Meeting Notes
Thursday October 8, 2009 - 9:00 am.
Plumas County
Planning & Building Services Conference Room
555 Main Street – Quincy, CA

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- Brian West

2. Review Agenda – Brian West

3. Next meeting – November 12, 2009

4. Review/Approve minutes from September 10, 2009 meeting – Brian West – Andy Anderson made a motion to approve the notes as written. Claude Sanders seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

5. Public Comment - Brian West – Te Decker, PNF, asked for public support of a biomass proposal developed by the Plumas NF.

6. Status update of Current Grants. (Refer to Grant Summary Sheets)
   D. PC FSC 05-3, 7, & 07-8 - Greenhorn HFR 30 acres – John Sheehan – Project is completed.
   E. PC FSC 03-1, 05-5, 06-2 & 5, 09-03 – Eastern Plumas HFR – 175 acres - John Sheehan – Biomass harvesting completed, mastication and hand piling operations are expected to be completed by the end of the month.
   F. PC FSC 06-4 & 10 – Little Grass Valley HFR – 111 acres - John Sheehan – Remaining slash piles will be burned in the fall.
G. PC FSC 06-6 – La Porte Pines HFR – 75 acres - John Sheehan – Treatment completed with a few handpiles needing burning in the fall.

H. PC FSC 07-1 & 4 - Indian Valley HFR-200 acres – John Sheehan – 184 acres of treatment is complete except for the burning of the 15 acres to be completed this fall. Signs are being made for the project.

I. PC FSC 07-2 - La Porte Road HFR – 100 acres – John Sheehan – Funds have finally been released from Cal Fire. Treatment activities to begin in late summer.

J. PC FSC 07-5 – C Road right-of-way planning – John Sheehan – Community meeting occurred on September 19, 2009 with about 50 landowners. Strong community support. CSD Board collecting letters of participation.


L. PC FSC 09-2 & 09-4 – Elderly/Disabled Defensible Space – John Sheehan – Contractors have accomplished defensible space for 24 properties this year.

M. PC FSC 07-10 - County Educational Workshops - John Sheehan – PC FSC made a presentation for C Road landowners on 9/19/09. Looking to develop a series of fire educational articles and website updating.

N. PC FSC 08-1 - Gold Mtn. HFR - John Sheehan – Firestorm has been selected to treat an additional 30 acres by mastication, with operations expected to start in a few weeks.

O. PC FSC 08-2 - PC FSC Council Coordination 2007-2009 – John Sheehan – Work continues with FSC coordination activities, meeting with contractors and foresters on fuel reduction projects, assisting PC Planning & Building in obtaining grant funds, sharing of fire safe information and making community presentations.

P. PC FSC 08-3 - HFR Project Development – John Sheehan – RPF’s working with a number of communities & PC FSC to develop projects for grant applications. RPF’s will be collecting environmental information needed to prepare THP Exemptions.

Q. PC FSC 09-1 - PC FSC Community HFR Planning 2009-2010 – John Sheehan – Project suspended by SNC due to CA fiscal crisis.

7. Status update of proposed Grant Proposals. –
   A. Plumas County FSC Coordination -2009 SNC - Pending
   B. PC Planning Dept –FEMA – Application submitted to FEMA, pending decision.
   C. PC FSC Coordination – 2010 - Title III-FSC- Application submitted to PC BoS.
   D. PC Planning Dept – GIS mapping - Title III-FSC - Title III-FSC- Application submitted to PC BoS.
   E. Community HFR - CA FSC – CA FSC proposed to provide some funds to PC FSC for HFR projects. A prior grant request was modified and submitted for 100 acres.

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 – Discussion of latest hearing between USFS, QLG and organizations of opposition. QLG members are optimistic that a favorable decision will soon be issued by Judge England. PNF has developed a HFQLG layer in combination with PC FSC’s communities-at-risk & WUI layer. Efforts underway to add private land HFR projects to this map.

9. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) – Jerry Hurley – Plumas County Emergency Services Committee, of which PC FSC participates in participated in a public and Board of Supervisors workshop on 9/15/09. Issues discussed included problems associate with fire protection in Plumas County. A number of the wildfire
mitigation items identified in our CWPP were incorporated into recommended Fire Improvement Standards.

10. Defensible Space on Public Lands – Larry Craggs – Mt. Hough reported that a contractor has begun hand thinning and piling 640 acres behind Chandler Road in Quincy on the Empire project. Another 62 acre hand piling contract in Taylorsville has been awarded.

11. Update of local FSC (Almanor Basin & Gold Mtn.) activities – Jerry Hurley –
   A. Almanor Basin FSC will hold a meeting on 10/14/09. Following the meeting a community assessment as part of their application process to become a Firewise Community will occur. Members of the community, Cal Fie, WAFD and PC FSC will participate.
   B. Gold Mtn. FSC met on 10/7/09 and is continuing to attain 100% compliance of defensible space within their community. They are assessing HFR needs in their community common areas and discuss a number of issues surrounding structural fire protection.

Meeting concluded @11:30 am