

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes

Thursday April 12, 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)
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- Ed Harrison
2. Review Agenda – Ed Harrison
3. Next meeting – **May 10, 2007**
4. Review/Approve minutes from 3/8/07 meeting – Ed Harrison – **Mike Condon made a motion to approve the notes as presented. Steve Windward seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
5. Public Comment - Ed Harrison – **John Sheehan mentioned the trespass cutting on the Delleker North project with damages to be determined. .**
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 – **Funds remain in this project. The Gold Mountain FSC is requesting funds to assist their planned 1 day per month chipping program, as their CC&R’s prohibit open burning. The Council agrees that the funds should be focused in areas where burning is prohibited.**

- B. PC FSC 04-1, 2, & 8 - C Road HFR – 117 acres – John Sheehan – **Toppers Tree Service plans to begin operations to complete 30 acre of biomass work.**
- C. PC FSC 04-4 & 12 - Canyon Dam HFR - 900 acres– John Sheehan – **USFS expect the service contract to be out soon. There may be a need for some modification of the treatment in stream zones.**
- D. PC FSC 04-6 - County Stewardship Proposal – John Sheehan – **Nothing New To Report.**
- E. PC FSC 06-7 - PC FSC Council Coordination – John Sheehan – **Grant proposals are still pending a decision for 4 Title III proposals. CDF has awarded the Council’s a contract for the La Porte Road HFR project. CA FSC has also recommended that the USFS fund the Indian Valley HFR project and final application information has been provided to them, Work continues with website updates, sharing of firesafe information, press releases & associated grant activities.**
- F. PC FSC 05-2 & 6 - Whitehawk HFR- 121 acres – John Sheehan – **Final contract negotiations are occurring, expect a decision the first of May.**
- G. PC FSC 05-3 & 7 - Greenhorn HFR 30 acres – John Sheehan – **RPF expect to put the project out to bid in early May.**
- H. PC FSC 05-4 & 8 - Grizzly Ck. HFR- 128 acres – John Sheehan – **Firestorm has been selected as the treatment contractor. Some landowners are reconsidering their decision to participate. The RPF, project manager and Council members have been discussing options.**
- I. PC FSC 06-1 & 8 – West Almanor Community Club HFR – 11 acres -John Sheehan – **Contractor as been selected and treatment is expected to begin when soil conditions allow.**
- J. PC FSC 03-1, 05-5, 06-2 & 5 – Eastern Plumas HFR – 175 acres - John Sheehan – **RPF expect to put the project out to bid in May or June.**
- K. PC FSC 06-3 & 9 – Massack HFR – 160 acres -John Sheehan – **RPF expect to put the project out to bid in May or June.**
- L. PC FSC 06-4 & 10 – Little Grass Valley HFR – 111 acres - John Sheehan - **Soper-Wheeler is planning treatment to begin soon, after Ranger Decision Memo and environmental work.**
- M. PC FSC 06-6 – La Porte Pines HFR – 75 acres -John Sheehan – **Council is working with the Feather River Ranger District to accomplish the 3 acres of private in conjunction with treating of their acres of public lands.**

7. Status update of Current Grant Proposals.

- A. Indian Valley HFR-200 acres - CA FSC & Title III – **CA FSC Recommended funding – Final application submitted to USFS.**

- B. Elderly Disabled Defensible Space – 75 - CA FSC & Title III – **Not selected for funding by CA FSC. A Title III request is pending with the County Board of Supervisors.**
 - C. La Porte Road HFR – 100 acres - CDF Prop 40 & Title III – **CDF will fund the project. A resolution by the PC FSC Board will be need to pass a resolution identifying persons allowed to sign documents. Mike De Lasaux made a motion to pass Resolution 07-1 allowing the Director of Plumas Corporation (PC FSC fiscal Sponsor) and any PC FSC board member as authorized to sign agreements with the State for this contract. Brian West seconded the motion and all Board members voted in favor of it.**
 - D. PC FSC Coordination – Title III - **A Title III request is pending with the County Board of Supervisors.**
 - E. C Road Right of Way – Title III - **A Title III request is pending with the County Board of Supervisors.**
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 – **The Forest’s decision to implement the Freeman & Slapjack projects has been upheld on appeal. The Decision on the Sugarberry project is expected in late April. Contracts for the Canyon Dam & Diamond projects are expected out this summer.**
 9. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) – Jim Graham **Brian Morris, Deputy County Counsel, made a presentation to the Board of Supervisors on April 3, and said that while technically Plumas County is in compliance with State Law, because the Board of Forestry had approved our County Code a number of years ago, we were not meeting the intent of the law by not having the same practical effect. Henri Brachais, CDF Butte Ranger Unit Chief, told the Board of Supervisors that he was going to ask for an interpretation from the CDF Headquarters & Board of Forestry to determine if Plumas County Codes should continue to be certified. After much discussion, Supervisors voted 4-1 to have Planning and Building Services provide them with a Draft driveway code that complies with PRC 4290.**
 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 – **Private properties with structures less than 100’ from public lands have been identified. PC FSC & Mt. Hough RD personnel will continue working on notification and strategy to treat public lands so that property owners may achieve 100’ of defensible space.**
 12. PC FSC Board Make-up– John Sheehan – **John Sheehan has submitted a letter of resignation from the PC FSC Board, citing a potential conflict of interest, as he is the Executive Director of Plumas Corporation, our fiscal sponsor. The Board will need to select a new Secretary.**

13. Secure Rural Schools Funding – Frank Stewart- **Legislation pending current funding bill in congress.**

14. CA FSC legislative issues – Frank Stewart – **Nothing New to Report.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Firewise Awareness Week - May 6-12, 2007 – Jerry Hurley – **The week of May 6-13 is Wildfire Awareness Week in California. This year's focus is on enforcing State Law for 100' of Defensible Space. On May 10 from 6-8:30PM, UC Cooperative Extension and PC FSC will be hosting a workshop for wildfire safety, in Graeagle. Topics will include construction standards, defensible space & simple precautionary measures residents can take to protect their homes from wildfire.**

Adjourned @ 10:35 AM