

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes

Thursday November 12, 2009 - 9:00 am.

Plumas County

Planning & Building Services Conference Room

555 Main Street – Quincy, CA

Board of Directors

Brian West, Chair (10)

Mike Callaghan, Vice Chair (10)

Jay Skutt, Secretary/Treasurer (09)

Andy Anderson (09)

Jim Hamblin (09)

Frank Stewart (10)

Dale Meese (10)

Allan Setzer (09)

Mike De Lasaux (10)

Scott Abrams (10)

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)
 - 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 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.**
- J. PC FSC 07-6 – Taylorsville HFR – 30 acres – John Sheehan – **Nothing New To Report.**
- 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 fro 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.**

9. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) –Jerry Hurley – **Nothing new to report.**

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.**

11. Update of local FSC (Almanor Basin & Gold Mtn.) activities – Jerry Hurley – **Almanor Basin 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 Loyaltan, back on line. The problems with Nevada Power selling off its California assest and the exclusion of local communities.**

Meeting concluded @11:00 am