

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes

Thursday January 14, 2010 - 9:00 am.

Plumas County

Planning & Building Services Conference Room

555 Main Street – Quincy, CA

Board of Directors

Brian West, Chair (10)

Mike Callaghan, Vice Chair (10)

Jay Skutt, Secretary/Treasurer (11)

Andy Anderson (11)

Jim Hamblin (11)

Frank Stewart (10)

Dale Meese (10)

Allan Setzer (11)

Mike De Lasaux (10)

Scott Abrams (10)

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 –**March 11, 2010 - February Meeting canceled for Fire Conference in Sacramento.**
4. Review/Approve minutes from November 12, 2009 meeting – Brian West – **Jay Skutt made a motion to approve the notes as written. Scott Abrams seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
5. Public Comment - Brian West – **Phil Noia mentioned that the Modoc Plateau RC & D would be receiving new funds that may help FSC’s with funding. Frank Stewart discussed two public notices that were out for review & encouraged PC FSC to respond. He will develop “Draft” letters for Council consideration.**
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 – Letter **from Gold Mtn CSD requesting \$2,5000 for their roadside chipping program. John would also like to close out a Quincy CSD HFR project that was chipped instead of burned. A final report will be prepared & sent to AQMD. Andy Anderson made a motion to fund the Gold Mtn. roadside chipping and move funds to the Quincy HFR project. Jim Hamblin seconded. After discussion the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
 - B. PC FSC 04-4 & 12 - Canyon Dam HFR - 900 acres – **Nothing New To Report.**
 - C. PC FSC 04-6 - County Stewardship Proposal – **Nothing New To Report.**

- D. PC FSC 03-1, 05-5, 06-2 & 5, 09-03 – Eastern Plumas HFR – 175 acres - **120 acres have been completed, expending the CA FSC funds. Council & RPF will seek opportunities to treat an additional 50 acres.**
- E. PC FSC 06-4 & 10 – Little Grass Valley HFR – 111 acres - **Remaining slash piles have been burned.**
- F. PC FSC 07-2 - La Porte Road HFR – 100 acres – **Treatments in progress. 75% completed with 12 acres of biomass & 2 acres of handpiling remaining. Potential for additional acres to be treated with chip revenues. Revenues increased due to USDA accepting product as part of the BCAP program.**
- G. PC FSC 07-5 – C Road right-of-way planning – **Working with RPF & CSD to obtain funding to implement a roadside fuelbreak.**
- H. PC FSC 07-6 – Taylorsville HFR – 30 acres –**Nothing New To Report.**
- I. PC FSC 09-2 & 09-4 – Elderly/Disabled Defensible Space – **Jay Skutt made a motion to adopt the table as proposed & update it annually with the new Plumas County median income figures. Mike Callaghan seconded. Motion was carried unanimously.**
- J. PC FSC 07-8 – Greenhorn HFR – **There are surplus fund and the Greenhorn VFD has requested to use them for community roadside chipping. Scott Abrams made a motion that John Sheehan work with the Mt. Hough RD and the Greenhorn VFD & CSD to develop a chipping program. Jay Skutt seconded. After discussion the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
- K. PC FSC 07-10 - County Educational Workshops - **Nothing New To Report.**
- L. PC FSC 08- 1 - Gold Mtn. HFR - **160 acres has been treated. Treatments have exceeded target by 40 acres. There are some remaining funds & the RPF will put out a prospectus to treat an additional 15-20 acres.**
- M. PC FSC 08-2 & 10-1- PC FSC Council Coordination 2007-2011 – **Work continues with FSC coordination activities, developing grant funding requests and making FSC presentations, most recently to the PC Planning Commission.**
- N. PC FSC 08- 3 & 09-1- Community HFR Planning & Project Development – **RPF’s working with a number of communities & PC FSC to develop projects and grant applications. RPF’s collecting environmental information needed to prepare THP Exemptions.**
- O. PC FSC 09-5 PC Planning Dept –VFD map books and GIS Software. – **FEMA Agreed to fund this project. PC & Long Valley VFD working out final details.**
- P. PC FSC 10-2 - PC Planning Dept – GIS mapping in support of PC FSC CWPP – **Project is funded by PC Board of Supervisors.**
- Q. PC FSC 10-3 – Bucks Lake CWPP and Firewise Community Planning – **Project is funded by PC Board of Supervisors.**
- R. PC FSC 10-4 – Long Valley II & Crescent Grade HFR 100 acres – **CA FSC has funded this project.**
- S. Community HFR - CA FSC – **CA FSC proposed to provide some funds to PC FSC for HFR projects. A prior grant request was modified and submitted for 100 acres.**

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

- A. Plumas County FSC Coordination -2009 SNC – **Pending SNC Decision to approve.**
- B. PNF WFHF Cromberg (Long Valley II) - **Pending FS R5 Decision to approve.**
- C. PNF WFHF Whitehawk II) - **Pending FS R5 Decision to approve.**
- D. PNF WFHF C –Road Fuelbreak) - **Pending FS R5 Decision to approve.**
- E. RAC –Long Valley II - **Grant application being developed.**
- F. RAC - Crescent Grade - **Grant application being developed.**
- G. CA FSC La Porte Rd II - **Grant application being developed.**
- H. CA FSC Whitehawk II - **Grant application being developed.**

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 –**No Report**
9. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) –Jerry Hurley – **Nothing New to Report.**
10. Defensible Space on Public Lands – Larry Craggs – **Nothing New to Report.**
11. Update of local FSC and Firewise Community activities – Jerry Hurley –
 - A. **Almanor Basin FSC is moving aggressively to submit their Firewise Application**
 - B. **Graeagle is developing a community assessment and Firewise application for their Fire Protection District.**
 - C. **Gold Mountain FSC is continuing their Defensible Space Consultation program, seeking funds for roadside chipping, due to a community burn ban, and working with the RPF on increasing acres of HFR.**

New Business

1. Elect Board Members & Officers Terms expiring. (1 Directors & 4Members) – Brian West – **The following were elected to a 2year term: Jay Skutt, Andy Anderson, Jim Hamblin and Allan Setzer. The Board members with 8 members present than voted for their Officers. The elected Officers are: Brian West, Chair; Mike Callaghan, Vice Chair; Jay Skutt Secretary/Treasurer. All were approved with eight yes votes for each position. There were no no votes or abstentions.**
2. Review & Revise Annual Goals – Brian West- **The 2010 Annual Goals were reviewed with some minor modifications to the 2009 goals. Jay Skutt requested an additional goal dealing with collaboration and partners. He will provide suggested wording at the next meeting.**

Meeting concluded @11:15am