/A

## **PALOMAR ACTION COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING OF March 20, 2009**

The Palomar Action Committee, a subcommittee of the Palomar Mountain Planning Organization held a meeting at the Phelps' on Friday, March 20, 2009 and was called to order at 4:04 PM by Chairman, Tom Burton. Present were PAC Members: Bruce Graves, Bonnie Phelps, Earl Walls, Jerry Fisher, and Tom Burton. Louise Walls also attended the whole meeting

#### **Defreeze, Agenda and Prior Meeting Minutes**

Tom led the defreeze process as the group shared how they felt about being right here, right now. After this was accomplished, the Agenda was reviewed and the minutes of the Meeting of February 27th were unanimously approved as presented. Thereafter, the following business transpired:

#### **Land Report**

The group followed the prior minutes' summary of the land items that they had been tracking.

#### **CDBG**

Earl reported that construction on the CSC continues, with good progress being made. There will be another Saturday work session tomorrow. They have help for plumber John Lucia. They're hopeful the toilets will work within the month.

On the 2009 grant, they have no news.

#### **Volunteer Fire Watch Program**

No response in real terms has yet been had to our letters—just sweet talk. Jerry will talk with Don Phelps to see if he will intercede with Sgt. Bishop on behalf of the project.

#### **PAC Minutes**

Status quo.

**PALOMAR ACTION COMMITTEE**  
**TASK LIST**  
**March 20, 2009**

RESPONSIBILITY	TASK DESCRIPTION	WHEN TO BE COMPLETED
Tom	Draft letter for BG to Iversons	Done
Bonnie	Web site update for PAC	Jim Hamerly standing by
Tom	Assist Bonnie with 'words' for Web site	ASAP
Tom	Find descriptive paragraph on Action Ctee accomplishments for Web site	Done
Bruce	Talk with Borlands about PMPO land ownership	Done
Tom	Reincarnate Task list	Done
Tom	CCPM minutes to Earl	Done
Tom	Contact Mike Pique re Dual Survey	Done--Attend 10-24
Tom	Write paragraph for News announcement of Mtg	ASAP
Earl	Follow up PMVFD Board memos if Tom absent	11-1-08
Tom	Resent PMVFD Memo's to Earl	Done
Tom	Follow-up Dual Survey materials supplied by Mike	In process
All	PMPO follow-up Jerry's Volunteer Fire spotter idea	Done
Heather	HUD payroll like report on Volunteer labor	Done
Tom	Draft History of Action Committee Paragraph	In Process with Bonnie
Tom	GP 2020 Template evaluation	Done
Bonnie	Iverson Follow up: 1)Vesting; 2)Lorne description; 3) Valuation	In Process
Tom	Iverson Deed for easement and transmittal	After Bonnie's advance work
Heather	Dump research with David Ross and Julian Disposal	Done
Bruce	Dump closing County responsibility research	Done
Tom	Volunteer Fire letters	Done--follow up 1-2-09

## **PALOMAR ACTION COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING OF April 3, 2009**

The Palomar Action Committee, a subcommittee of the Palomar Mountain Planning Organization held a meeting at the Phelps' on Friday, April 3, 2009 and was called to order at 4:05 PM by Chairman, Tom Burton. Present were PAC Members: Bruce Graves, Bonnie Phelps, Earl Walls, Jerry Fisher, and Tom Burton. Mike Pique also attended the whole meeting

#### **Defreeze, Agenda and Prior Meeting Minutes**

Tom led the defreeze process as the group shared how they felt about being right here, right now. After this was accomplished, the Agenda was reviewed and the minutes of the Meeting of March 20th were unanimously approved as presented. Thereafter, the following business transpired:

#### **Land Report**

The group followed the prior minutes' summary of the land items that they had been tracking.

#### **CDBG**

Earl reported that construction on the CSC continues, with good progress being made.

On the 2009 grant, they have no news.

#### **Volunteer Fire Watch Program**

No response in real terms has yet been had to our letters—just sweet talk. Jerry will talk with Don Phelps to see if he will intercede with Sgt. Bishop on behalf of the project.

#### **PAC Minutes**

Status quo.

## **Web Site**

Tom reported that he had found the paragraphs that Bonnie thought would make a good new introduction to the PAC in the PMPO web site. Progress continues to be made, albeit slowly.

## **Poomacha Fire of '07**

This topic lasted about an hour and a half. Discussion went all around and through the fire's ignition; spread; fighting; notice; investigations and other collected evidence. The photographic evidence is compelling. The satellite photography was impressive and illuminating. Some of the eye witness accounts were blood curdling, though. With respect to a single or multiple point of ignition, the photographic evidence tends to support the multiple ignition point arguments.

As area landowners we were incensed to hear that the members on one of the tribes was given notice of evacuation at least 24 hours in advance of the ignition.

Wording in some alternate resolutions distributed by Jerry was discussed. The group has a straw consensus that the issue merits further examination and reform. We would like to see a presentation that is exceedingly simple be put together for the Mountain Community and the PMPO. The goal would be to have questions appropriately investigated and reforms instituted for greater future protections from the great fire risk we regularly face. An earlier than normal next PAC meeting was scheduled to pull all this together so a special PMPO meeting could be called and held before the annual meeting (which is held the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend).

## **Dual Survey Status**

Mike shared numerous maps he'd collected over the years in our quarter of an hour, which was all the extra time we could muster for this issue.

He indicated that these show that there are other's properties that are adversely affected (on both axes). We are hopeful the responses to these letters will gain us greater traction with the USFS and CDF—possibly expediting the Burton proposed settlement.

The PAC would like to have further follow-up to the letters to the Crestline cabin owners/residents and to the others who live in harm's way. A Mtn News broadcast will hopefully generate this.

## **Task List**

The Task List was next reviewed; we are amazingly current from the Secretary's perspective.

### **Refreeze, Next Meeting Agenda and Adjournment**

The next meeting was scheduled as being: Friday, April 17th, 4:00 PM at the Phelps.' Whereupon, the agenda for such meeting was discussed and the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas W. Burton, Secretary



## **PALOMAR ACTION COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING OF April 17, 2009**

The Palomar Action Committee, a subcommittee of the Palomar Mountain Planning Organization held a meeting at the Phelps' on Friday, April 17, 2009. It was called to order at 4:09 PM by Chairman, Tom Burton. Present were PAC Members: Bruce Graves, Bonnie Phelps, Jerry Fisher, and Tom Burton. Cor and Toby also attended the majority of the meeting

#### **DEFREEZE, AGENDA AND PRIOR MINUTES**

Tom led the defreeze process as the group shared how they felt about being right here, right now. After this was accomplished, the Agenda was reviewed and the minutes of the Meeting of April 3rd were unanimously approved as presented. Thereafter, the following business transpired:

#### **LAND REPORT**

The group followed the prior minutes' summary of the land items that they had been tracking.

#### **CDBG**

Bruce reported that construction on the CSC continues, with it almost being completed.

On the 2009 grant, it appears they have been approved for the three generators for the PMVFD related facilities.

He also said that funds have been made available for the foundation of the Walls Administration building—not sure that there will be enough monies to finish the move of the modulars, but progress is about to occur then as well.

#### **PAC MINUTES**

Status quo.

## **GP 2020**

Tom reported from the DPLU newsletter (which Bonnie scanned and sent to those present) that there will be a Planning Commission on May 8<sup>th</sup> and a progress report to the Board of Supervisors on May 13<sup>th</sup>. They're saying they're in EIR phase and on schedule for submission of the whole plan to the B of S in the fall of 2010 (with FCI sun setting at the end of that year).

He also mentioned the MSCP, which Jerry has been keeping us informed of, as having been presented and a public comment period just expired. None of us knew of the public comment period or the publication of the report.

An additional reason for the distribution of the newsletter is that it had web links to the various reports and other useful access to County services.

## **CALL BOXES**

Bonnie reported contact from an interested citizen who was concerned about cattle on the East Grade Road. He had tried to use the call box to warn of the danger—but the box was not functional. He then went to the PMVFD but found no one there, nor their phone working.

Bruce thought that the call boxes directly went to 911 emergency operators without a dial tone, and were solar powered. He volunteered to talk with Cliff Kellogg about the situation and report back.

## **PMPO NEWSLETTER**

Next, Bonnie volunteered Tom to write an article about PAC for the PMPO Newsletter. She thought it should introduce the PAC, give folks an opportunity to contact us along with a brief survey of what we've accomplished in the past, and what we're working on now. Tom reluctantly agreed—expressing the hope that others would be able to similarly summarize and communicate—in case he's not available for a year or so.

## **MAPS**

Mike Pique has been developing a collection of Palomar related maps. He has found some that are valuable for the Easement Project. When he was with us at the last meeting he had important maps for understanding of the Dual Survey issue, etc., etc. Bonnie reported that he has begun a project of scanning all these maps and putting them into an accessible web data base so they can be used in the future any time some issue comes up. The group felt this was an extremely valuable resource for the community. Two motions immediately arose and were adopted by acclamation: 1) That a huge community wide round of applause and gratitude be given to Mike for this valuable

service; and 2) That we recommend to the PMPO that they reimburse Mike for all his costs of scanning and creating this archive (estimated at \$1,000).

### **TURNOUT NAMES**

It has been learned that the USFS is considering applying an Indian name meaning 'south' to the turnout on the East Grade, just East of the PMVFD. Historically, it was thought more appropriate to call it "Rainbow Crest" – a name that appears on some of the old maps. "Smith Mountain" was also suggested as a name that is in the Palomar History, but not yet applied to any present mountain feature. With the existing Pachecho overlook and other Indian names, it is thought that some diversity in naming protocols should be used to reflect other facets of the Mountain's past.

### **PHONE GENERATOR AT MICROWAVE TOWER**

During the last phone outage, Bonnie learned that the causative event was a generator being out at the microwave tower at the County Road Station. Others reported a general decline in preventative maintenance of poles, lines and other equipment by the phone company. Apparently to one in the 'know' our lines and connection areas are all a bunch of kluge-jobs. Bonnie asked for permission to contact the phone company in the name of the PAC to see if some ACTION could be undertaken—most importantly on the generator that could keep phone service alive here in emergencies. The permission was unanimously granted.

### **SDGE/PUC SERVICE PLANS**

An article in today's RoadRunner gives a good summary of the status on this important emergency power issue. Cor and Toby reported that the various water agencies are vigorously opposing the SDGE plan for emergency shut-down. Cor will contact the Best, Best & Kreiger lawyer representing the water agencies for copies of their letters/positions, and supply them to Tom. Our group after extensive discussion decided that we would like to take a similar position: that of opposing the plan; but if it were to proceed require at a minimum SDGE to purchase, install and maintain emergency generators for the critical services on the Mountain: Christian Conference Center; Observatory; PMVFD; Bailey's and Crestline Water Companies; The Summit; School Camp and any handicapped individuals who would suffer in such a situation.

There was a strong view that individuals living here know of regular power outages and need to take care of themselves. The issue further expanded, however, into the unknown elements of the SDGE plan: long term outages (with concomitant use of the back up generators) could exhaust the capacity of fuel and reliability of the back up generators, just BEFORE a fire, leaving us even more defenseless. A further problem

appears to be the APCD objection to running such generators, even in emergency situations.

Additionally, the undergrounding ultimate solution, discussed before was raised. So was the definition of what is a 'red' day for shut down—if this too is a moving target, it becomes even more difficult to address emergency needs, or to assess the impact to the back country of the SDGE proposal.

It was for all these reasons that the PAC will create a letter of objection, based on that done by the lawyers for the water agencies, to be submitted to the PUC.

### **PALA RACE TRACK/QUARY**

There were no updates on this issue. There was, however, a web link to information on the proposal supplied on the Mtn News via Cor and Toby earlier in the week.

### **SEPTIC CONTROLS**

There has been no response to Bonnie's emails forwarding articles about this proposed new State Water Board Control, so we will drop this item from our agenda.

### **AMGEN RACE**

Tom has made no further contact with the Amgen contractor who ran the race, Jim Burrell. Tom still intends to call him, time permitting, and report when there has been substantive contact.

### **POOMACHA FIRE OF '07**

This topic lasted a bit less than half an hour. Discussion centered on a rough draft of a PowerPoint slide presentation that Jerry and Tom drafted with technical assistance from Curt Corcoran at the Summit.

Discussion included the suggestion to research what legal standards/requirements exist for the investigation of an incident—and comparing what was done with this standard. If there is no such standard, that too would be a recommendation for reform.

Further discussion included the advisability of using the eye-catching word: 'arson' to describe what went on, as opposed to merely outlining what observations have been collected, and letting those who see the presentation make their own conclusions. This latter approach was deemed best—though Jerry, who has much experience talking

about these fires over the last ten years, feels he gets more attention by calling them arson.

The group concluded discussion of the issue with the unanimous recommendation that Tom contact Glenn Borland to request a special PMPO meeting for Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10 AM to go over this. Such a meeting would serve the additional purpose of helping Susan Humason get out the Newsletter, and otherwise prepare for the Annual Meeting.

### **TASK LIST**

The Task List was not reviewed (the acting secretary had not done one, and no one noticed or objected!!).

### **Refreeze, Next Meeting Agenda and Adjournment**

The next meeting was scheduled as being: Friday, May 1st, 4:00 PM at the Phelps.' Whereupon, the agenda for such meeting was discussed and the meeting was adjourned at 5:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas W. Burton, Secretary

## **PALOMAR ACTION COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING OF May 1, 2009**

The Palomar Action Committee, a subcommittee of the Palomar Mountain Planning Organization held a meeting at the Lodge on Crestline on Friday, May 1, 2009. It was called to order at 4:10 PM by Chairman, Tom Burton. Present were PAC Members: Bruce Graves, Bonnie Phelps, Jerry Fisher, and Tom Burton.

#### **DEFREEZE, AGENDA AND PRIOR MINUTES**

Tom led the defreeze process as the group shared how they felt about being right here, right now. After this was accomplished, the Agenda was reviewed and the minutes of the Meeting of April 17th were unanimously approved as presented. Thereafter, the following business transpired:

#### **LAND REPORT**

The group followed the prior minutes' summary of the land items that they had been tracking.

#### **CDBG**

Bruce reported that construction on the CSC continues, with work crews there Wednesdays and Saturdays, even without Earl! The toilets now work (with water supplied via hose) so the 'blue room,' porta-pottie has gone with the savings of \$280 a month. Our heartiest congratulations to the Palomar self-starters making things happen there.

He also said that the mitigation funds which are soon to be available from the County are being advanced against by the PMVFD Board for the foundation of the Walls Administration building—not sure that there will be enough monies to finish the move of the modulars, but progress is about to occur then as well.

#### **PAC MINUTES**

Status quo.

## **GP 2020**

Tom reported Glenn sent him a link to a new draft of the Plan. Tom will report as soon as he's had a chance to review it. He offered it electronically to anyone interested.

## **CALL BOXES**

Bruce discussed the call boxes with Cliff Kellogg who thought they were working (had no reports otherwise, except ours). It was suggested that they check at least one of them out and email Bonnie with instructions as to how they work (whether one gets a dial tone or not, and any other possible 'special' or non-obvious phone behaviors, and Bonnie will then put our a Mtn News broadcast on the matter.

## **PMPO NEWSLETTER**

All our articles had been turned in to Susan on time. Though there was an email from her that the Newsletter was behind, Bonnie learned today she was going to 'press' so we may have a stuffing party tomorrow.

## **MAPS**

Bruce will be sure Mike gets the chance at the special meeting to talk about what he's done in the map archival project. Bruce will then make the motion that he be reimbursed \$1,000 or whatever his costs are for this GREAT community service.

## **TURNOUT NAMES**

Bonnie learned that the Indian name had been set in October. She suggested to the local USFS head that in the future other Palomar Historical names be considered before being applied. Supposedly there was agreement on this point.

## **PHONE GENERATOR AT MICROWAVE TOWER**

Still pending.

## **SDGE/PUC SERVICE PLANS**

Tom will contact Cor about getting the promised 'lawyer' letter/language used on behalf of the objecting water districts, which will serve as the format for the PAC/PMPO objection letter.

## **PALA RACE TRACK/QUARY**

Jerry reported from a conversation with Joe Chisholm that if one contacts the County they say they have nothing in process; and if the Tribe is contacted they have nothing to say. No independent contacts have been made as yet.

## **AMGEN RACE**

Tom has made no further contact with the Amgen contractor who ran the race, Jim Burrell. Tom still intends to call him, time permitting, and report when there has been substantive contact.

## **POOMACHA FIRE OF '07**

This topic lasted about 45 minutes. Discussion centered on a rough draft of a PowerPoint slide presentation that Jerry and Tom drafted with technical assistance from Curt Corcoran at the Summit.

Various suggestions were noted. Tom was requested to be the spokesperson for the special PMPO meeting Saturday; to keep it short; to clarify it is NOT about the PMVFD; to let the crew know this is a work in process and to request their support for INVESTIGATION and REFORM.

Jerry will be there with all his materials, except those that have been lent to the investigative reporter.

We'll keep on, keeping on.

## **TASK LIST**

The Task List was not reviewed due to time constraints.

## **Refreeze, Next Meeting Agenda and Adjournment**

The next meeting was scheduled as being: Friday, May 15th, 4:00 PM at the Phelps. Whereupon, the agenda for such meeting was discussed and the meeting was adjourned at 5:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas W. Burton, Secretary