

# Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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## Meeting Minutes

**Thursday October 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 (15)*  
*Mike Callaghan, Sect/Treasurer (14)*  
*Jim Hamblin (15)*  
*Deb Bumpus (15)*  
*Shane Vargas (14)*  
*Jerry Sipe (14)*

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### ***Mission Statement:***

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

### ***2014 Goals:***

- Implement and amend as necessary the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP);
- Increase public knowledge and awareness of hazards associated with wildland fire and inform the public about efforts that can be made to reduce their vulnerability to wildland fire;
- Increase community-based involvement in fuels reduction and facilitate the development of additional Firewise Communities in Plumas County;
- Identify, develop and implement community hazardous fuel reduction projects;
- Develop a strategy to provide for sustainable and renewable project funding and reduce the Council's dependence on grant funding;
- Explore green waste disposal and community chipping options for all communities in the County.

1. Welcome & Introductions--Mike De Lasaux
2. Review Agenda--Mike De Lasaux
3. Review Meeting Minutes--Mike De Lasaux **Jim Hamblin-motion, Claude Sanders-second**
4. Public Comments--Mike De Lasaux
5. Discussion of potential PC FSC funding sources--Nils Lunder, Mike De Lasaux
6. Plumas County IRWM Update/Alignment with FSC **Randy Wilson presented to the group on the IRWM process and how the FSC can participate. The County has received a grant for the**

**Department of Water Resources to update the IRWMP for the Feather River Watershed. There are four sub-groups in this process: Ag Lands Stewardship, Uplands/Forest Management, Floodplain/Meadows, and Municipal Districts.**

**The goal is for these groups to identify and develop projects and have them ready to submit regardless of the funding sources that may arise. Some of these projects may be funded if the new water bond passes in November.**

**The next meeting will be held on November 19 at the PC BOS chambers.**

7. Greenwaste Disposal/Community Connections/Woodchip Network Update—Nils Lunder/Don Gasser/Claude Saunders **Nils presented on progress that is being made with the PG&E funded community green waste disposal program (contracts have been developed and the following communities will be receiving treatment from these funds: Gold Mountain, Whitehawk Ranch, Mohawk Vista, Lake Almanor Country Club, Greenhorn Ranch, Bailey Creek). A discussion regarding the use of Community Connections to announce chip availability and chip demand.**

8. PCFSC Bylaws Revision—Mike Callaghan, Chuck Bowman **Mike Callaghan presented to the group on the minor revisions that have been made to the By-Laws. Jerry Sipe made a motion to approve the revisions, Jim Hamblin seconded.**

9. PCFSC Annual report concept—Nils Lunder/Mike DeLasaux **Nils and Mike discussed how efforts will be made to develop outreach materials that help the residents of the County to better understand the efforts that the Council makes. This will include maps, photos and summaries of acres treated and money spent on local contractors. This type of report will also help the Council to connect with communities in the County and to get landowners on board with HFR projects that are utilizing SRA generated funds to do work on their land. A motion to approve the use of coordination funds to hire an outreach assistant to help with these efforts was made by Phil Noia and seconded by Shane Vargas.**

10. Smoke Management Committee Interim Report-Don Gasser **Smoke is dangerous, winds are needed to achieve adequate ignition, for effective smoke dispersal, winds are dangerous, fuels need to be dry. He also stressed that lager piles make less smoke, so fewer large piles is preferable to more small piles. Shane Vargas reminded us that during burn restrictions, all piles must be less than 4'**

11. Status update of Current Grants– Nils Lunder

- A. PC FSC 09-1- Community HFR Planning & Project Development -
- B. PC FSC 10-7 –Stevens 2010- In-kind, C Road–
- C. PC FSC 11-3- PC FSC Council Coordination 2014-2015–
- D. PC FSC 11-2 –Stevens 2011– 200 acres of Soper-Wheeler lands in 3 areas –
- E. PC FSC 11-4 – RAC – Cutler Meadow/La Porte Rd II HFR (partial) 75 acres –
- F. PC FSC 12-1 –Stevens 2012 – 698 acres of Soper-Wheeler, GL&W, & BNRR lands
- G. PC FSC 12-2 – Cal Fire Prop 40 – La Porte Rd. II HFR- 172 Acres
- H. PC FSC 12-3 – SNC Prop 84 – La Porte Rd. II HFR- 172 Acres
- I. PC FSC 13-1 - CA FSC Clearinghouse - Senior/Disabled Defensible Space Assistance
- J. PC FSC 13-2– Greenhorn CSD -Firewise Communities USA & CWPP Development
- K. PC FSC 13-3 – RAC - Senior/Disabled Defensible Space Assistance
- L. PC FSC 13-4 – RAC – Crescent Grade II. HFR-68 acres
- M. PC FSC 13-5 – RAC - Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Project
- N. PC FSC 13-6 – Title III - Senior/Disabled Defensible Space Assistance –Coordinator
- O. PC FSC 14-1 – Stevens 2014 -West Quincy Highway 70 – HFR 65 acres
- P. PC FSC 14-2 --PG&E Fire Prevention Grants
  - a. 267-Cutler Meadows Phase 1-Greenspan
  - b. 268-Crescent Grade
  - c. 269-Residential Fuel Reduction
- Q. PC FSC 14-3—Sulfur Springs Outreach Project

## Updates

1. Plumas County OES activities-Jerry Sipe/Sue McCourt **November 1, there will be a Plumas County Fire Chiefs Association Meeting.**
2. PG&E Update-Nils Lunder/Mike McCourt **Nils and Mike provided an update on the PC FSC PG&E funded projects. Cutler Meadows: mastication and hand thinning are in progress and that project will be concluded by the October 31 deadline. Crescent Grade: Dan Winninham has asked if the Council will pay to transport his machine from Challenge to Indian Valley. The Council approved this expense. Winninham will be operating by October 15, and will complete as much acreage as possible before the deadline. Community Green Waste Disposal: Contracts have been developed and signed with contractors to provide treatment to Gold Mountain, Whitehawk Ranch, Mohawk Vista, Lake Almanor Country Club, Greenhorn Ranch, Bailey Creek and these projects will be completed by the October 31 deadline.**
3. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) and update of local Firewise Community activities – Nils Lunder, Mike Callahan, Chuck Bowman, Sue McCourt **Approximately 20 people attended a meeting regarding Firewise at Bailey Creek on October 5. A community assessment will take place in late October. The Graeagle FPD has developed an updated newsletter. The burn pile at Whitehawk will be greatly reduced thanks to the chipping program and there is an evacuation plan being updated for Whitehawk as well. In Gold Mountain there are 15 lots that have developed contracts to be cleaned of fuels this fall.**
4. CAL FIRE Lassen, Modoc, Plumas Update-Shane Vargas, CAL FIRE
5. SRA Fire Prevention Benefit Funds for Plumas County update– Mike Callaghan **Funds will become available in a grant program. Nils and Mike C will be attending a workshop on this in late October and will bring lessons learned to the Council.**
6. Adjournment, next meeting November 13, 2014