

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Notes

**Meeting February 11, 2004 9:00 am.
Quincy Fire Department**

OLD BUSINESS

1. Welcome & Introductions- Mike De Lasaux
2. Review Agenda – Mike De Lasaux
3. Next meeting: **March 10, 2004 Quincy Fire Department**
4. Review/Approve minutes from 1/14/03 meeting - **John Sheehan made a motion to approve the notes, Ray Nichol 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 – **Mike is still working with the PNF on qualifying in-kind contributions to the project. There is currently a shortage of about \$13,000 due to a change in the project. The Council was hoping the Board of Supervisors would approve a Title III project that would fill the gap and continue homeowner educational consultations in the County. They didn't vote to approve that project. There was a motion by John Sheehan to alert the Regional Forester of the issue of trying to make up matching funds when a project wasn't able to hit its target. The motion was seconded by David Hawks. After discussion, it was carried by a majority, with one opposed. John Sheehan volunteered to write the letter.**
 - B. PC FSC 02-1 & 02-2 - 100 Acre HFR Demonstration– Brian Wayland – **Project accomplishments are: Indian Falls is complete. The landowner needs to burn their piles. Weddle/Edwards is complete pending burning. A smoke management plan has been submitted. Firestorm needs to secure the burning permit. Almanor is under 3 feet of snow. Portola is under 1-2 feet of snow. Brian met with Hayes to define the treatment area, and he'll submit permits to USFS next week and bids by the end of the month. The signs are still pending USFS approval. The sign order with Feather Publish has been withdrawn after they indicated problems of color changes with the signs. Leanne Schramel-Taylor of PNF phoned yesterday and wants a change. Brian will follow through. It is estimated that there is \$17,000.00 left to work with.**

- C. PC FSC. 02- 3 - Countywide GIS - John Sheehan – **Training for the new system is occurring today. Plumas County still needs to install the server.**
- D. PC FSC. 02- 4 - Homeowner Consultations – Jerry Hurley – **Consultations have been completed. Work on the final report has begun. Collection of GPS data is continuing. An excellent article about the project was in last weeks County newspapers.**
- E. PC FSC. 02- 5 - HFR Strategy & Assessment – John Sheehan- **The Contract with Barry Callenberger of Wildland Rx was signed. We are still working on a target date of the end of May,**
- F. PC FSC. 02- 6 - Council Display Material – Sue McCourt – **There have been 37 subscriptions ordered to the magazine *Home and Fire* for County fire chiefs and Council board members. This project is complete These funds have all been expended.**
- G. PC FSC. 02- 7 & 8 - Plumas Eureka HFR –John Gay – **Personnel from the Beckwourth Ranger District will resume work on this project in the spring when snow melts the area.**
- H. PC FSC. 02- 9 –NSAQMD Chipping in lieu of burning –John Sheehan – **Nothing new to report on this project.**
- I. PC FSC. 03- 1 – Outreach Delleker/Portola HFR 125 acres - John Sheehan- **Nothing new to report. Outreach efforts should begin in mid-march.**
- J. PC FSC. 03- 2 & 3 - Indian Falls HFR 50 acres - John Sheehan – **The Council is working with the selected RPF. Then they will begin working with property owners and Cal Trans.**
- K. PC FSC. 03- 4 & 5 - Camp Layman HFR 50 acres- John Gay – **Personnel from the Beckwourth Ranger District will begin work on this project this spring when snow leaves the area.**
- L. PC FSC. 03- 6 & 7 - Cromberg HFR 350 acres - John Sheehan – **Brian has met with the Chief of the Fire Department. Individual outreach will begin in the next couple weeks.**
- M. PC FSC 03 – 8 & 14 - Project Development, and Coordination - John Sheehan – **Three grant proposals were submitted to the CA FSC Grants Clearinghouse on 1/30/04. They are for fuel reduction in and around communities. See agenda items 6. I., 6. J., and 6.K. Community members from the Rd Clover Creek/Genesee area have solicited the Council’s help in obtaining fuel reduction project funding.**
- N. PC FSC 03 – 9 - Graeagle Fuelbreak THP 200 acres – John Sheehan – **Nothing new to report.**
- O. PC FSC 03- 10 & 11 - Quincy CSD HFR 17 acres – John Sheehan – **The Council is working with the selected RPF. Then they will begin working with the CSD.**

- P. PCFSC 03 – 12 & 13 - Elderly/Disabled Defensible Space – John Sheehan – **Twelve more residents are ready to got out to bid for work. The biggest limitation on the project currently is funding. Because it is currently funded with HR 2389 Title II funds, besides needing to qualify by physical and fiscal criteria, they also need to reside within ¼ mile of the forest boundary. There are more clients desiring the service if the council can find alternates sources of funding.**
- Q. PCFSC 03-15 - FSC Coordination –CY03 – John Sheehan – **Jerry Hurley continues to provide contract coordination services.**
- R. PCFSC 03-16 – 50 acres Hazardous Fuel Reduction –Delleker North - John Sheehan – **Brian Wayland is hired the RPF and working with the landowner on the project.**
- S. PCFSC 03-17 - FSC Coordination CY04 – John Sheehan – **Awaiting the award letter from CA FSC.**

6. Grants Submitted & Planned–Sheehan/ De Lasaux/ Hurley

- A. 03-RAC-10 HFR RAC Cycle 3 C Road – John Sheehan – **The RAC agreed to recommend funding for \$60,500; pending the Council obtaining other funds.**
- B. 04 BoS-1 C Road HFR Planning – John Sheehan – **The Plumas County Board of Supervisors voted to approve this project pending the 45 day public comment period.**
- C. 04 BoS-2 Gold Mountain HFR Planning – John Sheehan – **The Plumas County Board of Supervisors voted to approve this project pending the 45 day public comment period.**
- D. 04 BoS-3 Canyon Dam HFR Planning – John Sheehan – **The Plumas County Board of Supervisors voted to approve this project pending the 45 day public comment period.**
- E. 04 BoS-4 Countywide GIS Phase II – John Sheehan – **The Plumas County Board of Supervisors voted to approve this project pending the 45 day public comment period.**
- F. 04 BoS-5 Countywide Community & Homeowner Education – Mike De Lasaux – **The Plumas County Board of Supervisors voted not to approve this project.**
- G. 04 BoS-6 Fuel Assessment & Strategy -Expansion – John Sheehan – **The Plumas County Board of Supervisors voted not to approve this project.**
- H. 04 BoS-7 County Stewardship Proposal – John Sheehan - **The Plumas County Board of Supervisors voted to approve this project pending the 45 day public comment period.**
- I. 04 CA FSC – C Road HFR - Jerry Hurley – **The concept paper was submitted to the CA FSC Grants Clearinghouse on 1/30/04. We hope to hear back by mid-March on whether or not we were successful.**
- J. 04 CA FSC – Gold Mountain HFR - Jerry Hurley - **The concept paper was submitted to the CA FSC Grants Clearinghouse on 1/30/04. We hope to hear back by mid-March on whether or not we were successful.**

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7. HFQLG –HFR project overview/relation to communities Opportunities - Project mapping integration involving US FS, CDF and Fire Safe Council - PNF’s fuel reduction out year program of work - John Gay. – **Ken Larson of the Lassen NF showed maps of planned HFQLG projects on the Almanor District portion of Plumas County.**
8. CDF Exemption for Fuelbreaks, HFR & THP extensions – Frank Stewart- **Bill Snyder of CDF was present to discuss the exemption process and how to change that through the Board of Forestry, or through a legislative process to make it easier for landowners to accomplish hazardous fuel reduction. PC FSC is currently leading a charge to make fuel reduction on non-industrial private lands more streamlined. Some Council members will meet with Bill after the meeting to outline a strategy.**
9. Progress on Expanding Communities at Risk – David Hawks/John Gay – **PC FSC’s Map is complete; it needs to be presented to PC Board of Supervisors. CDF is in the process of reviewing and establishing criteria at the State level on how to go about modifying the “communities at risk” list.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. CDF Butte RU Chief Brachais Introduction & Comments – David Hawks - **Chief Brachais was welcomed by Council members.**
2. Wildfire Awareness Week May 10-14, Board of Supervisors Special Meeting – **No time to discuss, will carry to the March Agenda.**
3. Almanor Basin Firewise Communities meeting planning- Jerry Hurley – **An Almanor Basin Firewise Workshop is scheduled on 3/31/04 at the Peninsula Fire Department Station #2**
4. PC FSC 2004 Goals - **No time to discuss, will carry to the March Agenda.**
5. Sierra Nevada Frame Work Presentation – Angie Dillingham – **Angie provided an overview of the Sierra Nevada Framework decision and some of the expected benefits & impacts. More information can be obtained by visiting their website at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/snfpa>**

The meeting concluded at 12:30 PM