

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes

Thursday September 9, 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 –**October 14, 2010**
4. Review/Approve minutes from August 12, 2010 meeting – Brian West – **Jim Hamblin made a motion to approve the notes as written. Jay Skutt seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
5. Public Comment - Brian West –**Mike De Lasaux announced a UC Extension was holding a workshop on balancing wildlife and HFR on 9/30/1. He also announced the fall meeting of the California Biodiversity Council in on October 13 & 14 in Calpine & Graeagle the theme is "Managing for Forest Restoration and Resiliency in the Sierra Nevada". John Sheehan updated the Council on the recent SNC Board visit where a presentation of collaborative Plumas County HFR activities was presented.**
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. FSC 04-4 & 12 - Canyon Dam HFR - 900 acres – **Stewardship project was unsuccessful. District will now offer a combination of a timber sale and service contracts.**
 - C. PC FSC 03-1, 05-5, 06-2 & 5, 09-03 – Eastern Plumas HFR – 175 acres –**Funds for about 30 acres will be used on the C-Road ROW fuelbreak project.**
 - D. PC FSC 06-6 – La Porte Pines HFR – 75 acres - **Nothing New To Report.**

- 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 – **Rob Gimbel reported that he has made 44 contacts, 18 properties were in compliance, 26 parcels have been treated, 6 are awaiting contract award and 2 are currently out to bid. Discussion on considering expanding the program to include a paid consultation service. No decision made.**
 - H. PC FSC 07-8 – Greenhorn HFR – **Nothing New To Report.**
 - I. PC FSC 07-10 - County Educational Workshops – **Nothing New To Report.**
 - J. PC FSC 08-2 & 10-1- PC FSC Council Coordination 2007-2011 – **Work continues with FSC coordination activities, developing grants funding requests and assisting in project implementation.**
 - K. PC FSC 08- 3 & 09-1- Community HFR Planning & Project Development – **Nothing New To Report. Just submitted a 174-acre HFR for the La Porte Rd II project to the SNC.**
 - L. PC FSC 10-2 - PC Planning Dept – GIS mapping in support of PC FSC CWPP – **Data layer updates being shared with the Plumas & Lassen NF’s. GIS Department participating in the review & update of the CWPP.**
 - M. PC FSC 10-3 – Bucks Lake CWPP and Firewise Community Planning –**Nothing New to Report.**
 - N. PC FSC 10-4 – Long Valley II & Crescent Grade HFR 100 acres –**Logging to begin this week in the Cromberg/Long Valley community. Planning on Crescent Grade continues.**
 - O. PC FSC 10-5 - Long Valley II HFR 87 acres –**Funds (FY2011) become available in October 2010.**
 - P. PC FSC 10-6 – Crescent Grade HFR 50 acres –**Funds (FY2011) become available in October 2010.**
 - Q. PC FSC 10-7 –Cromberg (Long Valley II), C Road & Whitehawk HFR 210 acres –**Grant agreement signed, Decision Memo for Cromberg and Whitehawk is signed. Treatment work to begin on the Cromberg/Long Valley II projects this week. Marking to begin on Whitehawk and planning is continuing on C-Road.**
7. Status update of proposed Grant Proposals. – John Sheehan – **Four pre-project applications are being prepared.**
- A. PC FSC Coordination – Title III – **Concept paper provided.**
 - B. La Porte Rd II – 2010 SNC – **Application will be submitted on 9/13/10 for 174 acres of HFR.**
 - C. C FSC Wildfire Mitigation Project Development & Coordination - 2010 SNC – **SNC suggested that planning projects this round would have a low likelihood of success. Decision not to invest the time preparing the application.**
 - D. Project development Sierra/Plumas County Elderly/Disabled D’Space – **SNC discouraged multi-county applications. PC FS will not pursue.**
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 –**PNF Interest in PC FSC efforts to revise WUI map.**

Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) –Jerry Hurley – **CWPP review committee met post meeting last month to discuss which map layers should be retained, consolidated or dropped and how to make the plan less bulky. The Updated WUI map**

had a final review by the agencies and Council members. The map was presented as a proposed updated WUI map as part of our CWPP updating process along with discussion on how the revisions evolved and the need to have more connectivity between the “communities at risk” and their associated WUI’s. There was follow up discussion of how it may positively affect USFS HFR projects.

Mike De Lasaux made a motion to "Approve this revised WUI map as presented at today’s meeting". Jay Skutt seconded the motion. After discussion the motion carried unanimously by members present.

Following that motion, Jay Skutt made a motion "To take this just approved map to the County Board of Supervisors as a CWPP update". Phil Noia seconded the motion. After discussion the motion carried unanimously by members present.

The committee to update the CWPP did not meet following this months meeting.

9. Defensible Space on Public Lands – Larry Craggs – **Mt. Hough RD for the American Valley project is now covered by NEPA.**

10. Update of local FSC and Firewise Community activities – Jerry Hurley – **Nothing New to Report.**

11. California RCD- Phil Noia- **SNC is asking for more involvement into RCD harvesting and biomass projects, Phil will also be attending a meeting at the end of the month to select conservative easements for Legacy programs.**

12. Emergency Broadcast Services through the local FM radio station, FM 91.9 KQNY -Shaun Lemnah – **As suggested at the last meeting, representatives of the station prepared a Title III request to the Board of Supervisors for funding.**

New Business

1. Discuss PC Entity Stewardship Concept – Frank Stewart – **Frank reported that on August 25th, the Sustainable Forest Action Coalition of 17 counties in NE California participated in a meeting hosted by Congressmen Herger and McClintock with US Forest Service Regional Forester Randy Moore and members of his staff. Stewardship Contracts (SC) were one of the issues discussed and specifically the importance of collecting Forest Reserve Revenues (25% receipts) for counties that is not allowed under existing SC authorities and the need to address this issue in new legislation. Congressman Herger and his staff are currently working on such a package that could also include: 1) extending SC out to 20 years, 2) allow the SC Revenues to be used for NEPA and layout work, 3) allow SC Revenues to be used for performing hazardous fuel reduction activities on adjoining non-industrial private property shown in a County Fire Plan.**

Meeting Concluded @ 11:145AM