

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes

Thursday April 8 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 –**May 13, 2010**
4. Review/Approve minutes from April 8, 2010 meeting – Brian West – **Andy Anderson made a motion to approve the notes as written. Jim Hamblin seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
5. Public Comment - Brian West – **Phil Noia discussed a fuel problem in Tobin where a property owner may need assistance in clearing and removal of debris created in 2008 from fire suppression efforts. John Sheehan responded that he and others have been working on potential funding following parts of the Canyon area being recognized as eligible following the 2008 wildfires.**
Phil also mentioned that BCAP funding applications might be taken in later summer
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 – **Funds being transferred to Gold Mtn for their community-chipping program.**
 - B. PC 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 - **125 acres have been completed, expending the CA FSC funds. Council & RPF will seek opportunities to treat an additional acres. RPF assessing road damage to one parcel**

- D. PC FSC 07-2 - La Porte Road HFR – 100 acres – **Some materials remain to be sent to the mill. Will be losing out the Grant with Cal Fire on 4/30/10. Some revenues from forest products available to treat additional community acres.**
- E. PC FSC 07-5 – C Road right-of-way planning – **Working with RPF & CSD to obtain funding to implement a roadside fuelbreak. About 79 of 90 parcel owners’ expressed interest in participating. Word received that this project was selected for funding from PNF Steven’s Funds (see 7.D.)**
- F. PC FSC 07-6 – Taylorsville HFR – 30 acres –**Nothing New To Report.**
- G. PC FSC 09-2 & 09-4 – Elderly/Disabled Defensible Space – **“ New” dollars may be available in a joint venture with FEMA and State Dept Housing and Community Development. There is Fire Safe work to do right now, down the canyon, Hwy 70. With USFS proposed work in vicinity of Rich Bar. Four parcels are out to bid. Rob will begin placing ads for additional outreach the newspaper.**
- H. PC FSC 07-8 – Greenhorn HFR – **There are surplus fund and the Greenhorn VFD has requested to use them for community roadside chipping.**
- I. PC FSC 07-10 - County Educational Workshops - **Discussion on whether to put out another Living With Fire tabloid or take weekly ads out to help with the public education process. Expect some additional public meetings this spring & summer. Also discussion on website updates.**
- J. PC FSC 08- 1 - Gold Mtn. HFR - **Remaining funds to do additional acres. New Prospectus sent to bidders list. New “tour” date is April 29, 2010, Bids due date is May 13, 2010.**
- K. 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. Coordinator provided a response to California Strategic Fire Plan.**
- L. PC FSC 08- 3 & 09-1- Community HFR Planning & Project Development –**Awaiting word from grantors for grant applications to treat 4 project areas.**
- M. PC FSC 09-5 PC Planning Dept –VFD map books and GIS Software. – **PC Planning working with VFD’s on creating mapbooks.**
- N. PC FSC 10-2 - PC Planning Dept – GIS mapping in support of PC FSC CWPP – **Data updates being created in coordination with the Plumas & Lassen NF’s. GIS Department will participate in the review & update of the CWPP.**
- O. PC FSC 10-3 – Bucks Lake CWPP and Firewise Community Planning – **Nothing New to Report.**
- P. PC FSC 10-4 – Long Valley II & Crescent Grade HFR 100 acres – **CA FSC has funded part of this project. Plumas RAC recommended funding for both project areas & Long Valley is planned for funding by Steven’s funds from the PNF. RPF’s are continuing work on the environmental information for CA FSC to fund treatment.**

Danielle Banchio asked the Council to consider a way to waive landowner in-kind cash contribution due to some who may lack the fiscal capacity. Will discuss at the next meeting

- 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) – **Project approved for Steven’s funding.**
 - C. PNF WFHF Whitehawk II) - **Project approved for Steven’s funding.**
 - D. PNF WFHF C –Road Fuelbreak) - **Project approved for Steven’s funding.**
 - E. RAC –Long Valley II - – **Project recommended for funding.**

- F. RAC - Crescent Grade - **Project recommended for funding.**
- G. CA FSC La Porte Rd II - **Grant application submitted awaiting funding decision.**
- H. CA FSC Whitehawk II - **Grant application rejected by CA FSC for a clerical error.**

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 –**Avery Byer, MHRD- Discussed the Empire Mt Hough Biomass ARRA Project. Project is going out to bid as a stewardship contract. Estimated that there is 9.5 miles of road reconstruction, 22,000 green tons of biomass and 1.25 MMBF of sawlogs.**
9. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) –Jerry Hurley – **Interested persons were requested for a review & update of PC FSC’s CWPP. Interested persons to respond to the Coordinator and planning to meet following each FSC meeting.**
10. Defensible Space on Public Lands – Larry Craggs – **Pete Duncan said this has become a Regional issue & forest will be working to achieve it. Dennis Miller will create a GIS layer of Plumas County properties that may be eligible.**
11. Update of local FSC and Firewise Community activities – Jerry Hurley –
 - A. **Almanor Basin FSC met 4/14, and is moving aggressively to submit their Firewise Application.**
 - B. **Graeagle is developing a community assessment and Firewise application for their Fire Protection District. A field visit to review communities occurred on 3/22/10. A follow-up review will occur on 4/13/10 with Jay Neuman of Cal Fire. Expect to submit application in July.**
 - C. **Gold Mountain FSC – GM FSC will meet on 4/14 to discuss HIZ consultation for 2010 and soliciting of contractors for their community roadside chipping program.**
12. Emergency Broadcast Services through the local FM radio station, FM 91.9 KQNY -Shaun Lemnah – **Discussion ensued as to the coverage area and value and ability of using PC FSC funds for educational services. Historically PC FSC has not paid for PSA’s . Newspaper articles with meeting announcements and public education information has been provided by the news paper as article of interest at no charge. PC FSC has purchased ad space and partial cost for a Living With Fire tabloid. Some concern on providing funds to one media outlet with unclearly defined expectations and not to others. John Sheehan will explore our ability =to use our funds for such purpose and Shaun will provide a prospectus for consideration.**

New Business

1. Discuss PC Entity Stewardship Concept – Frank Stewart –**Frank wasn’t present to discuss.**
2. Approve 2010 Annual Goals – Brian West – **Jim Hamblin made a motion to adopt the 2010 Goals. Mike De Lasaux seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
3. Post Fuel Reduction Biomass Removal- Mike De Lasaux - **Some discussion dealing with numerous piles of biomass in the woods to be burned versus mastication or removal for co-generation. Next meeting Pete Duncan will make a presentation on burning challenges.**

Meeting Concluded @ 12:15PM

