

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes Meeting June 11, 2003, 9:00 am. Quincy Fire Department

OLD BUSINESS

1. Opening/Introductions- Mike De Lasaux
2. Next meeting: **July 9, 2003**
3. Review/Approve minutes from 5/14/03 meeting. **John Sheehan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. John Gay seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
4. Grants Management-
 - A. Landowner Agreements & Liability Insurance – Mike De Lasaux County Counsel has the agreements between the County and logger & landowners in the final stages and expects completion this month. Brian will then be able to move forward.
5. Status update of Current Grants. (Refer to Grant Summary Sheet)
 - A. PC FSC 01-1— Homeowner Consultation & Education-Mike De Lasaux **Mike has an intern finishing up with inputting collected GPS data. Mike is finalizing the project report including the financial summary.**
 - B. PC FSC 01-2– Fire Safe Council Coordination –Jerry Hurley **This project will conclude this month. Jerry's contract is completed. He will finish this month's notes, next month's agenda and draft the final report.**
 - C. PC FSC 02-1 & 02-2 - 100 Acre HFR Demonstration– Brian Wayland **The NEPA is now approved for this project. Once the County approves the landowner agreement, Brian can move forward. With putting out Requests for Proposals.**

- D. PC FSC. 02- 3 - Countywide GIS - John Sheehan **All County staff involved in the project have met to discuss the Vestra proposal. A contract will be negotiated with Vestra and County Counsel is reviewing at this time. A product, which includes a seamless countywide GIS parcel map, is expected by the end of the year. It will be available on the County intranet. It will not be available on the internet initially.**
- E. PC FSC. 02- 4 - Homeowner Consultations – Jerry Hurley – **The project is going slow, but some departments are beginning to go door to door to get more participation. Collection of GPS data is continuing, with about 65-75% of the urban-rural interface areas completed.**
- F. PC FSC. 02- 5 - HFR Strategy & Assessment – John Sheehan **A Draft Request for Proposals is complete. The committee needs to meet again to get the project moving. John will coordinate this.**
- G. PC FSC. 02- 6 - Council Display Material – Sue McCourt **Posters have been printed and delivered to a number of video stores, and other locations in the County announcing free loan of the Preventing Wildfire Ignitions” video by Jack Cohen. USFS personnel will continue to get these out to video stores, libraries, and markets in small communities and get posters up. Sue expects to order more videos, to insure complete County coverage. A press release was in the paper the week of Wildfire Awareness, announcing the videos. Sue was requested to report at the next meeting of which stores were carrying the video and the number of viewings per store.**
- H. PC FSC. 02- 7 & 8 - Plumas Eureka HFR –John Gay **Surveys for wildlife, landlines and archaeology are being conducted. The project is on track to have a completed decision by the end of summer, so work can start in the fall.**
- I. PC FSC. 02- 9 – NSAQMD Chipping in lieu of burning –John Sheehan **No action at this time.**
- J. PC FSC. 03- 1 – Outreach Delleker/Portola HFR 125 acres - John Sheehan **Plumas County Board of Supervisors approved this project on 6/10/03. Plumas Corporation will hire a project outreach coordinator.**
- K. PC FSC. 03- 2 & 3 - Indian Falls HFR 50 acres - John Sheehan **The Plumas County Board of Supervisors approved this project on 6/10/03. The Council is awaiting a signed contract from the Plumas NF Forest Supervisor for the Title II funds.**

L. PC FSC. 03- 4 & 5 - Camp Layman HFR 50 acres- John Sheehan **The Plumas County Board of Supervisors approved this project on 6/10/03. The Council is awaiting a signed contract from the Plumas NF Forest Supervisor for the Title II funds.**

M. PC FSC. 03- 6 & 7 - Cromberg HFR 350 acres - John Sheehan **The Plumas County Board of Supervisors approved this project on 6/10/03. The Forest Supervisor asked for more specific information on this project regarding revenues generated. John Sheehan prepared a response. The Council is awaiting a signed contract from the Plumas NF Forest Supervisor for the Title II funds.**

There will be a technical advisory committee of Sternberg, Sheehan, De Lasaux, Stewart, Boaz & Hurley to work on getting this project refined.

N. PC FSC 03 - 8 Coordination, and Project Development - John Sheehan **The Plumas County Board of Supervisors approved this project on 6/10/03.**

John Sheehan made a motion to negotiate a contract with Jerry Hurley to continue providing PC FCSC coordination activities. Andy seconded. The motion was carried by a majority with 1 opposed.

O. PC FSC 03 - 9 Graeagle Fuelbreak THP 200 acres – John Sheehan **The Plumas County Board of Supervisors approved this project on 6/10/03. We will be working with Graeagle Land & Water company to develop the project and THP.**

P. PC FSC 03- 10 & 11 Quincy CSD HFR 17 acres – John Sheehan **The Plumas County Board of Supervisors approved this project on 6/10/03. The Council is awaiting a signed contract from the Plumas NF Forest Supervisor for the Title II funds.**

Q. PCFSC 03 – 12 & 13 Elderly/Disabled Defensible Space – John Sheehan **The Plumas County Board of Supervisors approved this project on 6/10/03.**

The Forest Supervisor asked for more specific information on this project regarding revenues generated and criteria for client selection for the RAC funds. John Sheehan prepared a response to questions from the PNF Forest Supervisor. Mike De Lasaux made a motion to send the draft letter. David Hawks seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Dick Kielhorn was selected and has accepted the position of project coordinator.

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

- A. 03 FS-2 - FSC Project Development – FS EAP CY03 **The Council received word that the project was selected for funding. The award letter was issued on 5/14/03.**
 - B. 03 SRF-1 - FSC Coordination – FS Backup CY03 **Bruce Livingston announced that those projects that Sacramento Regional Foundation selected were announced at the Summit in Tahoe. This project was mentioned as selected. However, no formal letter of award has been received.**
 - C. 03 SRF-2 – Fire Safe IRA **This project was not mentioned at the Tahoe Summit and no letter confirming or declining has been received.**
 - D. 03 SRF-3 - FSC Coordination CY04 **Bruce said that the CY 04 recommendations had been made, but the State FSC would make the final selections later.**
7. HFQLG –HFR project overview/relation to communities Opportunities - John Gay. Project mapping integration involving US FS, CDF and Fire Safe Council. **John reported that the USFS was completing a fuels layer map to go along with the project map and expected completion by 6/25/03. Discussion ensued on how to get RAC and FSC HFR projects on to the same map, so better strategic planning could be accomplished**
8. Plumas County Fair & Picnic – Bruce Livingston **Due to a lack of volunteers, there was no display at the picnic. The display will be set up along with the PNF at the lookout, but will not be staffed. Dick Kielhorn will be present on senior citizens day to promote the elderly/disabled defensible space project.**
9. Update on PRC 4291 authority for USFS personnel from Plumas County Sheriff – Bruce Livingston **No authority letter has yet been issued to the Plumas NF by Sheriff Bergstrand.**

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. . Update on FSC Summit in Tahoe – Bruce Livingston **Bruce provided a synopsis of the summit. Bruce feels we are one of the front-runners as far as councils go. For specific information, you can contact him directly.**
- 2. Review Guiding Principals for cost sharing in light of our response to USFS in May – DeLasaux/Sheehan **A Motion was made by Jim Graham to Defer this item until**

next meeting. Richard Cox seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

3. **Methods to insure PC FSC fuel treatment standards met on timber harvested lands adjacent to communities – De Lasaux/Sheehan A Motion was made by Jim Graham to Defer this item until next meeting. Richard Cox seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**
4. **HFR Grant opportunities –RAC Cycle 3 – John Sheehan Concept papers are due 7/11/03 for the next RAC cycle. Some concern was expressed that the FSC needed letters of support for their HFR projects, but the PNF didn't need letters from the FSC supporting their projects. Some members felt it would be good to have equal support so there is a uniform focus.**

Mike De Lasaux made a motion that the council move forward with developing HFR RAC concept papers for C Road, Gold Mountain and Genesee Valley (if they come forward shortly). Jim Graham seconded. After discussion, the motion carried by a majority with Richard Cox and Bruce Livingston abstaining.

John Sheehan & Jerry Hurley will begin working on these projects.

5. **NRCS Grant opportunities - Dan Martyn Dan briefly discussed the NRCS EQUIP program to assist landowners in HFR. While the concept of using EQUIP for HFR is new, there may be an opportunity for it in the Long Valley project.**

The meeting concluded at 1230PM