

# Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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## Meeting Notes

**Thursday August 9, 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)*

*Michael Condon, Secretary (09)*

*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 –**September 13, 2007**
4. Review/Approve minutes from July 12, 2007 meeting – Ed Harrison – **Brian West made a motion to approve the notes as presented. Andy Anderson 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 – **Nothing New to Report.**
  - B. PC FSC 04-1, 2, & 8 - C Road HFR – 117 acres – John Sheehan – **86 acres are completed. Additional funds and an operator are needed to treat with mastication to treat 40 more acres. This will bring the project up from 110 to 126 acres and finish up the parcels from the original participants.**

- C. PC FSC 04-4 & 12 - Canyon Dam HFR - 900 acres– John Sheehan – **Not yet awarded. Project has been re-advertised for mid-September award.**
- D. PC FSC 04-6 - County Stewardship Proposal – John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
- E. PC FSC 05-2 & 6 - Whitehawk HFR- 121 acres – John Sheehan – **Treatment is progressing. Incomes are approaching expectations.**
- F. PC FSC 05-3 & 7 - Greenhorn HFR 30 acres – John Sheehan – **Presently there are insufficient funds to accomplish the project based on bids. PC FSC is returning to the RAC to seek additional funds.**
- G. PC FSC 05-4 & 8 - Grizzly Ck. HFR- 128 acres – John Sheehan – **CDF has approved a portion of the project. Additional surface and ladder treatment needs to occur on two of the parcels. One of the landowners is pulling out of the project.**
- H. PC FSC 03-1, 05-5, 06-2 & 5 – Eastern Plumas HFR – 175 acres - John Sheehan – **PC FSC has received a check from the CA FSC Clearinghouse with the remaining portion of the project planned to be funded by Title II funds based on the RAC’s recommendation. While the project bib prospectus has not gone out, there is a concern that there may be insufficient funds for this project based on the latest bids from Greenhorn & Massack. A supplemental request to the RAC & CDF is being prepared.**
- I. PC FSC 06-3 & 9 – Massack HFR – 160 acres -John Sheehan – The original bids exceeded available funding and a review of the mark is being conducted by the RPF.
- J. PC FSC 06-4 & 10 – Little Grass Valley HFR – 111 acres - John Sheehan – **Soper-Wheler is unable to find an operator at this time. The project may be pt off until early 2008.**
- K. PC FSC 06-6 – La Porte Pines HFR – 75 acres - John Sheehan – **Feather River RD personnel have the NEPA approved for both the public & private lands. A prospectus for mastication is expected to go out soon.**
- L. PC FSC 07-1 & 4 - Indian Valley HFR-200 acres – John Sheehan - **Awaiting final contract from USFS.**
- M. PC FSC 07-2 - La Porte Road HFR – 100 acres – John Sheehan – **Need to have o public meeting with projected participants.**
- N. PC FSC 07-4 - PC FSC Council Coordination – John Sheehan – **PC BoS approved funding for this work with Title II funds. Proposals are being prepared for 5 RAC projects, and a CDF Western States WUI grant. Work continues with website updates, sharing of firesafe information, press releases & associated grant activities.**
- O. PC FSC 07-5 – C Road right-of-way planning – John Sheehan – **PC BoS approved funding for this work with Title II funds.**
- P. PC FSC 07-6 – Taylorsville HFR – 30 acres – John Sheehan – **PC FSC is under contract with Plumas NF to treat hazardous fuels on County lands above the Taylorsville campground.**

7. Status update of proposed Grant Proposals.
  - A. Elderly Disabled Defensible Space – 75 – RAC – John Sheehan – **Project proposal is in final draft stages for submission at the end of the month.**
  - B. Returning to RAC for assistance in covering under funded projects (Eastern Plumas, Massack, Greenhorn) – RAC – John Sheehan – **Project proposal is in final draft stages for submission at the end of the month.**
  - C. Gold Mountain Hazardous Fuel Reduction – RAC – 100-200 acres – John Sheehan - **Project proposal is in final draft stages for submission at the end of the month.**
  - D. Lake Almanor County Club Hazardous Fuel Reduction – 10 acres– RAC – John Sheehan **Project proposal is in final draft stages for submission at the end of the month.**
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 EIS for the Empire project is being appealed. Proposed treatment units for the Diamond Project were burned up in the Wheeler Fire. A Notice of Proposed Action for the Antelope 3 Roadside Hazard Stewardship Project is out. The project is planned to include treating sub-merchantable material along with hazard trees.**
9. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) – Jim Graham **Dennis Miller reported that Supervisor Powers suggest the development of evacuation plans for County communities.**
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 - **Nothing New to Report.**
12. Secure Rural Schools Funding – Frank Stewart - **Nothing New to Report.**
13. CA FSC legislative issues – Frank Stewart - **Nothing New to Report.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Bucks Lake HFR around special use permit cabins – Norman Roberts – **Mr. Roberts requested assistance from the Council for assistance in getting about 50 acres adjacent to cabins in their area treated to a more fire safe condition. Because the home and adjacent properties are on public lands, the Council will work with the Mt. Hough RD on potential for treatment.**

2. **Priorities for PC FSC projects to RAC – John Sheehan – Mike De Lasaux made a motion to prioritize the Council’s RAC proposals as follows:**
- 1) C- Road HFR**
  - 2) Eastern Plumas HFR**
  - 3) Greenhorn HFR**
  - 4) Elderly/Disabled Defensible Space**
  - 5) Gold Mountain HFR**
  - 6) Lake Almanor CC HFR**

**Jim Hamblin seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion was carried.**

3. **Red Clover/Genesee Project – John Sheehan – The Feather River Land Trust is seeking funding assistance for lands they recently acquired of the Heart K Ranch in Genesee Valley. They are requesting assistance to treat hazardous fuels on the recently acquired property. This property was in the original project request, and has had NEPA, but escrow had not closed prior to the project being implemented.**