

# Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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## Meeting Notes

Thursday November 14, 2013- 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 (13)  
Mike Callaghan, Sect/Treasurer (14)  
Andy Anderson (13)  
Jim Hamblin (13)  
Deb Bumpus (13)  
Shane Vargas (14)  
Jerry Sipe (14)

### *Mission Statement:*

*“To reduce the loss of natural and human made 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 12, 2013
4. Review/Approve minutes from October 10, 2013 meeting – Mike De Lasaux – **Mike Callaghan made a motion to approve the notes. Shane Vargas seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
5. Public Comment - Mike De Lasaux – **None**
6. Status update of Current Grants. (Refer to Grant Summary Sheets) – Jerry Hurley
  - A. PC FSC 09-1- Community HFR Planning & Project Development –**Funds are being expended on LA Porte Rd. II, Cutler Meadows and Crescent Grade II to develop prescriptions and treatment prospectuses to solicit contractors..**
  - B. PC FSC 10-7 –Stevens - Long Valley II, C Road & Whitehawk HFR 210 acres – **RPF, Banchio will be evaluating treatment option on 33 acres of planned biomass in light of the difficulty of selling chips from biomass treatments.**
  - C. PC FSC 11-1, 11-3- PC FSC Council Coordination 2012-2013 & 2014-2015– **Work continues with FSC coordination activities including communications, grant reporting and finalizing the CWPP update. Jerry reported PC FSC activities to the Board of Supervisors on 10/15/13.**
  - D. PC FSC 11-2 –Stevens 2011 – 200 acres of Soper-Wheeler lands in 3 areas – **Nothing New to Report.**
  - E. PC FSC 11-4 – RAC – La Porte Rd II HFR (partial) 75 acres – **Contract has been made with the landowners updating them. RPF Banchio has finished project layout and will**

be masticating more acres than previously estimated due to problem of selling chips from biomass operations. Awaiting completion of some landowner agreements. Expect treatment prospectus to come out in November.

- F. PC FSC 12-1 –Stevens 2012 – 698 acres of Soper-Wheeler, GL&W, & BNRR lands **Timber companies seeking a chip buyer in order to treat their lands.**
- G. PC FSC 12-2 – Cal Fire Prop 40 – La Porte Rd. II HFR- 172 Acres - **Same as 6.E.**
- H. PC FSC 12-3 – SNC Prop 84 – La Porte Rd. II HFR- 172 Acres - **Same as 6.E.**
- I. PC FSC 13-1 - CA FSC Clearinghouse - Senior/Disabled Defensible Space Assistance –**A slide show presenting some of the difficulties in treating some of the homes due to the amount of human debris in their yards, the immense volume of work due to prior neglect or the number of structures. These situations would either impede the fuel treatment contractors or their costs would so high that program’s grant goals could not be met. This can create situations that would prohibit the homes from passing compliance inspections from CAL FIRE. Council needs to develop a policy on what the standard is for homes we will assist on. Discussion to continue next month.**
- J. PC FSC 13-2 – Greenhorn CSD- Firewise Community Application & CWPP Development- **Nothing New to Report.**
- K. PC FSC 13-3 - RAC - Senior/Disabled Defensible Space Assistance – – **Contract Awarded 8/20/13.**
- L. PC FSC 13-4 - RAC - Crescent Grade Supplemental – 68 Acres – **Contract Awarded 8/20/13.**
- M. PC FSC 13-5 - RAC - Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Project – – **Contract Awarded 8/20/13. Mike will be developing a Request for Proposals to help implement the project.**
- N. PC FSC 13-6 – Title III - Senior/Disabled Defensible Space Assistance –Coordinator - **The Board of Supervisors approved funding for the Project Coordinator as additional match for CFSC & RAC grants. The Board approved \$37,424 of Title III, contract pending.**

7. Status update of proposed Grant Proposals. – Jerry Hurley –

A. BoS Title III – Senior/ Disabled Defensible Space Assistance Project Coordinator -

8. USFS HFR projects overview/relation to communities’ opportunities –PNF & LNF fuel reduction out year program of work – USFS representatives – **No FS personnel present.**

9. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) and update of local FSC & Firewise Community activities – Jerry Hurley & Sue McCourt -

**CWPP Update – Newly Revised CWPP on website.**

**County Fire Prevention Specialist – Sue McCourt – Continues to work with VFD’s and communities (Mohawk Vista, Lake Davis Highlands, Warner Valley, Greenhorn) on annexation for properties outside of districts and becoming Firewise communities and with OES and Road Department to evaluate evacuation routes for two ways in & out.**

**Firewise Community Activity**

**Gold Mountain – Completed HFR Projects**

**Graeagle – Continue to explore vacant lot treatments.**

**West Almanor – Completed HFR treatment on an acre parcel in the community**

**Greenhorn Ranch – A Community Assessment is planned for 11/15/13.**

10. California RCD- Phil Noia – **Nothing New to Report.**

11. Plumas Corp Transition– Mike De Lasaux – **Nothing New to Report**

12. Letter Requesting SRA Fees back to PC FSC in the form of Grants – Mike Callaghan – **Nothing New to Report**

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Appoint a Nominating Committee for Board members who's current term is up– Mike De Lasaux – **Jerry will solicit membership for interested persons. Jim Hamblin and Chuck Bowman have agreed to extend another term, if elected. Jerry Sipe made a motion to nominated both Jim & Chuck for another term. The motion was seconded by Mike Callaghan and was carried by a unanimous vote of members present.**

2. Sierra Institute Alliance with PC FSC – Mik McGee – **Mik made a short presentation of a proposal they are working on to develop a Plumas Energy Efficiency and Renewables Management Action Project. With a focus o advancing small-scale woody biomass boilers.**

3. Plumas County WUI –OES Drill- Jerry Sipe – **Jerry mention they are in the early stages of developing a WUI Drill for the County Emergency Services organizations. \_ More details to follow.**

**The meeting concluded at 11:15**