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 October 8, 2009 meeting – Brian West – Phil Noia made a motion to approve the notes as written. Scott Abrams seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

5. Public Comment - Brian West – Phil Noia updated Council on the progress of a PNF biomass proposal that was developed. Proposal has been approved and moved up to the next level.

6. Status update of Current Grants. (Refer to Grant Summary Sheets)
   D. PC FSC 03-1, 05-5, 06-2 & 5, 09-03 – Eastern Plumas HFR – 175 acres - John Sheehan – 120 acres have been completed with pile burning to occur this month. Council & RPF will seek opportunities to treat an additional 50 acres.
   E. PC FSC 06-4 & 10 – Little Grass Valley HFR – 111 acres - John Sheehan – Remaining slash piles will be burned in the fall.
   F. PC FSC 06-6 – La Porte Pines HFR – 75 acres - John Sheehan – Treatment completed with a few handpiles needing burning in the fall.
G. 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 put up for the project.

H. 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.

I. 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.


K. PC FSC 09-2 & 09-4 – Elderly/Disabled Defensible Space – John Sheehan – Contractors have accomplished defensible space for 25 properties this year.

L. PC FSC 07-10 - County Educational Workshops - John Sheehan – C Road CSD still collecting letters of landowner willingness to participate.

M. PC FSC 08-1 – Gold Mtn. HFR - John Sheehan – Mastication is presently occurring for phase 3 of this project. Estimate that 40 acres will be completed by the end of the month.

N. 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 FSC presentations.

O. 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.

P. 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 – PNF has developed a Hazardous Fuel Reduction map showing HFQLG layer, PC FSC and industrial landowner projects with the PC FSC’s communities-at-risk & WUI layer. Discussion on the favorable ruling by Judge England in the latest hearing between USFS, QLG and organizations of opposition.


10. Defensible Space on Public Lands – Larry Craggs – Mt. Hough reported that a contractor continues hand thinning and piling 640 acres behind Chandler Road in Quincy on the Empire project.

FSC is moving aggressively to submit their Firewise Application. The Community
Assessment has been completed & Cal Fire will begin the review process.

**New Business**

1. Photo interpretation of vegetative changes from Forest lookouts – Ingrid Burke, PNF – **Due to illness this item is deferred until December’s meeting.**

2. Future HFR project funding and decline of forest product utilization – John Sheehan - **John led a discussion on how our the need to optimize the USDA BCAP (biomass subsidy program), and bring critical biomass co-gen plants, such as Loyalton, back on line. The problems with Nevada Power selling off its California asset and the exclusion of local communities.**

Meeting concluded @11:00 am