

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes

Thursday January 13, 2011 - 9:00 am.

Plumas County

Planning & Building Services Conference Room

555 Main Street – Quincy, CA

Board of Directors

Brian West, Chair (12)

Mike Callaghan, Vice Chair (12)

Scott Abrams, Secretary/Treasurer (12)

Andy Anderson (11)

Jim Hamblin (11)

Frank Stewart (12)

Dale Meese (12)

Allan Setzer (11)

Mike De Lasaux (12)

Chuck Bowman (12)

Mission Statement:

“To reduce the loss of natural and manmade resources caused by wildfire through Firewise Community programs and pre-fire activities.”

OLD BUSINESS

1. Welcome & Introductions- Brian West
2. Review Agenda - Brian West
3. Next meeting –February 10, 2011
4. Review/Approve minutes from December, 2010 meeting – Brian West – **Jay Skutt made a motion to approve the notes as amended. Carl McDonald seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
5. Public Comment - Brian West –**None**
6. Status update of Current Grants. (Refer to Grant Summary Sheets) – John Sheehan
 - A. PC FSC 02- 9 – NS AQMD Chipping in lieu of burning – **Gold Mountain CSD used less than they anticipated for their roadside chipping program this fall. Some funds still available.**
 - B. FSC 04-4 & 12 - Canyon Dam HFR - 900 acres – **Hand thinning and piling halted due to snow conditions. Timber sale to be re-advertized.**
 - C. PC FSC 03-1, 05-5, 06-2 & 5, 09-03 – Eastern Plumas HFR – 175 acres –**Funds for about 30 acres will be used on the C-Road ROW fuelbreak project.**
 - D. PC FSC 06-6 – La Porte Pines HFR – 75 acres - **Nothing New To Report.**
 - E. PC FSC 07-5 – C Road right-of-way planning – **79 of 90 parcel owners’ expressed interest in participating with 75 acres planned for treatment. Expecting to put out a prospectus for hand treatment and mastication first of the year. Decision Memo expected to be signed soon.**
 - F. PC FSC 07-6 – Taylorsville HFR – 30 acres –**Nothing New To Report.**

- G. PC FSC 09-2 & 09-4 –Defensible Space Assistance Senior & Disabled – **Nothing New to Report**
- H. PC FSC 07-8 – Greenhorn HFR – **Nothing New To Report.**
- I. PC FSC 07-10 - County Educational Workshops – **Nothing New To Report.**
- J. PC FSC 10-1 & 11-1- PC FSC Council Coordination 2010-2013 – **Work continues with FSC coordination activities, developing grants funding requests and assisting in project implementation. Coordinator met with SNC & CA FSC to discuss future funding of FSC’s.**
- K. PC FSC 08- 3 & 09-1- Community HFR Planning & Project Development –**Awaiting word from FS on approval of post-fire work on private lands with monies from the Rich fire settlement. Discussion on diminishing availability of grant funds, due to budget constraints & program changes, that may impact future funding for community HFR projects.**
- L. PC FSC 10-2 - PC Planning Dept – GIS mapping in support of PC FSC CWPP – **PC GIS Coordinator retiring. No decision made by the County on filling of the position.**
- M. PC FSC 10-3 – Bucks Lake CWPP and Firewise Community Planning –**Nothing New to Report.**
- N. PC FSC 10-4 – Long Valley II & Crescent Grade HFR 100 acres –**90 acres have been cut and most of the chips hauled. Unfortunately SPI Quincy quit taking chips and we had to pay an additional trucking cost to transport them to Honey Lake. Environmental planning is continuing on Crescent Grade**
- O. PC FSC 10-5 - Long Valley II HFR 87 acres –**Funds (FY2011) expected to become available soon.**
- P. PC FSC 10-6 – Crescent Grade HFR 50 acres – **Funds (FY2011) expected to become available soon.**
- Q. PC FSC 10-7 –Cromberg (Long Valley II), C Road & Whitehawk HFR 210 acres – **No treatment activity due to weather and no viable chip market. Cromberg/Long Valley II is two-thirds completed; Whitehawk II 88 acres have been cut and decked and waiting for an opportunity to haul the chips; planning is continuing on C-Road (see 7.e.).**

7. Status update of proposed Grant Proposals. – John Sheehan –

- A. La Porte Rd II – 2010 SNC – **Application submitted on 9/13/10 for 174 acres of HFR. Decisions expected in March of 2011.**

8. HFQLG –HFR project overview/relation to communities’ opportunities - Project mapping integration involving USFS, CDF and Fire Safe Council - PNF’s fuel reduction out year program of work – Allan Setzer –**FRRD Personnel presented information on the “On Top Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project”. Project will provide connectivity to the Basin and Bucks Lake HFR projects. Scott Abrams made a motion that PC FSC write a letter in support of the On Top HFR Project. Jim Hamblin seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote**

Mt. Hough RD reported work started on the Keddie EIS, & Bucks EA. Almanor RD plans 6,500 acres of HFR on FY11. Some discussion on the new FS program of Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program.

Final comments are due on the Jackson Project EA within 30 days. Only those who provided initial comments (which PC FSC did) have standing to file an objection. Then the FS will deal directly with those objecting. However those who initially provided input will have no seat at the table of the negotiations with those objecting. Jay Skutt Made a motion that “PC FSC send a letter to the Regional Forester petitioning that project proponents have as much right

to be part of future decision making discussions in the appeal process as project opponents". Mike Callaghan seconded. Discussion evolved around the issue that all who provided input in the initial scoping should have equal footing. By excluding those in support over those who object may bias the project outcome. After discussion the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

- 9. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) –Jerry Hurley – **Coordinator continues to participate and provide fire mitigation recommendations into the General Plan revision. The County Emergency Services Committee has had no further action. The committee to update the CWPP met and is working through the Mitigation Section. A closer look at the Communities-at-Risk boundaries reveals there are slight differences in the lines on the map and parcels that would logically be included. In some cases there are large boundaries around the community and other cases finite lines. Council agreed to have VFD’s and agencies take a closer look at the boundaries after the February FSC meeting during the scheduled review of the CWPP. It is a case of refinement as we have increased GIS capabilities.**

- 10. Update of local FSC and Firewise Community activities – Jerry Hurley –
 - A. **Almanor Basin FSC had a monthly meeting on 1/11/11. Almanor West community planning HFR in community lots.**

- 11. California RCD- Phil Noia- **State Association of RCD’s met, but Phil was unable to attend.**

- 12. Discuss PC Entity Stewardship Concept – Frank Stewart – **Nothing New to Report**

New Business

- 1. Establish a committee or solicit members to fill Board of Director positions for Board Members whose terms expire. (4 Members). Voting will occur at the January 2011 meeting. – Brian West. – **The Chair asked the Coordinator to continue solicitation of interest to serve on the Board in lieu of a committee, due to the cancellation of the November meeting so a vote could be held at the January meeting.**
- 2. Lassen County HFR Planning Process with all landowners. – Jerry Hurley

Meeting Concluded @ 11:10 AM