

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes

Thursday May 11, 2006 - 9:00 am.
Plumas County
Planning & Building Services Conference Room
555 Main Street – Quincy, CA

*Ed Harrison, Chair (06)
Ron Cross, Vice Chair (06)
John Sheehan, Secretary (06)
Andy Anderson (07)
Jim Graham, (07)
Mike De Lasaux, (06)
Jim Hamblin (07)
Frank Stewart (06)
David Hawks (06)
Michael Condon (07)
Brian West (06)*

OLD BUSINESS

1. Welcome & Introductions- Ron Cross
2. Review Agenda – Ron Cross
3. Next meeting: **June 8, 2006**
4. Review/Approve minutes from 4/13/06 meeting – Ron Cross – **Mike De Lasaux made a motion to approve the notes with no changes. David Hockday seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
5. Public Comment - Ron Cross - **None**
6. Status update of Current Grants. (Refer to Grant Summary Sheet)
 - A. PC FSC 02- 9 – NSAQMD Chipping in lieu of burning – **Craig Simmons reported back to the Council regarding their concerns for GM 's CSD request for \$2,000 chipping in lieu of burning funds. Mike De Lasaux made a motion to approve the funds for \$2,000. Jim Graham seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote. Ole Olsen County Supervisor also offered additional funds from his community service funds if they are needed. GM will work directly with Supervisor Olsen.**
 - B. PC FSC 03- 1 – Outreach Delleker/Portola HFR 125 acres – **See 6.Q.**
 - C. PC FSC 03- 2 & 3 - Indian Falls HFR 50 acres - **Six bids are under review. The 2 lowest bidders were being requested to provide information on insurances, vehicle, workers compensation, documentation of workers and references.**
 - D. PC FSC 03- 6 & 7 - Cromberg HFR 350 acres - **Project is 80% complete, with one parcel to biomass thin.**

- E. PC FSC 03-9 & 04-9 - Graeagle Fuelbreak THP 200 acres – **Nothing New to Report**
 - F. PC FSC 03 –12 & 13 - Elderly/Disabled Defensible Space – **Dick Kielhorn has begun outreach. He is looking for new clients or prior properties that need maintenance in 2006.**
 - G. PC FSC 03-16 – 100 acres Hazardous Fuel Reduction –Delleker North – **Finished up this date with mastication. Project has treated 148 acres. Project will closeout 6/1/06.**
 - H. PC FSC 04-1, 2, & 8 - C Road HFR – **Nothing New to Report**
 - I. PC FSC 04-3 & 10 - Gold Mountain HFR – **Nothing New to Report**
 - J. PC FSC 04-4 & 12 Canyon Dam HFR – **PC FSC is providing a letter of support. The decision was due to be signed, but a new 9th Circuit Court decision on indicator species may have an affect on USFS fuel reduction activities.**
 - K. PC FSC 04-6 County Stewardship Proposal – **Nothing New to Report**
 - L. PC FSC 04-7 & 11 - Red Clover (Genesee) HFR– **Project is 40% complete, with a targeted completion date of 6/1/06.**
 - M. PC FSC 05-1 - PC FSC Council Coordination – **Work continues with website updates, sharing of firesafe information, press releases & associated grant activities. Mike Condon, USFS & Mike De Lasaux, UCCE, are working with Feather Publishing to develop a FireSafe tabloid to come out this month.**
 - N. PC FSC 05-2 & 6 - Whitehawk HFR – **Community representative Jay Skutt, Pete Thill, contracted RPF, and Jerry Hurley have met to review & discuss project implementation. Pete will begin the assessment and filing for a timber harvest exemption.**
 - O. PC FSC 05-3 & 7 - Greenhorn HFR– **PC FSC has a signed contract with PNF for this projects. Wayland Resources has completed about 25% of the flagging & layout.**
 - P. PC FSC 05-4 & 8 - Grizzly Ck. HFR – **Nothing New to Report**
 - Q. PC FSC 05-5 Mohawk Vista HFR Outreach – **A meeting of property owners is scheduled for 6/10/06 at the Graeagle Fire Hall. Mike De Lasaux has also sent out a survey for residents of those participating communities.**
7. 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**
8. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP).– Jim Graham- **Progress on the implementation projects is:**
- A. **Display - Council members reviewed the proof for the display to go into the foyer of the PC Planning & Building services.**

- B. **Driveway Ordinance** - The revised driveway ordinance will be reviewed at the next Council meeting.
 - C. **HFR in proposed subdivisions** - Jim will explore developing an ordinance for reducing hazardous fuels before subdivisions are recorded, if it does not need to be part of the work that the Planning Commission is work-in on.
 - D. **Fire Districts for future developments** – This issue is expected to be addressed by the Planning Commission in revising of the County’s General Plan.
 - E. **Shake roof maintenance** - Jim will explore developing an ordinance to revise the amount of shake roof surface that may be replaced annually from 50 to 15 percent.
9. Committee report on recommendations for fuel reduction treatment areas of public lands around communities, beyond HFQLG. – Frank Stewart - **Nothing New to Report**
10. Future Grant projects (La Porte, Little Grass Valley, Mohawk Vista, West Almanor, La Porte Pines, Massack, Publication Development, Council Coordination) – **All final application for HFR grants have been submitted and we are awaiting final decisions and contracts. Title III requests have been tentatively approved by PC Board of Supervisors and are in the 45 day public comment period.**
11. Gold Mountain CSD request for chipping funds in lieu of burning. – Craig Simmons – **See 6.A.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation Firewise Communities - Judith Larass Cook – **A Firewise Community is one which collectively taken steps that enable it to withstand a wildland fire without the intervention of the fire service. In fact, Judith pointed out that a house and its surrounding community can be both Firewise and compatible with the area's ecosystem. The Firewise Communities/USA recognition program enables communities in all parts of the United States to achieve a high level of protection against wildland/urban interface fire as well as sustainable ecosystem balance. Firewise Communities/USA program provides residents of the wildland/urban interface with the knowledge and skill necessary to make it happen.**

Firewise Communities/USA is a unique opportunity available to America's fire-prone communities. Its goal is to encourage and acknowledge action that minimizes home loss to wildfire. It teaches participants how to prepare for a fire before it occurs. The program adapts especially well to small communities, developments and residential associations of all types. Firewise Communities/USA is a simple, three-legged template that is easily adapted to different locales.

2. USFS acknowledgement for paying half the cost of the FireSafe Tabloid. – **Michael Condon – Mike asked that the USFS logo also be placed on the forthcoming FireSafe Tabloid, as PNF is paying half of the cost. While PNF is a partner in PC FSC, they request their logo be placed on the cover for proper expenditure and accounting purposes. Jim Graham made a motion to place the USFS logo on the cover. David Hockday seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote except for 1 abstention.**

The meeting concluded at 11:40AM