

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes

Thursday September 14, 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 – **October 12, 2006**
4. Review/Approve minutes from 8/10/06 meeting – Ed Harrison – **Ron Cross made a motion to approve the notes as presented. Brian West seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
5. Public Comment - Ed Harrison
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 03- 2 & 3 - Indian Falls HFR - 50 acres - John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - C. PC FSC 03- 6 & 7 - Cromberg HFR - 350 acres - John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - D. PC FSC 03 –12 & 13 - Elderly/Disabled Defensible Space – John Sheehan – **Discussion on contacting PNF & RAC on additional fund to continue the project. John will pursue.**
 - E. PC FSC 04-1, 2, & 8 - C Road HFR – 117 acres – John Sheehan – **Simms has moved back in and resumed operations.**
 - F. PC FSC 04-4 & 12 - Canyon Dam HFR - 900 acres– John Sheehan – **EA has gone through the appeal waiting period with no appeals & is on schedule for implementation.**

- G. PC FSC 04-6 - County Stewardship Proposal – John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
- H. PC FSC 04-7 & 11 - Red Clover (Genesee) HFR– 107 acres - John Sheehan – **Project activities have been completed.**
- I. PC FSC 06-7 - PC FSC Council Coordination – John Sheehan – **Work continues with website updates, sharing of firesafe information, press releases & associated grant activities.**
- J. PC FSC 05-2 & 6 - Whitehawk HFR- 121 acres – John Sheehan –**Timber marking has been completed & RPF Thill is preparing the necessary environmental documentation, obtaining landowner agreements & preparing prospectuses for operations. There is a difference between the projected & actual timber merchantable volumes which will create a shortfall if income & match, Mike De Lasaux made a motion to send a letter to the PNF & RAC requesting additional fund to treat all of the planned acres. Ron Cross seconded and after discussion, the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
- K. PC FSC 05-3 & 7 - Greenhorn HFR 30 acres – John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
- L. PC FSC 05-4 & 8 - Grizzly Ck. HFR- 128 acres – John Sheehan – **RPF Windward reported that he had been in contact with all property owners, and had established data plots. He has begun collection of data for the environmental applications.**
- M. PC FSC 06-1 & 8 – West Almanor Community Club HFR – 11 acres -John Sheehan – **Joe Smailes was selected as the RPF for this project.**
- N. PC FSC 03-1, 05-5, 06-2 & 5 – Eastern Plumas HFR – 175 acres - John Sheehan – **Brian Wayland was selected as the RPF for this project.**
- O. PC FSC 06-3 & 9 – Massack HFR – 160 acres -John Sheehan – **Brian Wayland was selected as the RPF for this project.**
- P. PC FSC 06-4 & 10 – Little Grass Valley HFR – 111 acres - John Sheehan – **Property owners had a community meeting on 8/24/06. Soper Wheeler has been in contact with PC FSC and is beginning to prepare the necessary environmental documentation.**
- Q. PC FSC 06-6 – La Porte Pines HFR – 75 acres -John Sheehan – **There was an error in the initial RAC request. It was assumed that the project area was public lands. In actuality about 10 acres of the treatment area is common area for La Porte Pines. PC FSC is working with PNF to amend the project. This will create a need for PC FSC to hire a RPF to manage the project. Mike De Lasaux made a motion that PC FSC request \$2,000 of Title III funds from the County Board of Supervisors for funding to hire a RPF to manage the projects and mention that funds from Graeagle & Gold Mountain HFR’s will be returned. Claude Sanders seconded and after discussion, the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**

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 – **The proposed ordinance changes amending Fire Safe Driveways & shake Roof replacement are through the Planning & Building Services, having been signed by the Department’s Director. They have been sent to County Counsel & are expected to be placed before the Board on 11/7/06 for their approval.**
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. Lessons learned discussion on the Graeagle & Gold Mtn HFR Grants - John Sheehan- **A continuation of last months discussion concluded that PC FSC wants to encourage landowner to participate in HFR and disincentives for dropping out at any time should not be placed in agreements prior to applying for grant funds. PC FSC grant developers will continue to make landowner interested in participating in a project of the time and fiscal commitments that are involved in obtaining grant funding.**
2. Contracting incentives & timelines – Ron Cross – **A discussion on options to get HFR work completed in a timelier manner. Conclusion was that there are limited quality contractors and PC FSC projects are usually accessories to their larger projects, along with weather & site conditions being limiting factor. Since PC FSC began obtaining Grant Funds for community HFR projects in 2002, 434 acres have been completed with another 322 expected to be completed by the end of the year.**

Meeting concluded at 11:30 AM