

# Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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## Meeting Notes

**Thursday November 13, 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 –**December 11, 2008**
4. Review/Approve minutes from October 9, 2007 meeting – Brian West – **Jay Skutt made a motion to approve the notes as written. Jim Hamblin seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
5. Public Comment - Brian West - **None**
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 – **A purchase order with Collins has been secured for the logs. Landownership on one parcel which is needed for access has changed. The RPF & Carl McDonald to meet with the new landowner. Operations expected to begin in the next 2 weeks.**

- E. PC FSC 05-4, 8 & 08-4 - Grizzly Ck. HFR- 128 acres – John Sheehan – **Mastication completed. Landowner to begin burning of piles.**
- F. PC FSC 03-1, 05-5, 06-2 & 5 – Eastern Plumas HFR – 175 acres - John Sheehan – **Project is still lacking sufficient funds. With drop in fuel prices, this may become more viable. PC FSC needs and support from PNF to R5 and CFSC to allow extending the project another year. Due to impacts on mills from the Moonlight fire and other fires**
- G. PC FSC 06-4 & 10 – Little Grass Valley HFR – 111 acres - John Sheehan - **Soper - Wheeler has begun harvesting operations.**
- H. PC FSC 06-6 – La Porte Pines HFR – 75 acres - John Sheehan – **Mastication operations have begun on the FS lands. Expect to move onto the small piece of private in December.**
- I. PC FSC 07-1 & 4 - Indian Valley HFR-200 acres – John Sheehan – **Hand operations are complete. Biomass operations are expected to begin in the middle of November. Mastication contract still unsigned but expect the sign the contracts and begin operations by the first of December.**
- J. PC FSC 07-2 - La Porte Road HFR – 100 acres – John Sheehan – **Contract should begin shortly. The contract for biomass and mastication has been signed with Pearson Wildland Fuels and CEQA has been submitted to CDF for approval.**
- 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 – **Waiting for good burning weather to complete the project,**
- M. PC FSC 07-9 – Elderly/Disabled Defensible Space – John Sheehan – **34 of the 36 request have been completed... Additional grant funds will be sought to treat additional properties next spring.**
- N. PC FSC 07-10 - County Educational Workshops - John Sheehan – **A committee will be re-formed, the first of the year, to develop additional fire safe educational workshops, and educational materials and recommendations for purchasing of publication materials and website enhancement.**
- O. PC FSC 08- 1 - Gold Mtn. HFR - John Sheehan – **Biomass operations have been completed on about 50 acres. A request for proposals is going out for a RPF to manage the mastication. PC FSC is still working with CFSC to obtain environmental clearance. Mastication is expected to begin in the Spring and hopefully some additional biomass,**
- 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. The Coordinator has been working on the Grizzly, Gold Mtn and other HFR projects to achieve implementation success.**

**Q. PC FSC 08- 3 - HFR Project Development –John Sheehan – A request for proposals closes 12/5/08 to retain RPF’s who will assist in outreach, project design, development and implementation of hazardous fuels reduction projects in 1) Indian Valley area, 2) La Porte Road east of Quincy/Quincy, 3) Mohawk Valley/Gold Mountain/Long valley, during years 2009-2011.**

7. Status update of proposed Grant Proposals. –

A. PC FSC Community Hazardous Fuel Reduction Planning 2009- SNC – John Sheehan – **This request will help fund the environmental planning, prescription development, and prospectuses portion of 6. Q. (above).**

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 will work to provide a good display map of the HFQLG network that I s completed, in progress and planned for out years.**

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 – **Now that the 56 acre RAC project in Genesee is completed, district crews will have time to work on this project starting next spring. Much of the environmental work has been accomplished with other projects such as Empire.**

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. The RAC will hold an organizational meeting in December.**

12. CA FSC legislative issues – Frank Stewart – **Nothing New to Report**

13. Update of local FSC (Almanor Basin & Gold Mtn.) activities – Jerry Hurley  
**Almanor Basin- First winter meeting held to plan activities for 2009.  
Gold Mtn. - South boundary fuelbreak treatment started. Met with Jon Lamb, BRD, to discuss treating the public lands on the SE corner of the community.**

14. HFR Cost contribution by participating landowners – John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Committee to recommend Board Members for those Directors with Terms expiring. (2 Directors & 2 Members) – Brian West – **John Sheehan will head up this effort.**

**Meeting Concluded at 11:15 AM**