

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Notes

**Meeting November 12, 2003, 9:00 am.
Quincy Fire Department**

OLD BUSINESS

1. Welcome & Introductions- Mike De Lasaux
2. Review Agenda – Mike De Lasaux
3. Next meeting: **December 10, 2003**
4. Review/Approve minutes from 10/8//03 meeting - **John Sheehan made a motion to approve the notes with no corrections. David Hawks seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
5. Status update of Current Grants. (Refer to Grant Summary Sheet)
 - A. PC FSC 01-1— Homeowner Consultation & Education-Mike De Lasaux – **Contract extended to complete documentation of in-kind support.**
 - B. PC FSC 02-1 & 02-2 - 100 Acre HFR Demonstration– Brian Wayland – **Contracts awarded to 3 contractors for 3 of the parcels. Negotiations continue on the remaining parcels.**
 - C. PC FSC. 02- 3 - Countywide GIS - John Sheehan – **The seamless map has been received. The Council will now work to obtain funding and to make the map available to County residents.**
 - D. PC FSC. 02- 4 - Homeowner Consultations – Jerry Hurley – **Collecting data for the final project report. GPS information still being collected.**
 - E. PC FSC. 02- 5 - HFR Strategy & Assessment – John Sheehan- **The Request for Proposals have been sent to 25 prospective bidders. Proposals are due 11/28/03.**

- F. PC FSC. 02- 6 - Council Display Material – Sue McCourt – **Sue will select materials to purchase with the remaining funds.**
 - G. PC FSC. 02- 7 & 8 - Plumas Eureka HFR –John Gay – **The first 100 feet has been completed along private lands of the project. The material is expected to be burned this month.**
 - H. PC FSC. 02- 9 – NSAQMD Chipping in lieu of burning –John Sheehan – **Nothing new to report. John will work with NSAQMD for a project extension.**
 - I. PC FSC. 03- 1 – Outreach Delleker/Portola HFR 125 acres - John Sheehan – **Jan Stine is retained as the RPF, is working on the project.**
 - J. PC FSC. 03- 2 & 3 - Indian Falls HFR 50 acres - John Sheehan – **Working with the 2 RPF (Dan Howell & Brian Wayland) to sort out the different parcels for the two projects in the community (USFS Demonstration & Title II)**
 - K. PC FSC. 03- 4 & 5 - Camp Layman HFR 50 acres- John Gay – **No work has begun yet**
 - L. PC FSC. 03- 6 & 7 - Cromberg HFR 350 acres - John Sheehan – **This project is still not under contract with the Plumas NF. Brian Wayland is retained as the RPF to coordinate the project.**
 - M. PC FSC 03 – 8 & 14 - Project Development, and Coordination - John Sheehan –**John is working on the Title III applications that the Council identified. Jerry will be attending the CA FSC Grants workshop in Sacramento and begin developing concept papers for community HFR projects in C Road, Gold Mountain, Graeagle and elderly/disabled defensible space assistance.**
 - N. PC FSC 03 – 9 - Graeagle Fuelbreak THP 200 acres – John Sheehan – **Pete Thill is retained as the RPF for this project.**
 - O. PC FSC 03- 10 & 11 - Quincy CSD HFR 17 acres – John Sheehan – **Dan Howell is retained as the RPF for this project.**
 - P. PCFSC 03 – 12 & 13 - Elderly/Disabled Defensible Space – John Sheehan – **3 Contracts have been let to begin work on 3 projects to date. Dick Kielhorn continues to work on outreach & developing the program.**
 - Q. PCFSC 03-15 - FSC Coordination –CY03 – John Sheehan- **Jerry Hurley continues to provide coordination activity services. Ray Nichol is making updates to the website.**
 - R. PCFSC 03-16 – 50 acres Hazardous Fuel Reduction –Delleker North - John Sheehan – **Two proposals received for RPF work. Sheehan, Delasaux and Hurley will review and make decision.**
6. Grants Submitted & Planned–Sheehan/ De Lasaux/ Hurley
- A. 03 SRF-3 - FSC Coordination CY04 – John Sheehan – **No official word had been received as of the meeting.**

- B. 03-RAC-10 HFR RAC Cycle 3 C Road – John Sheehan – **The RAC agreed to recommend this project to the Plumas NF pending the Council obtaining at least a 50% match from some other source, and securing Title III funds for the planning portion.**
- C. 03-RAC-11 HFR RAC Cycle 3 Gold Mountain – John Sheehan – **The RAC voted not to recommend this project to the Plumas NF.**
- D. 04 Title III Proposals to BoS – Mike De Lasaux – **The following projects will be proposed to the Board of Supervisors for funding by the FSC:**
 - 1) **C Road HFR Planning – Hire a RPF (\$15,000)**
 - 2) **Gold Mtn. HFR Planning – Hire a RPF (\$15,000)**
 - 3) **Canyon Dam Fuelbreak Planning – Plumas NF (\$40,000)**
 - 4) **Parcel GIS data on the internet for public use, GPS units & adding County zoning layers (\$65,000)**
 - 5) **Rapid Hazard Assessment, Homeowner Consultation Countywide, & community follow-up (\$20,000)**
 - 6) **Fuel Assessment & Strategy expansion – Depending on bids received for County Fuel Assessment & Strategy (item 5.E.) (\$??)**
 - 7) **FSC Coordination CY04 – Contingent on earlier BLM NFP submission- (\$50,000)**

- 7. HFQLG –HFR project overview/relation to communities Opportunities - Project mapping integration involving US FS, CDF and Fire Safe Council - John Gay. – **Expect to have the map by the December meeting.**
- 8. Plumas NF’s fuel reduction out year program of work
 - a. Process & Strategy - Louann Charbonnier - **Expect to have the map by the December meeting.**

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. PC FSC Board– Mike De Lasaux - **No members up for term at this time. Nominations for the Board will be made in December and voting in January.**
- 2. Recommendation for expanding the “Communities at Risk” list for Plumas County – David Hawks. – **John Gay had a copy of the map that was developed with input from Plumas NF, CDF & PC FSC. The Lassen NF is being contacted to validate the Almanor Basin area. Council members were given the opportunity to make comments and suggestion following the meeting. The final map will be presented to the Board of Supervisors, forwarded to CDF and put into the Plumas County portion of the Butte Ranger Unit Fire Plan.**
- 3. Exemption for Fuelbreaks, HFR & THP extensions – Ray Stine – **Ray handed out a draft of a Fuelbreak Exemption, which may allow a more streamlined process for performing hazardous fuel reduction on private land. Because it was an exemption there was a limit on the amount of merchantable materials that could be removed without a full scale THP. Discussion ensued in the areas of exemptions, exceptions, THP’s, legislation versus Board of Forestry Direction, and how long it may take to get various changes in place. Frank Stewart invited Bill Snyder, CDF Deputy Director, to come to Plumas County to discuss the issue. The meeting is scheduled for 11/19//03.**

4. Assistance to other CA FSC's -So Cal – Frank Stewart- **Frank discussed setting up an account for contributions by PC FSC members so money could be sent to local FSC's in Southern California, who lost everything in the fires. Jerry will forward information to Council members after working out the process with John Sheehan.**

The meeting concluded at 11:45 AM