

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes

Thursday April 14, 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)
Allan Setzer (11)
Mike De Lasaux (12)
Chuck Bowman (11)

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- Chuck Bowman
2. Review Agenda - Chuck Bowman
3. Next meeting –Mary 12, 2011
4. Review/Approve minutes from February 10, 2011 meeting – Chuck Bowman – **Carl McDonald made a motion to approve the notes. Mike De Lasaux seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
5. Public Comment - Chuck Bowman –**Cindy Noble discussed a SNC conference call on their funding. There was strong support to fund more HFR projects. SNC will look to spend the remaining funds between agriculture and HFR. They are also asking for comments on their strategic plan.**
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 – **Nothing New To Report.**
 - B. FSC 04-4 & 12 - Canyon Dam HFR - 900 acres – **Nothing New To Report.**
 - C. PC FSC 03-1, 05-5, 06-2 & 5, 09-03 – Eastern Plumas HFR – 175 acres – **Nothing New To Report.**
 - 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 –**RPF has put out a prospectus for hand treatment and mastication. Decision Memo has been signed.**
 - F. PC FSC 09-2 & 09-4 –Defensible Space Assistance Senior & Disabled – **Nothing New to Report.**

- G. PC FSC 07-10 - County Educational Workshops – **PC FSC Members attended a FSC workshop in Sacramento sponsored by CFSC, the CA Fire Alliance and the University of California Extension. John Sheehan made a presentation of our GIS mapping project and the benefits of GIS for projects like mapping of the WUI.**
- H. 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.**
- I. 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.**
- J. PC FSC 10-2 - PC Planning Dept – GIS mapping in support of PC FSC CWPP – **Members of PC FSC, PC Planning & Building and PNF met to discuss GIS roles for maintaining HFR map layers. PNF will maintain the HFR layer. PNF will be the clearinghouse for all federal HFR projects, PC Planning GIS will digitize any private or state land projects and submit the shape files to PNF.**
- K. PC FSC 10-3 – Bucks Lake CWPP and Firewise Community Planning –**A Request for Proposals has been posted on our website and emailed to potential contractors.**
- L. PC FSC 10-4 – Long Valley II & Crescent Grade HFR 100 acres –**Long Valley-Awaiting favorable field conditions before resuming activities. Crescent Grade-Prospectus being developed. RPF pointed out that some landowners have opted out of participating due to having to provide and cash match.**
- M. PC FSC 10-5 - Long Valley II HFR 87 acres –**Contract being signed.**
- N. PC FSC 10-6 – Crescent Grade HFR 50 acres – **Contract being signed.**
- O. PC FSC 10-7 –Cromberg (Long Valley II), C Road & Whitehawk HFR 210 acres –
Long Valley II – See L.
C- Road – See E.
Whitehawk II - Nothing New To Report.

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

- A. La Porte Rd II –**SNC did not select this project for funding. Applications are being prepared for funding from other sources (RAC, CA FSC, PNF Stevens) CA FSC Clearinghouse requires a 25% match. For this project to meet the 25%, participants of the planned La Porte Rd II HFR project would need to pay a higher amount. Jim Hamblin made a motion for the RPF to contact landowners to confirm willingness to pay the full \$250 to meet grant match requirements. Carl Mc Donald seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**
- B. PNF Stevens – **PNF requested projects for funding with Stevens funds. Eligible projects need to be in close proximity to prescribed burning activity on public lands. PC FSC submitted 8 projects for 720 acres.**

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 –**Feather River RD Personnel presented information on the Sugarloaf and Grass Flat HFR projects in the Little Grass Valley/La Porte Areas. Project will provide treatments as part of HFQLG.**

9. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) –Jerry Hurley –**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. It is a result of refinement in GIS capabilities. Council members and fire protection agencies take a closer look at the boundaries after today’s regular meeting.**
10. Update of local FSC and Firewise Community activities – Jerry Hurley –
 - A. **Almanor Basin FSC had a monthly meeting on 4/12/11. Information was shared on efforts to work with Burlington Northern RR on right-of-way clearance. Plans are being mad for the 4th of July activities.**
 - B. **Gold Mtn. CSD is developing their Firewise Community Plan.**
11. California RCD- Phil Noia- **Nothing New to Report.**
12. Discuss PC Entity Stewardship Concept – Frank Stewart – **Nothing New to Report.**

New Business

1. Community HFR Co-Pay –Danielle Banchio- **Previously Covered in 6.L and 7.A.**
2. Resignation of Dale Meese – John Sheehan – **Dale has taken another position in Redding and will bell leaving the area. Jay Neuman will discuss with his boss who may be a replacement for Cal Fire on the Board.**

Meeting Concluded @ 11:00 AM