

Board Members Present:

Debbie Bauer, Robert Carlyle, Halcie Clark, Russ Day, Donna Dose, Elizabeth Getzoff (alternate), Bruce Graves, Susan Humason, Jack Norvall, Michael Pique, Carol Ravenscroft, John Tainer, Joseph Weeks.

The PMPO Board meeting was convened July 26, 1997, at the Palomar Christian Conference Center. Review of the minutes of the April 19 and May 24, 1997 meetings was postponed.

The treasurer, Halcie Clark, reported the current balance of \$10,194.58 plus \$5000 as an asset on retainer with attorneys Hatch & Parent. Expenses have been \$1,174.90, including newsletter and Pancake Breakfast costs. Income has been \$6,414, including \$6,120 from donations and \$294 from the Breakfast.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dual Government Survey Problem

David James, Chair of the Forest Preservation Society of Southern California (FPSSC) presented the history of the issue and what remedies are open to affected landowners. By moving a corner of 'section 14' many property owners find the land they occupy and have improved is no longer theirs. He identified the big question as whether the federal government gave proper notice of its actions and whether the notice was received. He said we must go to Sacramento Bureau of Land Management (BLM) office to get township maps (plats and original survey notes) from the last 4 or 5 surveys. Then we need copies of the survey instructions issued to the non-BLM surveyor, Mr. Whittaker, to see if they were followed. We then need to look at Forest Service land status records for this section to find out why they did this since there seem to be too few acres gained to the liability they have taken on.

The FPSSC has plans for attorney review of submissions to force the government to explain impact to community property owners. Because of a 12-year statute of limitations, Mr. James believes we have only one year to act. However, if the government's notice is deemed defective, the period has not yet begun. The FPSSC filed on July 15, 1997, a Freedom-of-Information Act request with Anne Fege, the Cleveland National Forest supervisor, asking to inspect the Forest Service's public records and memoranda related to the resurvey.

The PMPO Board voted to pay \$525 for 15 FPSSC memberships at \$35 each, and to allocate \$1000 for expenses for travel to Sacramento.

Palomar Christian Conference Center (PCCC) Expansion Plans

Steve Ewert of the PCCC outlined the Center's plans which were last revised in 1969. The Center was founded in 1922 and currently has 10 full time staff with 10-15 additional seasonal employees. The PCCC wants to reduce their total allocated overnight guest capacity (to 437) but rearrange its disposition among existing and planned buildings, and to add support buildings, a dining room, meeting room, and chapel. They want to put a horse camp for youth on Strawberry Flats, north of the existing facilities toward the Observatory.

The PMPO board toured the Center and prepared a letter to the PCCC in support of the project as proposed, expecting the expansion would be done so as to minimize potential detrimental impact to the Observatory and to existing public trail and stream use in Doane Valley, and asking to be informed of progress.

Next Meetings: Next scheduled regular meeting November 8, 1997. (Later, a special meeting was called for September 6, 1997).

The meeting was adjourned.

Michael E. Pique, Secretary.

Minutes approved by PMPO Board November 8, 1997.