

# Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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## Notes

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

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Opening/Introductions- Mike De Lasaux
2. Next meeting: **April 9, 2003 At Quincy Fire Station #1.**
3. Review/Approve minutes from 2/12/03 meeting. **John Sheehan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Andy Anderson seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
4. Update progress of 501 (c) 3 application process. –Jerry Hurley
  - a. Applications to IRS (employer ID and 501 c3) & FTB - **We received a response back from the IRS & FTB requesting additional information on a budget. Richard Cox will be putting the information together & we expect to return it within the established timeframes. We have already had a phone conversation with theirs on what is needed.**
- 5 Grants Management-
  - A. Product Value recovered in HFR grant funded projects – Mike De Lasaux - **Our Guiding Principals were adopted at the last meeting.**
  - B. Landowner Agreements & Liability Insurance – Mike De Lasaux - **Mike, John Sheehan, Brian Wayland and Barbara Snelling, PC Deputy County Counsel, working to finalize the agreement between Plumas County and the Landowner for funding HFR projects on private lands to protect the County and the Landowner. They will present it to the County Board of Supervisors in March for approval. They will report back next month. The Council's desire is to provide assistance to landowners in the planning and accomplishment of HFR.**

6. Status update of Current Grants. (Refer to Grant Summary Sheet)
- A. PC FSC 01-1— Homeowner Consultation & Education-Jerry Hurley - **This project is finishing up, work on the final report continues. Compiling of the collected GPS data is in progress by a FRC student to assist the project. Additional GPS data is being collected in the County. GPS information has been collected for at least 50% of the communities in the County at this time, excluding the interiors of large communities. Wildfire Evacuation Assembly Area signs are being ordered for posting at the sites identified in the community evacuation plans. Additional Evacuation plans have been published. The Council has purchased 100 videos and 25 DVD's of Cohen's video on preventing home ignitions, for countywide distribution this spring to video stores, fire departments and homeowner associations.**
  - B. PC FSC 01-2– Fire Safe Council Coordination –Jerry Hurley - **Progress is continuing. Council business of seeking tax-exempt status, working to implement grants, following up on grant requests, posting of notes, agenda and press releases continues. Work is continuing on the display board. A Firewise workshop is scheduled in Graeagle on 3/20/03.**
  - C. PC FSC 02-1 & 02-2 - 100 Acre HFR Demonstration– Brian Wayland – **Brian has visited all of the sites and refined the acres to be treated. With his refinements, we have 51 acres of treatable land for a cost of \$37,000. He is awaiting the County agreement (Item 5. B.) so he can have the landowners sign it. The issue of how much NEPA the FS will require still needs to be cleared up. The committee will get back together to recommend additional acres for treatment at the next meeting. The goal is to achieve the Grants target of 100 acres.**
  - D. PC FSC. 02- 3 - Countywide GIS - John Sheehan – **The County has a Request for Proposal (RFP) out at this time. Proposals are due back to the County by 4/4/03, with award expected on 5/6/03 and work to begin on 5/7/03.**
  - E. PC FSC. 02- 4 - Homeowner Consultations – Jerry Hurley - **Consultation training for the new departments occurred on 3/1/03. Four of the six departments participated. A follow-up training is planned in April for Sierra Valley & Portola. Parcel maps have been developed to identify where consultations will be offered, so outreach letters can be sent out. An experiment to offer address signs as an incentive will be explored by a committee of Jim Hamblin, Dennis Miller and Warren Grandall. Indian Valley may be the experimental location for this effort. Still awaiting a change of fiscal sponsors from Plumas County to Plumas Corporation, so contract for coordination can be awarded.**
  - F. PC FSC. 02- 5 - HFR Strategy & Assessment – John Sheehan –**RFP is ready to go. John made a motion to put the project out to bid. Ray Nichol seconded**

**the motion, which after discussion carried by a unanimous vote. John will send out. It would be best to have the change of fiscal sponsors, from Plumas County to Plumas Corporation, complete before awarding of the contract.**

- G. PC FSC. 02- 6 - Council Display Material – Sue McCourt – **No one from the committee was present to discuss progress.**
  - H. PC FSC. 02- 7 & 8 - Plumas Eureka HFR –John Gay- **John was not present to discuss.**
  - I. PC FSC. 02- 9 – NSAQMD Chipping in lieu of burning –John Sheehan –**The intention is to put the dollars towards existing demonstration and future HFR projects. If a community came forward with a project to chip in lieu of burning they could request funds from the Council, to assist them**
- 7 Grants Submitted & Planned–Sheehan/ De Lasaux/ Hurley/ Bishop
- A. 02-BoS-6 – Outreach Delleker/Portola HFR 125 acres - **To increase participation only Title II funds for project development is requested at this time.**
  - B. 02-RAC-4 & 02-BoS -7 - Graeagle Fuelbreak 200 acres – **RAC did not recommend funding. They would like a better breakdown on costs. One group has reservation about giving money to what they perceive as a wealthy and large landowner. Some Council members will meet with concerned RAC members and landowner to further discuss the project and costs.**
  - C. 02-RAC-5 & 02-BoS -8 - Indian Falls HFR 50 acres – **RAC approved funding and it will now go the Forest Supervisor for approval. Board of Supervisors members responsible for recommending Title III projects have recommended it to the rest of the Board for approval.**
  - D. 02-RAC-6 & 02-BoS -9 - Camp Layman HFR 50 acres - **RAC approved funding and it will now go the Forest Supervisor for approval. Board of Supervisors members responsible for recommending Title III projects have recommended it to the rest of the Board for approval.**
  - E. 02-RAC-7 & 02-BoS -10 - Cromberg HFR 350 acres - **RAC approved funding and it will now go the Forest Supervisor for approval. Board of Supervisors members responsible for recommending Title III projects have recommended it to the rest of the Board for approval.**
  - F. 02-RAC-8 & 02-BoS -11 – Quincy HFR 17 Acres - **RAC did not recommend funding. They would like a bigger contribution from the CSD.**

- G. 02-RAC-9 & 02-BoS -12 - Elderly/Disabled Defensible Space Grant - **RAC approved funding and it will now go the Forest Supervisor for approval. Board of Supervisors members responsible for recommending Title III projects have recommended it to the rest of the Board for approval.**
- H. 03-FS-1 - 350 Hazardous Fuel Reduction – FS Community Protection Program – **Grant submitted, awaiting word from the USFS.**
- I. 03 FS-2 & 03 BoS-1 - FSC Coordination, and Project Development – FS EAP CY03 - **Grant submitted, awaiting word from the USFS.**
- J. 03 SRF-1 - FSC Coordination – FS Backup CY03 - **Grant submitted, awaiting word from the Sacramento Regional Foundation.**
- K. 03 SRF-2 - Localized ROGEN – **The Project is titled Fire Safe IRA - Grant submitted, awaiting word from the Sacramento Regional Foundation.**
- L. 03 SRF-3 - FSC Coordination CY04 - **Grant submitted, awaiting word from the Sacramento Regional Foundation.**

8. HFQLG –HFR project overview/relation to communities Opportunities - John Gay. Project mapping integration involving US FS, CDF and Fire Safe Council. **John was not present to discuss this. The map should be finished in April.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Plumas County Fair & FSC Display – **Council members discussed the value of having a fair booth with members staffing it. Based on feedback from those who staffed it last year there didn't seem to be much value. The general feeling was it would be as effective to have a static display inside with handouts material available. Bruce will look into other location options with the fair folks and report back.**
2. Cutting Trees on Private property – **While collecting GPS data Warren has been approached by folks concerned that they can't cut trees on their property. Some have been told only a licensed timber operator can do that. This isn't a Council issue, but the Council should have a good understanding, as members talk to the public about hazardous fuels,**