

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes

Thursday August 10, 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)
Brian West, Treasure (06)
John Sheehan, Secretary (06)
Andy Anderson (07)
Jim Graham, (07)
Mike De Lasaux, (06)
Jim Hamblin (07)
Frank Stewart (06)
Dale Meese (06)
Michael Condon (07)

OLD BUSINESS

1. Welcome & Introductions- Ed Harrison
2. Review Agenda – Ed Harrison
3. Next meeting – **September 14, 2006**
4. Review/Approve minutes from 7/13/06 meeting – Ed Harrison – **Jim Hamblin made a motion to approve the notes as presented. Michael Condon seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
5. Public Comment - Ed Harrison - **None**
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 – **Craig Simmons, of Gold Mountain, reported that their annual community chipping program was a large success, providing services to 17 community members for 35 hours of chipping. They will report the accomplished tons of material chipped to back to John Sheehan. The community plans another chipping day in the fall with their remaining NS AQMD funds and additional funds from Supervisor Ole Olsen.**
 - B. PC FSC 03- 2 & 3 - Indian Falls HFR - 50 acres - John Sheehan – **All of the project area has been thinned with areas accessible to a chipper having had the material chipped. There are remaining piles which will be burned by the contractor in the fall.**
 - C. PC FSC 03- 6 & 7 - Cromberg HFR - 350 acres - John Sheehan – **Wayland Resources expects the final 25 acres to be treated by 9/30/06.**

- D. PC FSC 03–9 & 04-9 - Graeagle Fuelbreak THP - 200 acres – John Sheehan – **Graeagle Land and Water Company has sent a letter to PC FSC stating that they decided to not to continue work on this project under the terms of the RAC agreement and have asked that we disencumber the funds. They plan to harvest the project area and continue working with the community to use community funds to create a fuelbreak.**

Discussion ensued on how to prevent this from occurring in the future. A lessons learned discussion will be carried over to the next meeting.

- E. PC FSC 03 –12 & 13 - Elderly/Disabled Defensible Space – John Sheehan – **Dick Kilehorn reported that 2 more properties have been treated, with 6-7 waiting to see if they qualify or funds are available. A number of prior participants are requesting some level of maintenance.**
- F. PC FSC 04-1, 2, & 8 - C Road HFR – 117 acres – John Sheehan – **Wayland Resources is waiting on the availability of the timber operator to get back into the area.**

There was discussion on how to shorten up the timelines for implementation of HFR projects. There are unique project difficulties associated community HFR projects. These projects have multiple land owners usually with limited acres and differing needs; along with the desired timing for implementation often conflicts with the availability of quality timber operators who also have commitments to larger projects and are limited by weather.

- G. PC FSC 04-3 & 10 - Gold Mountain HFR- 320 acres – John Sheehan – **Graeagle Land and Water Company has sent a letter to PC FSC stating that they decided to not to continue work on this project under the terms of the RAC agreement and have asked that we disencumber the funds. They plan to harvest the project area and continue working with the community to use community funds to create a fuelbreak**
- H. PC FSC 04-4 & 12 - Canyon Dam HFR - 900 acres– John Sheehan – **The project Decision Memo has been signed, and is in the appeal waiting period, with the final decision expected in mid-September.**
- I. PC FSC 04-6 - County Stewardship Proposal – John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
- J. PC FSC 04-7 & 11 - Red Clover (Genesee) HFR– 107 acres - John Sheehan – **A new Timber Harvest Exemption Permit has been filed and work is expected to resume on 8/24/06.**
- K. PC FSC 05-1 & 06-7 - PC FSC Council Coordination – John Sheehan –**Work continues with website updates, sharing of firesafe information, press releases & associated grant activities. Funds for project # 05-1 have been spent, and work will continue under project #06-7.**
- L. PC FSC 05-2 & 6 - Whitehawk HFR- 121 acres – John Sheehan – **Marking for mechanical tree harvest is occurring in the community common area. RPF Pete Thill is preparing the environmental documentation and CDF permits.**

- M. PC FSC 05-3 & 7 - Greenhorn HFR 30 acres – John Sheehan – **Property lines have been flagged and the project is expected to begin in the late fall.**
 - N. PC FSC 05-4 & 8 - Grizzly Ck. HFR- 128 acres – John Sheehan – **RPF Steve Windward has met with a number of the property owners to discuss implementation and has begun layout.**
 - O. PC FSC 06-1 & 8 – West Almanor Community Club HFR – 11 acres -John Sheehan – **Proposals for Registered Professional Forester’s (RPF) are being evaluated and selections are expected prior to next month’s meeting.**
 - P. PC FSC 03-1, 05-5, 06-2 & 5 – Eastern Plumas HFR – 175 acres - John Sheehan – **Proposals for Registered Professional Forester’s (RPF) are being evaluated and selections are expected prior to next month’s meeting.**
 - Q. PC FSC 06-3 & 9 – Massack HFR – 160 acres -John Sheehan – **Proposals for Registered Professional Forester’s (RPF) are being evaluated and selections are expected prior to next month’s meeting.**
 - R. PC FSC 06-4 & 10 – Little Grass Valley HFR – 111 acres - John Sheehan - **The Little Grass Valley Homeowner Associations are planning a meeting on 8/19/to discuss the projects.**
 - S. PC FSC 06-6 – La Porte Pines HFR – 75 acres -John Sheehan – **PC FSC is providing a letter of support to the Sugarberry project which this project will be part of. The Feather River Ranger District is planning a public meeting on 8/19/06 in La Porte.**
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 – **Mike reviewed the status of a number of PNF projects.**
 8. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) – Jim Graham **Jim expects to take proposed ordinance revisions for driveways & shake roofs to the Board of Supervisors for their approval on 9/19/06.**
 9. Committee report on recommendations for fuel reduction treatment areas of public lands around communities, beyond HFQLG. – Frank Stewart – **Nothing New To Report**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Change CDF representation on PC FSC Board – David Hawks – **John Sheehan made a motion to approve Dale Meese as the CDF Representative to the PC FSC Board to replace David Hawks. Jim Graham seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM