

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes

Thursday October 11, 2007 - 9:00 am.

Plumas County
Planning & Building Services Conference Room
555 Main Street – Quincy, CA

Ed Harrison, Chair (08)
Ron Cross, Vice Chair (08)
Brian West, Treasurer (08)
Michael Condon, Secretary (09)
Andy Anderson (07)
Jim Graham, (07)
Mike De Lasaux, (08)
Jim Hamblin (07)
Frank Stewart (08)
Dale Meese (08)
Allan Setzer (07)

Mission Statement:

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. Welcome & Introductions- Brian West
2. Review Agenda – Brian West
3. Next meeting –**November 8, 2007**
4. Review/Approve minutes from September 13, 2007 meeting – Brian West – **Andy Anderson made a motion to approve the notes as presented. Carl McDonald seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
5. Public Comment - Brian West – **Phil Noia informed the Council that PG& E would be removing 200 hazard trees along their lines in the Moonlight Fire.**
6. Status update of Current Grants. (Refer to Grant Summary Sheets)
 - A. PC FSC 02- 9 – NS AQMD Chipping in lieu of burning –John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - B. PC FSC 04-1, 2, & 8 - C Road HFR – 126 acres – John Sheehan – **RAC recommended funding an additional 40 acres for mastication.**
 - C. PC FSC 04-4 & 12 - Canyon Dam HFR - 550 acres– John Sheehan – **Stewardship contract awarded for mechanical thinning & mastication.**
 - D. PC FSC 04-6 - County Stewardship Proposal – John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**

- E. PC FSC 05-2 & 6 - Whitehawk HFR- 121 acres – John Sheehan – **Harvesting & mastication is completed. CDF has signed off the completed work.**
 - F. PC FSC 05-3 & 7 - Greenhorn HFR 30 acres – John Sheehan – **RAC recommended additional funding for this project.**
 - G. PC FSC 05-4 & 8 - Grizzly Ck. HFR- 128 acres – John Sheehan – **Harvesting is completed except for a property owner who wants to opt out of the contract. Negotiations are ongoing to complete the project.**
 - H. PC FSC 03-1, 05-5, 06-2 & 5 – Eastern Plumas HFR – 175 acres - John Sheehan – **Based on recent bids for other projects, there is an expectation that this one will need additional fund. Efforts to find additional funds are ongoing.**
 - I. PC FSC 06-3 & 9 – Massack HFR – 160 acres -John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - J. PC FSC 06-4 & 10 – Little Grass Valley HFR – 111 acres - John Sheehan - **Nothing New to Report.**
 - K. PC FSC 06-6 – La Porte Pines HFR – 75 acres - John Sheehan – **Mastication is expected to begin in the next couple weeks.**
 - L. PC FSC 07-1 & 4 - Indian Valley HFR-200 acres – John Sheehan – **A Request for Proposals for a Registered Professional Forester to manage this project is currently open**
 - M. PC FSC 07-2 - La Porte Road HFR – 100 acres – John Sheehan – **A successful public outreach meeting was conducted Tuesday, 10/9/07. There are a number of interested landowners for this project. A Request for Proposals for a Registered Professional Forester to manage this project is currently open**
 - N. PC FSC 07-4 - PC FSC Council Coordination – John Sheehan – **Grant written efforts continue with the submission of 7 grants to the RAC, one to CDF and one to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy. The RAC funded 3 of our projects. A HFR Block Grant is also being worked on and due in November.**
 - O. PC FSC 07-5 – C Road right-of-way planning – John Sheehan – **A Request for Proposals for a Registered Professional Forester to manage this project is currently open**
 - P. PC FSC 07-6 – Taylorsville HFR – 30 acres – John Sheehan - **A Request for Proposals for a Registered Professional Forester to manage this project is currently open**
7. Status update of proposed Grant Proposals.
- A. Returning to RAC for assistance in covering under funded projects (Eastern Plumas, Massack, and Greenhorn) – RAC – John Sheehan – **RAC recommended fully funding of this project to the Plumas NF.**

- B. Elderly Disabled Defensible Space – 75 – RAC – John Sheehan – **RAC recommended funding of this project for only one year (about half of the request) to the Plumas NF.**
 - C. Gold Mountain Hazardous Fuel Reduction – RAC – 100-200 acres – John Sheehan – **Not recommended by RAC. Funding will be sought from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy**
 - D. Lake Almanor County Club Hazardous Fuel Reduction – 10 acres– RAC – John Sheehan - **Not recommended by RAC. Funding will be sought from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy.**
 - E. Eastern Plumas HFR & I&E Workshops – CDF Western States WUI – John Sheehan – **Not funded thorough the Western States WUI process. Funding will be sought from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy**
 - F. PC FSC Information & Educational– Sierra Nevada Conservancy – John Sheehan – **Project submitted & awaiting feedback**
 - G. PC FSC HFR Block Grant - Sierra Nevada Conservancy – John Sheehan – **Proposal is due 11/15/07.**
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 – **Most of the proposed Diamond project was burned up in the Moonlight Fire. Courts have not allowed recent requests for injunctions and upheld decisions of FS when appealed.**
 9. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) – Jerry Hurley – **A County Feasibility Study Group, assigned by the Board of Supervisors is working on issues specific tot fire protection. A number of the County’s CWPP mitigation measures may be incorporated into the group’s recommendations for not continuing to add to the fire protection problem.**
 10. Committee report on recommendations for fuel reduction treatment areas of public lands around communities, beyond HFQLG. – Frank Stewart – **Nothing New to Report.**
 11. Defensible Space on Public Lands – Jason Moghaddas - **Nothing New to Report.**
 12. Secure Rural Schools Funding – Frank Stewart **Nothing New to Report. -**
 13. CA FSC legislative issues – Frank Stewart - **Nothing New to Report.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Local Fire Safe Council Activities. – Jerry Hurley – **It was proposed that this become a standing agenda item for information sharing on what local FSC’s are doing. There are currently two, Almanor Basin Fire Safe Council & Gold Mountain Fire Safe Committee.**

The Almanor Basin is exploring ways to further market to the population centers of the sate, the long term impact from wildfires, such as the recent Moonlight & Wheeler fires. A group will be putting together talking points and then seek out a ways to get it into the larger media market.

Gold Mountain is continuing with a dooryard chipping program for green waste generated in property cleanup. Their committee members are also conducting defensible space consultation to educated homeowners

The meeting concluded at 10:50