

# Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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## Meeting Notes

**Thursday January 10, 2013- 9:00 am.**  
Plumas County  
Planning & Building Services Conference Room  
555 Main Street – Quincy, CA

### Board of Directors

Mike De Lasaux, Chair (14)  
Chuck Bowman, Vice Chair (13)  
Mike Callaghan, Sect/Treasurer (14)  
Andy Anderson (13)  
Jim Hamblin (13)  
Deb Bumpus (13)  
Shane Vargas (14)  
Jerry Sipe (14)

### *Mission Statement:*

*“To reduce the loss of natural and human made resources caused by wildfire through Firewise Community programs and pre-fire activities.”*

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Welcome & Introductions- Mike De Lasaux
2. Review Agenda – Mike De Lasaux
3. Next meeting – February 14, 2013
4. Review/Approve minutes from December 13, 2012 meeting – Mike De Lasaux – **There was a date error on the notes handed out, but not those posted on the website. Correction was noted. Mike Callaghan made a motion to approve the notes as presented. Chuck Bowman seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
5. Public Comment - Mike De Lasaux – **Question on the progress of the Loyalton Biomass Plant – No new information known. Dan Martynn, USDA NRCS encouraged integration of outreach by PCFFSC to include NRCS. This already is happening.**
6. Status update of Current Grants. (Refer to Grant Summary Sheets) – Jerry Hurley
  - A. PC FSC 04-12 - Canyon Dam HFR - 900 acres– **Nothing New to Report.**
  - B. PC FSC 09-2 – Senior/Disabled Defensible Space– **Waiting for new grant to start the program back up.**
  - C. PC FSC 09-1- Community HFR Planning & Project Development –**SNC rejected request for budget adjustments. Developing letters requesting them to extend the project.**
  - D. PC FSC 10-6 – RAC - Crescent Grade HFR 37 acres – **Project complete and is being closed out.**
  - E. PC FSC 10-7 –Stevens - Long Valley II, C Road & Whitehawk HFR 210 acres – **C- Rd handpile burning- Contractor defaulted on work & contract terminated. Developed a prospectus to solicit a contractor to burn the remaining piles, but snow precluded a site visit, Biomass of 33 acres pending a chip market. Letters sent to landowners for in-kind payments.**

- F. PC FSC 11-1, 11-3- PC FSC Council Coordination 2012-2013 & 2014-2015– **Work continues with FSC coordination activities. Working with Plumas Corp on grant extensions and reports.**
  - G. PC FSC 11-2 –Stevens 2011 – 200 acres of Soper-Wheeler lands in 3 areas – **Nothing New to Report.**
  - H. PC FSC 11-4 – RAC – La Porte Rd II HFR (partial) 75 acres – **Planning to begin implementation, awaiting NEPA & adding additional landowners.**
  - I. PC FSC 12-1 –Stevens 2012 – 698 acres of Soper-Wheeler, GL&W, & BNRRL lands **Timber companies seeking a chip buyer in order to treat their lands.**
  - J. PC FSC 12-2 – Cal Fire Prop 40 – La Porte Rd. II HFR- 172 Acres- **Cal Fire Signed THP Exemption on 12/6/12. RPF looking for viable chip market.**
  - K. PC FSC 12-3 – SNC Prop 84 – La Porte Rd. II HFR- 172 Acres – **Contract Signed. RPF looking for viable chip market. Planning to begin implementation & adding additional landowners.**
7. Status update of proposed Grant Proposals. – Jerry Hurley
    - A. CA FSC Clearinghouse - Senior/Disabled Defensible Space Assistance – **Selected by CFSC. Working on the pre-award package.**
    - B. RAC -Senior/Disabled Defensible Space Assistance – **Contract Pending.**
    - C. RAC - Crescent Grade Supplemental – 78 Acres – **Contract Pending.**
    - D. RAC – Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Project – **Contract Pending.**
  8. USFS HFR projects overview/relation to communities’ opportunities – (HFQLG & Fuels Program) Project mapping integration involving USFS, CDF and Fire Safe Council – PNF & LNF fuel reduction out year program of work – Allan Setzer – **Mt. Hough RD - Working on Chips Fire Salvage. Keddie Sale set to be advertised. Beckwourth RD – Working on projects in the Lake Davis and Spring Garden Areas. Planning efforts for the Lakes Basin down to Graeagle.**
  9. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) and update of local FSC & Firewise Community activities – Jerry Hurley & Sue McCourt -
    - Graeagle –Scheduled a Firewise Day for 5/11/13. Property owners & CSD are developing a project to demonstrate how to treat vacant lots, and create Defensible Space. Discussions on incorporating the “Beyond Defensible Space Workshop”.**
    - Gold Mtn. – Finishing up their annual renewal application and will hold their Firewise Day at their Homeowners Annual Meeting.**
    - Peninsula – Community members have met with a Firewise USA representative & submitted an application for becoming a recognized community. They have received a draft assessment and will be meeting in late January to review it.**
  10. California RCD- Phil Noia – **Nothing New to Report**
  11. Defensible Space Educational Hands on Workshop. – Mike De Lasaux – **Looking to schedule in conjunction with Graeagle’s Firewise Day in the spring.**
  12. Plumas Corp Transition– Mike De Lasaux – **Plumas Corp’s Board continues to restructure. Still seeking another PC FSC member to be on the Board.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Election of Five PC FSC Directors whose term is expiring and Board to elect Officers–Mike De Lasaux – There were no other candidates for the vacant positions and all outgoing Board Members agreed to be nominated and serve again. By-Laws require that each nomination be voted on separately.**

**Nominations and votes for Board Members were as follows:**

**Mike De Lasaux – Nominated by Mike Callaghan, seconded by Mike De Lasaux and approved by the membership unanimously.**

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**Shane Vargas – Nominated by Mike De Lasaux, seconded by Mike Callaghan and approved by the membership unanimously.**

**Jerry Sipe – Nominated by Mike De Lasaux, seconded by Jim Hamblin and approved by the membership unanimously.**

**Board Members then elected their Officers. Mike De Lasaux made a motion that was seconded by Mike Callaghan that the current officers be carried into 2013. All six of the eight Board members who were present voted Aye.**

- 2. Review PC SC Annual Goals - Mike De Lasaux - There was a brief discussion on amending the Mission Statement by changing the word to “manmade” to “human made”. Mike De Lasaux mad a motion to change the words, the motion was seconded and after discussion there were 14 yes votes, 1 no vote and 1 abstention. The motion carried. Chuck Bowman made a motion to change the 2012 Goals and keep them the same for 2013. Don Gasser seconded and the motion carried unanimous vote.**
- 3. Requesting SRA Fees back to PC FSC in the form of Grants – Mike Callaghan – In reading the Bill language Mike Callaghan discussed the fact that the legislation allows for grants for fire prevention activities. Being there is very little Cal Fire presence in Plumas County we may be a good candidate to pursue some of the funds collected from Plums County residents. Mike proposed to write a letter for PC FSC consideration to the Board of Forestry and present it at the next meting.**

**The meeting concluded at 10:15**