

## **Minutes of the Palomar Mountain Planning Organization Meeting January 14, 2006**

### **Board Members Present:**

Thomas Burton, Robert Carlyle, Tracy Dixon, Donna Dose, Elizabeth Getzoff (alternate), Bruce Graves, Jim Hamerly, Rob Hawk, Susan Humason, Jack Norvall, Bonnie Phelps, Michael Pique, Earl Walls.

About 9 members attended as well.

The PMPO Board meeting was convened 10:10 A.M. January 14, 2006, at the Palomar Mountain Volunteer Fire Department. The minutes of the April 9, May 28, July 16, and October 8, 2005, board meetings were distributed and approved.

The treasurer, Tracy Dixon, reported no expenses over the past three months. Income was \$225.00 from donations. Our beginning bank balance was \$37,941.73. and ending bank balance was \$38,166.73. The report was approved.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **Dual Government Survey Problem:**

Jack Norvall said Michael Pique admits to being tardy on preparing maps and data for Bob Haase to accompany the letter Haase has written presenting our case to the Bureau of Land Management and the US Forest Service. Jack suggests a separate effort to resolve the Section 14 parcel-shrinkage problem: swapping about 18 acres with the Forest Service. The PMPO would locate a landowner willing to donate the Forest Service 18 acres, preferably adjacent to the Cleveland National Forest, in exchange for which the Forest Service and the federal Bureau of Land Management would restore the Section 14 center line to its long-accepted location. Jack believes the best route is to discuss the proposal with the Forest Service office in Sacramento. Robert Carlyle moved the board authorize \$1000 to cover expenses, seconded by Getzoff, approved 13-0-0.

#### **County of San Diego Year 2020 General Plan Update:**

Tom Burton reported nothing has happened, that he has not even received any meeting announcements.

#### **Community Center of Palomar Mountain (CCPM):**

PMVFD Fire Chief George Lucia said the joint meeting and ensuing discussions between the PMVFD and CCPM boards have yielded the idea of the Community Center construction and operation becoming part of the PMVFD's mission. Having a single owner and applicant for grant funds and ongoing community fund-raising has worked well at Elfin Forest, for example. Moreover, the arrangement might remove the need for a major-use permit since the new building could be considered simply as an expansion of the fire station.

Earl Walls said Ann Sowards is completing an artists rendering of the proposed building to aid in fund-raising.

#### **Cedar Creek Yale Water Project:**

Elizabeth Getzoff has again telephoned the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in Sacramento and was again told that the Realty Branch has not received an application for the land transfer from the tribe. Bruce Graves has spoken with LaVonne Peck, the tribe's project manager. She has promised to set up a meeting with the PMPO at the tribal offices to discuss the project.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **La Jolla Indian Reservation Casino and Hotel Project:**

The La Jolla tribe intends to construct a 500-slot casino and 150-room hotel on the reservation, at the site of the existing tribal offices. Bruce Graves and Earl Walls attended the public meeting January 3rd. The PMPO sent a letter commenting on the draft Environmental Assessment (EA), asking for assurance on limiting noise and light, and asking that a condition of

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project approval be that the casino and hotel do not draw groundwater from outside the current reservation boundaries.

### **PMVFD Fire Chief Report:**

PMVFD Fire Chief George Lucia said the new 5-per-mile road markers are completed and already improving emergency reporting and response. Seven radio call boxes will be installed soon, perhaps within a month. Funding of \$390,000 has been approved for preventing rock slides onto the South Grade Road, and guard rails will go up on Crestline Road (near where the "Jesus Tree" stood until recently) over the next few weeks.

### **Annual Meeting, Pancake Breakfast, and Newsletter:**

We will plan on having the Annual Meeting and Pancake Breakfast at the Fire Station; Donna Dose and Tracy Dixon will again organize it. Susan Humason will begin making newsletter article assignments over the next few weeks.

### **Next Meetings:**

The next board meeting will be April 1, 2006. Committee meetings to help on the newsletter, in April, will be scheduled later.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 A.M.

Michael E. Pique, Secretary.