

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes

Thursday February 8, 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)
John Sheehan, Secretary (08)
Andy Anderson (07)
Jim Graham, (07)
Mike De Lasaux, (08)
Jim Hamblin (07)
Frank Stewart (08)
Allan Setzer (07)

Mission Statement:

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

2007 Annual Goals:

- Implement and amend as necessary the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP),
- Increase public knowledge and awareness of the wildland fire hazard and efforts they can make to reduce their threat,
- Develop more community-based involvement,
- Implement community hazardous fuel reduction projects,
- Continue to pursue grant funds,
- Develop a strategy to provide for sustainable and renewable project funding and reduce the Council's dependence on grant funding.
- Explore green waste disposal options and community chipping options.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Welcome & Introductions- Ed Harrison
2. Review Agenda – Ed Harrison
3. Next meeting – **March 8, 2007**
4. Review/Approve minutes from 1/11/07 meeting – Ed Harrison – **Claude Sanders made a motion to approve the notes as presented. Ron Cross seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**

5. Public Comment - Ed Harrison - **None**
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 03- 6 & 7 - Cromberg HFR - 350 acres - John Sheehan – **Project is competed.**
 - C. PC FSC 03 –12 & 13 - Elderly/Disabled Defensible Space – John Sheehan – **Project is competed.**
 - D. PC FSC 04-1, 2, & 8 - C Road HFR – 117 acres – John Sheehan – **Harvesting is completed, some additional treatment remains.**
 - E. PC FSC 04-4 & 12 - Canyon Dam HFR - 900 acres– John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - F. PC FSC 04-6 - County Stewardship Proposal – John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - G. PC FSC 06-7 - PC FSC Council Coordination – John Sheehan – **Eight grant proposals are being developed. 4 for Title III, 2 for CA FSC & 2 for CDF prop 40. Work continues with website updates, sharing of firesafe information, press releases & associated grant activities.**
 - H. PC FSC 05-2 & 6 - Whitehawk HFR- 121 acres – John Sheehan – **Pew Forest Products was selected as the contractor to accomplish the treatments.**
 - I. PC FSC 05-3 & 7 - Greenhorn HFR 30 acres – John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - J. PC FSC 05-4 & 8 - Grizzly Ck. HFR- 128 acres – John Sheehan – **RPF Windward reported that NEPA is being reviewed and that he expects the Request for Proposals to be out soon.**
 - K. PC FSC 06-1 & 8 – West Almanor Community Club HFR – 11 acres -John Sheehan – **Ron Vernon, a LTO from Susanville, was selected as the contractor for the project.**
 - L. PC FSC 03-1, 05-5, 06-2 & 5 – Eastern Plumas HFR – 175 acres - John Sheehan – **Project layout and collection of landowner agreements continues.**
 - M. PC FSC 06-3 & 9 – Massack HFR – 160 acres -John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - N. PC FSC 06-4 & 10 – Little Grass Valley HFR – 111 acres - John Sheehan - **Awaiting funds and a contract from PNF.**
 - O. PC FSC 06-6 – La Porte Pines HFR – 75 acres -John Sheehan – **Awaiting funds and a contract from PNF.**
7. Status update of Current Grant Proposals.
 - A. Indian Valley HFR-200 acres - CA FSC & Title III –**Proposal submitted to CA FSC Clearinghouse. Title III request being prepared.**

- B. Elderly Disabled Defensible Space – 75 - CA FSC & Title III - **Proposal submitted to CA FSC Clearinghouse. Title III request being prepared.**
 - C. Thompson Valley HFR – 100 acres - CDF Prop 40 & Title III - **Proposal submitted to CDF Butter ranger Unit. Title III request being prepared.**
 - D. PC FSC Coordination – Title III - **Title III request being prepared.**
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 – Michael Condon – **Nothing New to Report.**
 9. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) – Jim Graham – **Jim met with Darren Read of CDF Butte RU and County Counsel on the issue of driveway language. Darren pointed out that in CA all driveways must be Fire Safe, and that the 150 foot measurement is for triggering a turnaround and driveways over 300 feet need turnouts. As a minimum, all driveways (regardless of length) should comply with requirements for width, vegetation clearance, payload and slope.**
 10. Committee report on recommendations for fuel reduction treatment areas of public lands around communities, beyond HFQLG. – Frank Stewart – **Nothing New to Report.**
 11. PC FSC Board Nominating Committee Report– Ed Harrison - **Currently PC FSC By-Laws limit Board Members to two consecutive terms. That would make 3 of the current members unable to be re-elected. Jim Hamblin made a motion to revise our By-Laws that so that a Director could serve consecutive full terms. Brian West Seconded and the motion was carried by a Board vote of 7 yes and 0 noes. Ron Cross then made a motion to change our By-Laws from requiring a written vote to a voice vote for electing Directors. Brian West Seconded and the motion was carried by a Board vote of 7 yes and 0 noes.**

The following members were then elected to the Board of Directors for the 2007 & 2008 terms: Ed Harrison, Ron Cross, Brian West, John Sheehan, Mike De Lasaux, Frank Stewart, Dale Meese, & Allan Setzer.

The Board of Directors then elected Officers for 2007, they are: Ed Harrison- Chair, Ron Cross – Vice Chair, Brian West-Treasurer, and John Sheehan- Secretary.

12. Defensible Space on Public Lands – Jason Moghaddas _ **A small group got together and, using the new County GIS mapping tool, identified about 10 parcels in the Quincy area that have structures located within less than 100 feet of the Plumas NF Boundary. Dennis Miller will identify additional properties in other communities administered by the Mt. Hough Randger District. Then FSC and Mt. Hough Ranger District personnel will contact the landowners to determine their interest in having the public lands treated to obtain the required 100 feet of defensible space.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Working with Board of Forestry on Fuel Reduction Exemptions- Mike De Lasaux – **Mike handed out a letter he was proposing the Council send to Senator LA Malfa. Because of our Council’s efforts to get an Emergency Exemption for fuel reduction en place, and our County’s extensive use of the exemption, we desire to collaborate directly with Assemblyman LaMalfa to enhance the hazardous fuel reduction treatment option. John Sheehan made a motion to send the letter after comments from other Council members. Mike De Lasaux seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.**
2. Secure Rural Schools Funding – Frank Stewart –**Frank was not present to discuss.**
3. CA FSC legislative issues – Frank Stewart - **Frank was not present to discuss.**
4. Prepare, Stand & Defend – Mike De Lasaux – **The Australian concept of the homeowner being responsible for a structure’s survival during a wildfire was briefly discussed.**
5. Review PC FSC Goals for 2007 – Ed Harrison – **PC FSC’s 2006 Goals were discussed to determine if they are still relevant and continue to set our course. It was agreed they are and that we need to add one to deal with the larger issue of disposing of green waste to better facilitate the creation and maintenance of defensible space. Ron Cross made a motion to adopt our 2006 Goals for 2007 with the addition of a goal to “Explore green waste disposal options and community chipping options’. Mike De Lasaux seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**

The meeting concluded at 11:00 AM