

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes

Thursday October 13, 2011 - 9:00 am.

Plumas County
Planning & Building Services Conference Room
555 Main Street – Quincy, CA

Board of Directors

Mike De Lasaux, Chair (12)
Mike Callaghan, Vice Chair (12)
Scott Abrams, Sect/Treasurer (12)
Andy Anderson (11)
Jim Hamblin (11)
Frank Stewart (12)
Allan Setzer (11)
Chuck Bowman (11)
Jay Neuman (12)
Brian Morris (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 – November 10, 2011
4. Review/Approve minutes from September 8, 2011 meeting – Chuck Bowman– **Carl McDonald made a motion to approve the notes. Brian Morris seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
5. Public Comment - Chuck Bowman–**Don Gasser, recently moved from Napa and was impressed to learn the scope of PC FSC activities.**
6. Status update of Current Grants. (Refer to Grant Summary Sheets) – John Sheehan
 - 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 – **Timber Sale has sold & piles expected to be burned this fall.**
 - C. PC FSC 03-1, 05-5, 06-2 & 5, 09-03 – Eastern Plumas HFR – 175 acres – **See N.**
 - D. PC FSC 06-6 – La Porte Pines HFR – 75 acres - **Nothing New To Report.**
 - E. PC FSC 09-2 & 09-4 –Defensible Space Assistance Senior & Disabled –**39 homes treated, 4 more properties under contract. 9 consultations resulted in homeowners completing their own. Due to remaining funds we will ask CA FSC for an extension to the end of next year.**
 - F. PC FSC 07-10 - County Educational Workshops – **Web site updates are on going.**

- G. 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.**
 - H. PC FSC 08- 3 & 09-1- Community HFR Planning & Project Development –**Keith Crummer, RPF, working to further develop two projects in the Almanor Basin. Pre-applications for La Porte Rd II and Senior Disabled Defensible Space are being submitted to SNC for consideration. This year applicants must submit a pre-application and then be invited to complete a full application.**
 - I. PC FSC 10-2 - PC Planning Dept – GIS mapping in support of PC FSC CWPP **Nothing New To Report.**
 - J. PC FSC 10-3 – Bucks Lake CWPP and Firewise Community Planning – **Contract award pending.**
 - K. PC FSC 10-4 – Long Valley II & Crescent Grade HFR 100 acres –**Long Valley- Completed and Cal Fire has signed off the final inspection. Crescent Grade 40 acres of handpiling being accomplished.**
 - L. PC FSC 10-5 - Long Valley II HFR 87 acres –**See K.**
 - M. PC FSC 10-6 – Crescent Grade HFR 50 acres – **See K.**
 - N. PC FSC 10-7 –Cromberg (Long Valley II), C Road & Whitehawk HFR 210 acres –
 - i. **Long Valley II – See K.**
 - ii. **C- Road – 20 acres mastication completed, 40 acres of hand piling has started . Prospectus for 30 acres of biomass expected out soon.**
 - iii. **Whitehawk II – Completed and Cal Fire has signed off the final inspection. There may be an opportunity to accomplish additional mastication and an additional 10-acre parcel, pending environmental review, landowner agreement and funds.**
 - O. PC FSC 11-2 –Stevens – 300 acres of Sopher-Wheeler lands in 3 areas – **Contract signed with PNF for implementation of 3 projects areas for about 300 acres. All the projects are on Sopher-Wheeler lands. Environmental review compliance information for a NEPA decision is being prepared.**
7. Status update of proposed Grant Proposals. – John Sheehan –
- A. RAC -La Porte Rd II HFR (partial) –**RAC recommended to the Forest Supervisor to fund part of this project (80-acres).**
 - B. CA FSC -La Porte Rd II HFR (Full) – **Application for 172 acres submitted to CA FSC Clearinghouse on 6/30/11. NO word yet on what projects CA FSC will fund.**
 - C. Cal Fire Prop- 40 -La Porte Rd II (Full) - **Information for the project submitted to Cal Fire on 8/25/11**
 - D. 2012 Stevens Fund Request – **PNF is requesting projects that may be eligible for Stevens funding to be submitted by 9/23/11. Coordinator has contacted industrial landowners.**
 - E. SNC - Senior/Disabled Defensible Space Assistance – **Submitting Pre-Application.**
 - F. SNC - La Porte Rd II HFR (Full) – **Submitting Pre-Application.**
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 – **1) Beckwourth RD to hold a field trip for the Big Hill Project on Saturday 10/22/11. 2) Mt. Hough has sold timber sale on the Empire Project. HFR work continues in the Bucks Lake area.**

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.**
10. Update of local FSC and Firewise Community activities – Jerry Hurley –
 - A. **Gold Mtn. – Reducing brush in some of the common areas with their own crew. GM FSC Continues with providing defensible space compliance consultations. They will be awarding a contract for a HFR mastication project for the common area between the created fuelbreak on GL&W land and residential lots.**
 - B. **Almanor Basin FSC met and is pursuing 2 HFR projects.**
11. California RCD- Phil Noia- **Local RCD is working with QHS on a fuels reduction and wildlife enhancement project on the hill above the school, with funding from the Plumas County Fish & Game Commission. Students will thin, prune and remove excess fuels. PG&E is donating a chipper crew to dispose of the material. At the State level, the Board of Forestry is looking to increase the price for THP's. State is working to develop a statewide map of HFR treatments. Working to develop a collaborative Forest Management Plan to assist all landowners who would be requesting funding from NRCS.**
12. Discuss PC Entity Stewardship Concept – Frank Stewart – **Frank has scheduled a meeting with the Regional Forester and FSC's on October 18, to discuss Stewardship Contracting and how to increase pace and scale of HFR using stewardship contracting. Regional Forester Randy Moore, is looking to increase the treated acres on NFS lands to 500,00 acres per year.**
13. PC FSC Representation on Plumas Corp. Board – Mike De Lasaux- **Nothing New to Report.**

New Business

The meeting concluded at 11:00 AM