

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes

Thursday October 9, 2008 - 9:00 am.

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

Board of Directors

Brian West, Chair (08)
Mike Callaghan, Vice Chair (10)
Ed Harrison, Secretary (08)
Jim Graham, Treasurer (09)
Andy Anderson (09)
Jim Hamblin (09)
Frank Stewart (08)
Dale Meese (08)
Allan Setzer (09)
Jay Skutt (10)

Mission Statement:

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. Welcome & Introductions- Brian West
2. Review Agenda – Brian West
3. Next meeting –**November 13, 2008**
4. Review/Approve minutes from September 11, 2007 meeting – Brian West – **Phil Noia made a motion to approve the notes as written. Mike Callaghan seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
5. Public Comment - Brian West - **Jerry Hurley informed members that SB 1595 was recently passed which prohibited insurance companies from establishing their own rules for defensible space. This week is also National Fire Prevention Week.**
6. Status update of Current Grants. (Refer to Grant Summary Sheets)
 - A. PC FSC 02- 9 – NS AQMD Chipping in lieu of burning –John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - B. PC FSC 04-4 & 12 - Canyon Dam HFR - 900 acres– John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - C. PC FSC 04-6 - County Stewardship Proposal – John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - D. PC FSC 05-3, 7, & 07-8 - Greenhorn HFR 30 acres – John Sheehan – **Contract was awarded to Pearson Wildland Fuel. With mill closing for 2 weeks, trees can't be delivered & log buying contracts need to be re-negotiated. Expect treatment to begin in November.**

- E. PC FSC 05-4, 8 & 08-4 - Grizzly Ck. HFR- 128 acres – John Sheehan – **Mastication and piling completed on 9 acres.**
 - F. PC FSC 03-1, 05-5, 06-2 & 5 – Eastern Plumas HFR – 175 acres - John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - G. PC FSC 06-4 & 10 – Little Grass Valley HFR – 111 acres - John Sheehan – **Soper-Wheeler found a logger, but the costs will be about \$35,000 more than planned. PC FSC will seek additional funds.**
 - H. PC FSC 06-6 – La Porte Pines HFR – 75 acres - John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - I. PC FSC 07-1 & 4 - Indian Valley HFR-200 acres – John Sheehan – **Contracts have been awarded fro 171 acres to Holt Logging for biomass harvesting, Firestorm for mastication , & American Valley Tree Service for hand piling.**
 - J. PC FSC 07-2 - La Porte Road HFR – 100 acres – John Sheehan – **Nine contractors attended the optional bidder’s tour and others have called expressing interest. Bids close 10/15/08.**
 - K. PC FSC 07-5 – C Road right-of-way planning – John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - L. PC FSC 07-6 – Taylorsville HFR – 30 acres – John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - M. PC FSC 07-9 – Elderly/Disabled Defensible Space – John Sheehan –**30% of the 38 properties has been treated.**
 - N. PC FSC 07-10 - County Educational Workshops - John Sheehan – **A committee needs to be re-formed to develop additional fire safe educational workshops, recommendations for purchasing of publication materials and website enhancement.**
 - O. PC FSC 08- 1 - Gold Mtn. HFR - John Sheehan – **Biomass harvesting has started on approximately 40 acres above county road A-15. We are still waiting on funding from CA FSC for the mastication.**
 - P. 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 and sharing of firesafe information.**
 - Q. PC FSC 08- 3 - HFR Project Development –John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
7. Status update of proposed Grant Proposals. –
- A. PC FSC Community Hazardous Fuel Reduction Planning 2009- SNC – John Sheehan- **Awaiting SNC decision.**
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 – **Mt. Hough reported they are mobbing forward on the following projects: Wildcat, Keddie, and Empire. There were no other reports.**

9. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) – Jim Graham - **Nothing New to Report.**
10. Defensible Space on Public Lands – Larry Craggs – **Nothing New to Report.**
11. Secure Rural Schools Funding – Frank Stewart – **Secure Rural Schools funding was reauthorized when Congress passed & the President signed the recent economic bailout bill. There were some changes in the county payment formulas and narrowing of uses for Title III funds.**
12. CA FSC legislative issues – Frank Stewart – **Nothing New to Report.**
13. Update of local FSC (Almanor Basin & Gold Mtn.) activities – Jerry Hurley – **Mike Callaghan reported that the Gold Mtn. Fire Safe Committee has accomplished Home Ignition Zone consultation on 80% of the homes within in the community.**
14. HFR Cost contribution by participating landowners – John Sheehan - **Nothing New to Report.**

NEW BUSINESS - None

The meeting concluded at 10:30