

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes

Thursday January 12, 2011 - 9:00 am.

Plumas County

Planning & Building Services Conference Room

555 Main Street – Quincy, CA

Board of Directors

Mike De Lasaux, Chair (12)

Chuck Bowman, Vice Chair (13)

Mike Callaghan, Sect/Treasurer (12)

Andy Anderson (13)

Jim Hamblin (13)

Frank Stewart (12)

Allan Setzer (13)

Jay Neuman (12)

Mission Statement:

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. Welcome & Introductions- Chuck Bowman
2. Review Agenda – Chuck Bowman
3. Next meeting – February 9, 2012
4. Review/Approve minutes from December 12, 2011, 2011 meeting – Chuck Bowman–**Mike Callaghan made a motion to approve the notes. Allan Setzer seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
5. Public Comment - Chuck Bowman– **Jay Neuman introduced Shane Vargas as Jay’s replacement. John Sheehan mentioned report to Congress on QLG.**
12. Discuss PC Entity Stewardship Concept – Frank Stewart – **This item was moved up on the agenda. Bill Wickman, detailed the highlights of Stewardship Contracting from the position of someone who has taught this type of contracting for many years. He described a series of project (Hungry/Greenflat etc.) that locals might remember that were put into place in 1997/ 98 utilizing the HFQLG to develop these contracts. This type of contracting is very complex and at present the one thing that is a true negative to the process is no funds from these contracts come back to the counties where they take place. The projects are often a combination of many treatment types (i.e., fuels reduction and watershed restoration plus others). Bill explained that there should be an extensive education process with in the communities that these projects are proposed because it takes full community support for many years. These projects can take up to 20 years to complete. The permitting process is also very complex since there is not just one document or decision for achievement of NEPA, it is an ongoing**

process that takes real commitment to each phase. The geographic scale of these projects can be immense and cover lands in several counties, again making the agreement process very complicated. Bill agreed litigation is a problem in stewardship contracting but the outcomes of this type of project. John Sheehan added that the recently released report about the QLG to Congress definitively shows that as the treatment areas increase the fire severity decreases. It is a definite position of the QLG supporters that the strategy works. Additional information can be found on the USFS website.

6. Status update of Current Grants. (Refer to Grant Summary Sheets) – Jerry Hurley
 - A. PC FSC 02- 9 – NS AQMD Chipping in lieu of burning – **Nothing New To Report.**
 - B. FSC 04-4 & 12 - Canyon Dam HFR - 900 acres – **Nothing New To Report.**
 - C. PC FSC 06-6 – La Porte Pines HFR – 75 acres - **Nothing New To Report.**
 - D. PC FSC 09-2 & 09-4 –Defensible Space Assistance Senior & Disabled – **Outreach continuing for spring of 2012.**
 - E. PC FSC 10-1 & 11-1- PC FSC Council Coordination 2010-2013 – **Work continues with FSC coordination activities, developing grant funding requests and assisting in project implementation.**
 - F. PC FSC 08- 3 & 09-1- Community HFR Planning & Project Development –**Applications for La Porte Rd II and Senior Disabled Defensible Space are being prepared for SNC consideration. Following our pre-application we were invited to complete full applications for the two projects.**
 - G. PC FSC 10-2 - PC Planning Dept – GIS mapping in support of PC FSC CWPP – **Jerry Hurley, Randy Wilson and Becky Osborn met to discuss project outcomes & timelines. Goal is an updated HFR map for the March HFR meeting.**
 - H. PC FSC 10-3 – Bucks Lake CWPP and Firewise Community Planning – **Contract award pending. Funds to be used as seed money for funding the entire project.**
 - I. PC FSC 10-4 – Long Valley II & Crescent Grade HFR 100 acres –**Long Valley- 106 acres completed. Crescent Grade 40 acres of handpiling being accomplished.**
 - J. PC FSC 10-5 - Long Valley II HFR 87 acres – **See I.**
 - K. PC FSC 10-6 – Crescent Grade HFR 50 acres – **See I.**
 - L. PC FSC 10-7 –Cromberg (Long Valley II), C Road & Whitehawk HFR 210 acres –
 - i. **Long Valley II – See I.**
 - ii. **C- Road – 20 acres mastication completed, 40 acres of hand piling & burning ongoing. Prospectus for 30 acres of biomass expected out soon.**
 - iii. **Whitehawk II – Completed. There may be an opportunity to accomplish additional mastication in the biomass units that were excluded from the THP and an additional 10-acre parcel, pending environmental review, landowner agreement and funds.**
 - M. PC FSC 11-2 –Stevens – 300 acres of Sopher-Wheeler lands in 3 areas –**Environmental review compliance information submitted to the District. District working on a Draft Decision Memo. Implementation pending a NEPA decision.**
 - N. PC FSC 11-3 – RAC – La Porte Rd II HFR (partial) 75 acres – **Project selected for funding by RAC, contract pending.**
7. Status update of proposed Grant Proposals. – Jerry Hurley –

- A. Cal Fire Prop- 40 -La Porte Rd II (Full) - **Information for the project submitted to Cal Fire on 8/25/11. CDF Contacted RPF Banchio that this may be funded pending a completed application.**
 - B. 2012 Stevens Fund Request – **A number of projects have been submitted to PNF and forwarded to the Region. Selection pending a Congressional budget.**
 - C. SNC - Senior/Disabled Defensible Space Assistance – **Project selected to submit a complete application by 1/23/12.**
 - D. SNC - La Porte Rd II HFR (Full) – **Project selected to submit a complete application by 1/23/12.**
8. HFQLG –HFR project overview/relation to communities’ opportunities - Project mapping integration involving USFS, CDF and Fire Safe Council - PNF’s fuel reduction out year program of work – Allan Setzer – **Frank Stewart reported that the Draft EA for Creeks is out for comment.**
9. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) –Jerry Hurley – **Completion of CWPP review is pending maps. Plumas County Emergency Feasibility Group continues to meet. Jerry Sipe to update Board on Feasibility Group activities.**
10. Update of local FSC and Firewise Community activities – Jerry Hurley – **CA FSC is now the clearinghouse for Firewise Communities in CA.**
- A. **Almanor Basin FSC has begun monthly meetings and is pursuing 2 HFR projects.**
 - B. **Gold Mtn. Nothing new to Report**
 - C. **Graeagle FPD is looking to make address signing a community focus. A report of 2011 accomplishments was submitted to Firewise for Graeagle FPD’s re-certification.**
11. California RCD- Phil Noia- **Nothing New to Report**
13. Defensible Space Educational Hands on Workshop. – Mike De Lasaux - **Claude Sanders reported that the HIZ class that is being developed at FRC. He thinks this will be a great opportunity to get PRC.4291 out to the public he thinks this class could be available as early as spring of 2012.**

New Business

1. Election of Board Members & Board election of Officers – Chuck Bowman – **4 Board members tenure is up and the following were nominated to serve a two-year term.**

BOARD ELECTIONS

Jim Hamblin was Nominated by John Sheehan and seconded by Allan Setzer. Council members approved him unanimously.

Andy Anderson was Nominated by Mike Callaghan and seconded by Chuck Bowman. Council members approved him unanimously.

Chuck Bowman was Nominated by John Sheehan and seconded by Allan Setzer. Council members approved him unanimously.

Allan Setzer was Nominated by Claude Sanders and seconded by John Sheehan. Council members approved him unanimously.

Board members, with seven (7) Board members present, then voted for their Officers. 2012 elected Officers are: Mike De Lasaux, Chair; Chuck Bowman, Vice Chair; Mike Callaghan, Secretary/Treasurer. All were approved with yes votes for each position. There were no no votes or abstentions

2. Review PC SC Annual Goals – Chuck Bowman –John Sheehan made a motion to carry forward the 2011 Goals into 2012. The motion was seconded by Allan Setzer and carried by a unanimous vote.

3. Plumas County HFR Planning Process with all landowners. – Jerry Hurley- PC FSC will again hold its annual HFR planning meeting for the March meeting. Focus will be of planned, in progress and completed Countywide HFR projects across all ownerships.

The meeting concluded at 10:40 AM