

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes

Thursday January 9, 2014- 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 13, 2014
4. Review/Approve minutes from December 12, 2013 meeting – Mike De Lasaux – **Jim Hamblin made a motion to approve the notes. Mike Callaghan seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
5. Public Comment - Mike De Lasaux – **None**
6. Status update of Current Grants. (Refer to Grant Summary Sheets) – Jerry Hurley
 - A. PC FSC 09-1- Community HFR Planning & Project Development –**Funds being expended on Cutler Meadows, C-Road and Crescent Grade II to develop prescriptions and treatment prospectuses to solicit contractors. PC FSC assistance also requested to help develop a HFR project next to Plumas Eureka on USFS administered lands up to the State Park. Will be developing a HFR project along Highway 70 adjacent to Corridor with recently awarded Stevens Funds.**
 - B. PC FSC 10-7 –Stevens - Long Valley II, C Road & Whitehawk HFR 210 acres – **20 acres of remaining hand piles burned in December by Firestorm. RPF, Banchio will be evaluating treatment option on 33 acres of planned biomass in light of the difficulty of selling chips from biomass treatments.**
 - C. PC FSC 11-1, 11-3- PC FSC Council Coordination 2012-2013 & 2014-2015– **Work continues with FSC coordination activities including communications, grant reporting, communications and Council activity oversight.**

- D. PC FSC 11-2 –Stevens 2011 – 200 acres of Soper-Wheeler lands in 3 areas – **Nothing New to Report.**
- E. PC FSC 11-4 – RAC – La Porte Rd II HFR (partial) 75 acres – **Same as 6.G**
- F. PC FSC 12-1 –Stevens 2012 – 698 acres of Soper-Wheeler, GL&W, & BNRR lands **Timber companies seeking a chip buyer in order to treat their lands.**
- G. PC FSC 12-2 – Cal Fire Prop 40 – La Porte Rd. II HFR- 172 Acres - **Most Landowner Contracts received, awaiting completion of some landowner agreements and in-kind payments. Dan Winningham has begun to masticate 142 acres. Firestorm has signed a contract with Plumas Corp. to hand thin and chip or burn 50 acres, with work beginning on.**
- H. PC FSC 12-3 – SNC Prop 84 – La Porte Rd. II HFR- 172 Acres - **Same as 6.G.**
- I. PC FSC 13-1 - CA FSC Clearinghouse - Senior/Disabled Defensible Space Assistance –
- J. PC FSC 13-2 – Greenhorn CSD- Firewise Community Application & CWPP Development- **Nothing New to Report.**
- K. **PC FSC 13-3** - RAC - Senior/Disabled Defensible Space Assistance – **1) Mike De Lasaux made motion that the goal of our Senior_Disabled Defensible Space Assistance Program was to seek conformance with PRC 4291 contingent upon funding. The motion was seconded by Mike Callaghan and carried unanimously. 2) Mike De Lasaux made a motion that we use Nevada County FSC’s verbiage for dealing with homeowner who have excessive debris in their yards that "Services do not include removal of trash, or other materials surrounding the home. If we cannot access the home due to high accumulations of non-fire vegetative debris we cannot provide service". 3) Council members also expressed a desire that our focus shift towards creating the initial defensible space but not maintaining it on an annual basis. 4) Jerry Sipe was tasked with beginning discussion with the Sheriff to see if there is an option of using some inmates for some of our projects, like Butte & Nevada Counties.**
- L. PC FSC 13-4 - RAC - Crescent Grade Supplemental – 68 Acres – **Nothing New to Report.**
- M. PC FSC 13-5 - RAC - Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Project – – **Nothing New to Report.**
- N. PC FSC 13-6 – Title III - Senior/Disabled Defensible Space Assistance –Coordinator - T **Nothing New to Report.**

- 7. Status update of proposed Grant Proposals. – Jerry Hurley –
- 8. USFS HFR projects overview/relation to communities’ opportunities –PNF & LNF fuel reduction out year program of work – USFS representatives – **Jim Rust, Almanor RD LNF, reported on the District’s fire and fuel treatment activities.**

- 9. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) and update of local FSC & Firewise Community activities – Jerry Hurley & Sue McCourt -

CWPP Update – Newly Revised CWPP on website.

County Fire Prevention Specialist – Sue McCourt – Continues to work with VFD’s and communities (Mohawk Vista, Lake Davis Highlands, Greenhorn) on annexation for properties outside of districts and becoming Firewise communities and with OES on evacuation routes for two ways in & out.

Sue also announced that the PC Fire Chiefs Association, OES, USFS and Cal Fire are planning a wildfire mutual –aid exercise on June 1, 2014.

Firewise Community Activity

Gold Mountain – Have received their renewal as a Firewise USA Community. Their Firewise Committee is making organizational adjustments and forming additional committees.

Graeagle – Working on their annual Certification. They are focusing on 3 priorities areas within their community: 1) address signing, 2) defensible space & 3 cleaning roofs and replacement of shake roofs.

**West Almanor – Completed HFR treatment on an acre parcel in the community
Greenhorn Ranch – Roy Carter, Shane Vargas, Sue McCourt & Jerry Hurley conducted a Community Wildfire Hazard Assessment on 11/15/13, as part of the Firewise USA Application & Community Assessment.**

10. California RCD- Phil Noia – **Reported that Cal Fire has hired 30 new Foresters. There are no CFIP funds available. There is a possibility of future fungi for the program. NRCS expects the same amount of money fro EQUIP in 2014, once the Farm Bill is passed.**
11. Plumas Corp Transition– Mike De Lasaux – **Nothing New to Report**
12. Letter Requesting SRA Fees back to PC FSC in the form of Grants – Mike Callaghan – **Nothing New to Report**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Accept Nominating Committee for Board members whose term is up. – Mike De Lasaux - **No new names presented. Andy Anderson, regrettably, has decided not to serve again.**
2. Biomass issues in Plumas County – Mike De Lasaux- **Mike made a presentation on the need to get off line biomass plants back on line suing information from PC FSC a & HFQLG activities in Plumas County. He made the same presentation at a biomass workshop in Chester and will be making it this afternoon to staff for State Senator Ted Gaines.**
3. Plumas County WUI Drill – PC OES –Jerry Sipe- **Re-scheduled to January**

The meeting concluded at 11:00