

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes

Thursday November 10, 2011 - 9:00 am.

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

Board of Directors

Mike De Lasaux, Chair (12)
Chuck Bowman, Vice Chair (11)
Mike Callaghan, Sect/Treasurer (12)
Andy Anderson (11)
Jim Hamblin (11)
Frank Stewart (12)
Allan Setzer (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- Mike De Lasaux
2. Review Agenda - Mike De Lasaux
3. Next meeting – December 8, 2011
4. Review/Approve minutes from September 8, 2011 meeting – Mike De Lasaux– **Chuck Bowman made a motion to approve the notes. Jay Skutt seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
5. Public Comment - Mike De Lasaux– **Terri Simon-Jackson announced implementation rules for the new USFS Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program, which encourages the creation of community forests and fosters rural economies. Don Gasser, suggested exploring the opportunity for a collage level course on creating defensible space & making property fire resilient. A sub-committee was formed of Don, Rob Gimbel and Claude Sanders.**
6. Status update of Current Grants. (Refer to Grant Summary Sheets) – Jerry Hurley
 - 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 – **Nothing New To Report.**
 - 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 – **Nothing New To Report.**
 - 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. 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. There may be an opportunity to accomplish additional mastication in the biomass units that were excluded from the THP 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 –**Environmental review compliance information submitted to the District. Implementation pending a NEPA decision.**
7. Status update of proposed Grant Proposals. – Jerry Hurley –
- A. RAC -La Porte Rd II HFR (partial) –**Project selected, contract pending.**
 - B. CA FSC -La Porte Rd II HFR (Full) –**Project not selected for funding.**
 - 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 – **A number of projects have been submitted to PNF and forwarded to the Region. Selection pending a Congressional budget.**
 - E. SNC - Senior/Disabled Defensible Space Assistance – **Project pre-application selected to submit a complete application by 1/23/12.**
 - F. SNC - La Porte Rd II HFR (Full) – **Project pre-application selected to submit a complete application by 1/23/12.**
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 – **Nothing New To Report.**
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. County Board of Supervisors to decide on approving a Request for Qualifications for a County Fire prevention Specialist using Title III Funds, on 11/15/11.**

10. Update of local FSC and Firewise Community activities – Jerry Hurley –
 - A. **Almanor Basin FSC has begun monthly meetings and is pursuing 2 HFR projects.**
 - B. **Gold Mtn. Awarded a 10 acre HFR mastication project**
 - C. **Graeagle FPD is looking to make address signing a community focus.**
11. California RCD- Phil Noia- **L Nothing New To Report.**
12. Discuss PC Entity Stewardship Concept – Frank Stewart – **Northern CA FSC's had a meeting with the Regional Forester 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- **Board will begin review applications for the vacant Executive Director position.**

New Business

1. Board to Elect New Sect/ Treasurer – Mike De Lasaux – **With the resignation of Scott Abrams as both a Board member and Secretary/Treasurer of the Board. Board members solicited interest from the general membership for a new Board member. There was none. Mike Callaghan resigned as Board Vice Chair and was nominated by Mike De Lasaux as Secretary/Treasurer. Chuck Bowman seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of the Board members present. Mike De Lasaux nominated Chuck Bowman as Vice Chair. Jim Hamblin seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of the Board**
2. Discuss ABX 129- SRA Fee on Structures – Brian Morris –**Discussion was planned to focus on an earlier emergency regulation in August by the Board of Forestry (BoF) on the proposed SRA fees. But the BoF met 2 days prior & voted to approve a new more costly fee. This item will have to carry over.**
3. USFS Dialogue Session – Terri Simon-Jackson – **Presented information on a recent USFS Region 5 dialogue session where members of the public, environmental groups, businesses and county officials provided input to the Regional Forester.**

The meeting concluded at 11:15 AM