

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes

Thursday December 13, 2012- 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 (13)
Mike Callaghan, Sect/Treasurer (12)
Andy Anderson (13)
Jim Hamblin (13)
Frank Stewart (12)
Deb Bumpus (13)
Shane Vargas (12)
Jerry Sipe (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 – January 10, 2013
4. Review/Approve minutes from November 8, 2012 meeting – Mike De Lasaux – **Mike De Lasaux made a motion to approve the notes as presented. Chuck Bowman seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
5. Public Comment - Mike De Lasaux – **Question on the progress of the Loyalton Biomass Plant – No new information.**
6. Status update of Current Grants. (Refer to Grant Summary Sheets) – Jerry Hurley
 - A. PC FSC 04-12 - Canyon Dam HFR - 900 acres– **Nothing New to Report.**
 - B. PC FSC 09-2 – Senior/Disabled Defensible Space– **Nothing New to Report.**
 - C. PC FSC 09-1- Community HFR Planning & Project Development – **Working with SNC on budget adjustments or extending the project.**
 - D. PC FSC 10-6 – RAC - Crescent Grade HFR 37 acres – **Burning complete project will be extended to complete paperwork, then closed out.**
 - E. PC FSC 10-7 –Stevens - Long Valley II, C Road & Whitehawk HFR 210 acres – **C- Rd handpile burning- Contractor defaulted on work & contract terminated. Developing a prospectus to solicit a contractor to burn the remaining piles, Biomass of 33 acres pending a chip market. Letters sent to landowners for in-kind payments.**
 - F. PC FSC 11-1, 11-3- PC FSC Council Coordination 2012-2013 & 2014-2015– **Work continues with FSC coordination activities. Working with Plumas Corp to make budget adjustments to a SNC grant set to end in March of 2013 with a large balance remaining.**
 - G. PC FSC 11-2 –Stevens 2011 – 200 acres of Soper-Wheeler lands in 3 areas – **Nothing New to Report.**

- H. PC FSC 11-4 – RAC – La Porte Rd II HFR (partial) 75 acres – **Planning to begin implementation & adding additional landowners.**
 - I. 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.**
 - J. PC FSC 12-2 – Cal Fire Prop 40 – La Porte Rd. II HFR- 172 Acres- **Cal Fire Signed THP Exemption on 12/6/12. RPF looking for viable chip market.**
 - K. PC FSC 12-3 – SNC Prop 84 – La Porte Rd. II HFR- 172 Acres – **Contract Signed. RPF looking for viable chip market. Planning to begin implementation & adding additional landowners.**
7. Status update of proposed Grant Proposals. – Jerry Hurley
 - A. CA FSC Clearinghouse - Senior/Disabled Defensible Space Assistance – **Selected by CFSC. Working on the pre-award package.**
 - B. RAC -Senior/Disabled Defensible Space Assistance – **Contract Pending.**
 - C. RAC - Crescent Grade Supplemental – 78 Acres – **Contract Pending.**
 - D. RAC – Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Project – **Contract Pending.**
 8. USFS HFR projects overview/relation to communities’ opportunities – (HFQLG & Fuels Program) Project mapping integration involving USFS, CDF and Fire Safe Council – PNF & LNF fuel reduction out year program of work – Allan Setzer – **Beckwourth RD made a presentation of the Hayden project.**
 9. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) and update of local FSC & Firewise Community activities – Jerry Hurley & Sue McCourt -

Sue Mc Court continues to work with County Fire Chiefs on the out-of-district problem.

Firewise Community Updates:

 - Gold Mtn – Finishing up their annual renewal application.**
 - Graeagle – Property owners & CSD developing a project to treat vacant lots, in the spring. May be an opportunity for the “Beyond Defensible Space Workshop”.**
 - Peninsula – Community members have met with a Firewise USA representative & submitted an application for becoming a recognized community.**
 10. California RCD- Phil Noia – **Nothing New to Report**
 11. Update PC Entity Stewardship Concept – Frank Stewart – **Nothing New to Report**
 12. Defensible Space Educational Hands on Workshop. – Mike De Lasaux – **Looking to try again in the spring.**
 13. Plumas Corp Transition– Mike De Lasaux – **Plumas Corp’s Board continues to restructure. Still seeking another PC FSC member to be on the Board. Much discussion surround CRM activities.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Appoint a nominating Committee to select a slate of PC FSC Directors whose term is expiring. –. – Mike De Lasaux- **Current members have been contacted and most agree to serve. Other interested members being sought by the Coordinator.**