

**Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council
Idyllwild, California**

Financial Statements

December 31, 2009

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Year Ended December 31, 2009**

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors
Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council (a non-profit organization) as of December 31, 2009, and the related statements of activities, cash flows, and functional expenses for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council as of December 31, 2009, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 5, 2010 on our consideration of the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

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May 5, 2010

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Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council
Statement of Financial Position
December 31, 2009

Assets

Current Assets

Cash (Note 1)	\$ 292,553
Total Current Assets	<u>292,553</u>
Property and equipment, net of depreciation (Notes 1 and 2)	<u>3,361</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 295,914</u></u>

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current Liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 11,839
Deferred revenue	<u>120,187</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>132,026</u>
Unrestricted Net Assets	<u>163,888</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u><u>\$ 295,914</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

Support and Revenues

Federal Grant Income (Note 4)	\$ 852,543
Grant In-Kind Match/Cost Share (Note 5)	378,528
Other Revenue (Note 6)	10,542
Interest	<u>1,550</u>

Total Support and Revenues 1,243,163

Expenses

Program Services	
Mountain Communities Program	1,132,031
Supporting Services	
Management and General	<u>73,315</u>

Total Expenses 1,205,346

Increase in Net Assets 37,817

Net Assets at Beginning of Year 126,071

Net Assets at End of Year \$ 163,888

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council
Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended December 31, 2009**

Cash Flows From Operating Activities:

Increase in Net Assets	\$ 37,817
Adjustments to Reconcile the Change in Net Assets to Net Cash Used for Operating Activities:	
Depreciation	1,785
(Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable	13,305
(Increase) Decrease in Grants Receivable	30,085
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable	(9,980)
Increase (Decrease) in Accrued Payroll	1,284
Increase (Decrease) in Deferred Revenue	<u>(232,628)</u>
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	<u>(158,332)</u>

Cash Flows From Financing Activities:

Purchase of Property and Equipment	<u>(750)</u>
Net Cash Used for Financing Activities	<u>(750)</u>

Net decrease in cash	(159,082)
Cash at beginning of year	<u>451,635</u>
Cash at end of year	<u><u>\$ 292,553</u></u>

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Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council
Statement of Functional Expenses
For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

	Mountain Communities Program	Management and General	Total Expenses
Expenses			
Personnel	\$ 87,898	\$ 29,299	\$ 117,197
Payroll Taxes	7,691	2,564	10,255
Accounting	16,394	5,464	21,858
Archaeological/Biological Services	5,986	-	5,986
Bank Charges	308	102	410
Equipment Expenses	716	239	955
Insurance	4,199	1,399	5,598
Internet Subscription	314	105	419
Licenses and Permits	11	3	14
Meals and Travel	266	89	355
Mileage Reimbursements	6,075	2,025	8,100
Outside Services	875	292	1,167
Repairs and Maintenance	328	109	437
Dues and Subscriptions	143	48	191
Office Supplies	2,624	874	3,498
Postage	2,023	674	2,697
Printing and Reproduction	5,597	1,865	7,462
Rent	1,800	600	2,400
Telephone	302	101	403
Fuel Reduction Program Expense	906,094	-	906,094
Information/Education Program			
Expenses	1,278	426	1,704
In-Kind Soft Match: Volunteer	74,561	24,854	99,415
Volunteer Program Expenses	2,222	741	2,963
Depreciation	1,339	446	1,785
Interest	2,987	996	3,983
Total Expenses	\$ 1,132,031	\$ 73,315	\$ 1,205,346

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council
Notes to Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

Note 1: Nature of Activities and Significant Accounting Policies

The Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council received 501(c)(3) designation from the Internal Revenue Service on March 4, 2002 and was incorporated in the State of California on March 6, 2002 as a separate non-profit entity.

Activities

The specific purposes of the Organization are to protect homes, communities and environment from wildfires in the area of Idyllwild, California in accordance with the fire safe laws of the state and federal governments; to preserve and enhance Idyllwild and surrounding areas and man-made and natural resources by providing leadership and support that mobilizes Idyllwild residents to protect their homes, communities and environment from wildfires. To this end the Organization seeks public funding and volunteers to further these aims.

Income taxes

The Organization has been granted exemption from Federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code and from State income taxes subject to compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Accordingly, no provision has been made for an income tax liability. The Organization is not classified as a private foundation.

Financial Statements Presentation

As required by generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), the Organization reports information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets. In addition, the Organization is required to present a statement of cash flows. As permitted by GAAP, the Organization does not use fund accounting.

Recognition of Donor Restrictions

Support that is restricted by the donor is reported as an increase in unrestricted net assets if the restriction expires in the reporting period in which the support is recognized. All other donor-restricted support is reported as an increase in temporarily or permanently restricted net assets, depending on the nature of the restriction. When a restriction expires, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets.

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Note 1: Nature of Activities and Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Net Asset Groups

The assets, liabilities and net assets of the Organization are reported in the following net asset groups:

Unrestricted net assets include resources that are not temporarily or permanently restricted by the donor and are available for operations of the Organization without limitation.

Temporarily restricted net assets include those resources whose use is restricted by donor-imposed criteria that either expire with the passage of time or by the actions of the Organization. Restricted resources whose restrictions are met in the same reporting period are reported as unrestricted resources.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment that are acquired with unit costs greater than \$500 and a useful life greater than one year are capitalized. Items with unit costs below this threshold shall be expensed in the year purchased. Depreciation expense is computed on the double-declining balance method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The following is a list of the estimated useful lives of each category of fixed assets for depreciation purposes:

Furniture and Fixtures	Up to 10 years
Mobile Equipment	5 years
General Office Equipment	5 years
Computer Hardware and Peripherals	3-5 years
Computer Software	2-3 years

Donated Property and Equipment

Donation of property and equipment are recorded as support at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. Such donations are reported as unrestricted support unless the donor has restricted the donated asset to a specific purpose. Assets donated with explicit restrictions regarding their use and contributions of cash that must be used to acquire property and equipment are reported as restricted support. The Organization reclassifies temporarily restricted net assets to unrestricted net assets when the restriction is satisfied. Donated property and equipment are depreciated using the double-declining balance method.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purpose of the statement of cash flows, the Organization considers all unrestricted highly liquid investments with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Cash consists of interest bearing and non-interest bearing bank deposits.

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Note 1: Nature of Activities and Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Concentration of Credit Risk

The Organization maintains several cash accounts at two financial institutions. Interest-bearing accounts at those institutions are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$250,000, through December 31, 2013. As of December 31, 2009, the Organization did not have cash balances exceeding the insured amount at either financial institution.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Deferred Revenue

The Organization receives grants and contracts from various organizations. Advances from these grants and contracts that are unspent are categorized as deferred revenue in the Statement of Financial Position.

Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of providing the various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of activities. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited. Expenses are allocated based on either estimated time spent, or an estimate of space or actual usage.

Note 2: Property and Equipment

Property and equipment consist of the following:

Field Equipment	\$ 12,202
Mobile Equipment	25,634
Office Equipment	14,705
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(49,180)</u>
Total Property and Equipment	<u><u>\$ 3,361</u></u>

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Note 3: Contributed Services

During the year ended December 31, 2009, the value of contributed services meeting the requirements for recognition in the financial statements was \$87,585. The Council also received an estimated \$11,830 in donated cords of wood. These services included donated volunteer hours by Woodies (Organization volunteers) and administration personnel. The volunteer hours are provided at no cost to the Organization; in return, the Organization provides basic supplies and tools to the Woodies and administration personnel.

Note 4: Federal Financial Assistance

The Organization has been awarded grants from various agencies to conduct its fire safe programs. The grants are considered exchange transactions; accordingly, revenue is recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

Total Federal Financial Assistance for the year is as follows:

Grantor	Grant Amount, not to Exceed	Grant Expended to Date	Net Accrued (Deferred) Revenue
USDA Forest Service	\$ 1,450,000	\$ 1,329,813	\$ (120,187)
WUI Comm. Rural Fire Assistance	85,000	85,000	-
Totals	<u>\$ 1,535,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,414,813</u>	<u>\$ (120,187)</u>

Grants and contracts are paid on the advance basis up to the maximum amounts allowed under the terms of the grant or contract.

Note 5: Grant In-kind Match/Cost Share

In addition to receiving the Federal Financial Assistance listed at Note 4, the Organization also receives matching funds from the participating property owners. Prior to commencement of abatement activities, participating property owners are generally charged a percentage of the contracted amount, per federal grant guidelines.

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Note 6: Other Revenue

The following is a summary of other revenues earned in the year ended December 31, 2009:

Idyllwild Donations	\$ 4,120
Pine Cove Donations	770
Woodies Volunteer Work	1,854
Miscellaneous Donations	3,403
Other income	<u>395</u>
 Total Other Revenue	 <u><u>\$ 10,542</u></u>

Note 7: Concentration of Revenues

The Organization receives the majority of its funding from state and federal grants. For the year ended December 31, 2009, these grants accounted for approximately 68% of the total revenues recognized during the fiscal year.

Note 8: Contingencies

The Organization received state and federal funds, as well as certain grant funds, for specific purposes that are subject to review and audit by the grantor agencies. Such audits could generate expenses disallowed under the terms of the grant. As of December 31, 2009, in the opinion of the Organization's management, there are no other outstanding matters which would have a significant effect on the Organization's financial position.