

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes

Thursday May 13, 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 –**June 10, 2010**
4. Review/Approve minutes from April 8, 2010 meeting – Brian West – **Mike De Lasaux 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 – **Frank Stewart suggest PC FSC become a paying member of the organization to reauthorize Secure Rural Schools funding. John Sheehan will look into the legalities of using our grant funds for this purpose.**
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. 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 working to treat an t additional 4.5 acres. RPF assessing road damage to one parcel.**
 - D. PC FSC 07-2 - La Porte Road HFR – 100 acres –**All forest product have been sent to the mill. 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 implement a roadside fuelbreak with PNF Steven’s Funds (see 7.D.). About 79 of 90 parcel owners’ expressed interest in participating.**
 - F. PC FSC 07-6 – Taylorsville HFR – 30 acres –**Nothing New To Report.**
 - G. PC FSC 09-2 & 09-4 – Elderly/Disabled Defensible Space –. **Four parcels have been awarded to contractors for treatment. Rob is conducting additional outreach.**
 - H. PC FSC 07-8 – Greenhorn HFR – **RPF and the Greenhorn VFD are working to use remaining funds for community roadside chipping.**
 - I. PC FSC 07-10 - County Educational Workshops – **A HIZ workshop was conducted on 5/12 with 13 participants. Will begin to work towards producing a Living with Fire tabloid for the County newspapers in late June or early July. This will be a cooperative effort with Sierra County Fire Safe & Watershed Council.**
 - J. PC FSC 08- 1 - Gold Mtn. HFR - **Remaining funds to do additional acres. CA FSC extended the project end date. Bids due May 13, 2010 at 5PM.**
 - K. PC FSC 08-2 & 10-1- PC FSC Council Coordination 2007-2011 – **Work continues with FSC coordination activities, developing grant funding requests.**
 - 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 – **Developing a Request for Proposals.**
 - 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.**
 - Q. PC FSC 10-5 - Long Valley II HFR 87 acres –**Awaiting final selection approval by PNF Forest Supervisor.**
 - R. PC FSC 10-6 – Crescent Grade HFR 50 acres – **Awaiting final selection approval by PNF Forest Supervisor.**
 - S. PC FSC 10-7 –Cromberg (Long Valley II), C Road & Whitehawk HFR 210 acres – **Working with PNF to develop a grant agreement.**
7. Status update of proposed Grant Proposals. – John Sheehan
- A. Plumas County FSC Coordination -2009 SNC – **Application was dropped due to a sunset clause and lack of Prop 84 funds.**
 - B. CA FSC La Porte Rd II - **Grant application submitted awaiting funding decision.**
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 –**Nothing New To Report.**
9. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) –Jerry Hurley – **Review efforts will begin with those who have agreed to participate in the process. Will look for opportunities to tie with the safety element of the County General Plan.**

10. Defensible Space on Public Lands – Larry Craggs – **John Sheehan discussed efforts to seek funding in connection with a community block grant through the Housing & Urban Development Commission for General Plan safety planning and community assistance following the 2008 wildfires in the Feather River Canyon.**
11. Update of local FSC and Firewise Community activities – Jerry Hurley –
 - A. **Almanor Basin FSC meets 5/19, and is ready to submit their Firewise Application to Cal Fire.**
 - B. **Graeagle is working aggressively on 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 with Cal Fire occurred on 4/13/10. They expect to submit their application in July following their Firewise Day on July 4th.**
 - C. **Gold Mountain FSC – GM FSC met on 4/14 to discuss HIZ consultation progress for 2010 and soliciting of contractors for their community roadside chipping program, funded in part with PC FSC AQMD funds.**
12. California RCD- Phil Noia- **Phil had to leave early and wasn't available to report.**
13. Emergency Broadcast Services through the local FM radio station, FM 91.9 KQNY -Shaun Lemnah – **Shaun wasn't available to report**

New Business

1. Discuss PC Entity Stewardship Concept – Frank Stewart –**Frank is awaiting a reply from the FS Washington Office on three critical issues that need to be resolved.**
2. HFR in-kind cash variance for community HFR projects- Jerry Hurley- **A draft proposed form to allow property owners to request a variance in paying cash in-kind for community HFR projects was shared. There was support for the form and concept, which would be completed by the landowner, RPF and require Board approval. Mike Callaghan made a motion to approve the form for use by the RPF's and Plumas Corporation (PC FSC 's fiscal sponsor). Frank Stewart seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
3. Burning Challenges – Pete Duncan – **Don Fregulia, BRD fuels tech, discussed the volume of piles requiring burning on their district, how they are seeking alternatives when feasible and working with AQMD to minimize impacts into the Portola air shed.**
4. HFR Maintenance Monitoring- Mike De Lasaux – **Deferred until June meeting**
5. Landscape Scale Ecosystem Restoration – Deb Bumpus – **Discussion of a meeting between the Beckwourth RD , Lassen County FSC & Plumas County FSC to explore opportunities for a landscape scale ecosystem restoration project. Looking beyond HFQLD+G . The discussion focused on applying for a FS Grant in cooperation with the Nature Conservancy 's program Fire learning Network that will help restore fire dependent ecosystems. This would be a collaborative project with agencies, landowner & interested public. Discussions were currently focused on the eastside pine type from and down the eastside escarpment. Community protection of Janesville would be a key component. Considering a larger public meeting around the end of June**

Meeting Concluded @ 11:35 AM