

# Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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## Meeting Notes

**Thursday December 8, 2011 - 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 (11)*  
*Mike Callaghan, Sect/Treasurer (12)*  
*Andy Anderson (11)*  
*Jim Hamblin (11)*  
*Frank Stewart (12)*  
*Allan Setzer (11)*  
*Jay Neuman (12)*  
*Brian Morris (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 12, 2012
4. Review/Approve minutes from November 10, 2011 meeting – Mike De Lasaux– **Allan Setzer made a motion to approve the notes. Chuck Bowman seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
5. Public Comment - Mike De Lasaux– **Appreciation and Thanks were extended to John Sheehan as he retires as Executive Director of Plumas Corporation at the end of the year. A number of folks commented as to their appreciation for John’s role in the success of PC FSC, in part because of Plumas Corporation serving as our fiscal sponsor since October 2002. Greg O’Sullivan was introduced as the new Executive Director.**
6. Status update of Current Grants. (Refer to Grant Summary Sheets) – Jerry Hurley
  - A. PC FSC 02- 9 – NS AQMD Chipping in lieu of burning – **Nothing New To Report.**
  - B. FSC 04-4 & 12 - Canyon Dam HFR - 900 acres – **Nothing New To Report.**
  - C. PC FSC 03-1, 05-5, 06-2 & 5, 09-03 – Eastern Plumas HFR – 175 acres – **Project to be closed out, funds are expended.**
  - D. PC FSC 06-6 – La Porte Pines HFR – 75 acres - **Nothing New To Report.**
  - E. PC FSC 09-2 & 09-4 –Defensible Space Assistance Senior & Disabled – **Nothing New To Report.**

- F. PC FSC 07-10 - County Educational Workshops – **Funds expended, project to be closed out.**
  - G. PC FSC 10-1 & 11-1- PC FSC Council Coordination 2010-2013 – **Work continues with FSC coordination activities, developing grant funding requests and assisting in project implementation.**
  - H. PC FSC 08- 3 & 09-1- Community HFR Planning & Project Development –**Applications for La Porte Rd II and Senior Disabled Defensible Space are being prepared for SNC consideration. Following our pre-application we were invited to complete full applications for the two projects.**
  - I. PC FSC 10-2 - PC Planning Dept – GIS mapping in support of PC FSC CWPP – **Jerry Hurley, Randy Wilson and Becky Osborn will meet to discuss project outcomes & timelines.**
  - J. PC FSC 10-3 – Bucks Lake CWPP and Firewise Community Planning – **Contract award pending. Funds to be used as seed money for funding the entire project.**
  - K. PC FSC 10-4 – Long Valley II & Crescent Grade HFR 100 acres –**Long Valley- Completed. Crescent Grade 40 acres of handpiling being accomplished.**
  - L. PC FSC 10-5 - Long Valley II HFR 87 acres –**See K.**
  - M. PC FSC 10-6 – Crescent Grade HFR 50 acres – **See K.**
  - N. PC FSC 10-7 –Cromberg (Long Valley II), C Road & Whitehawk HFR 210 acres –
    - i. **Long Valley II – See K.**
    - ii. **C- Road – 20 acres mastication completed, 40 acres of hand piling has started. Prospectus for 30 acres of biomass expected out soon.**
    - iii. **Whitehawk II – Completed. There may be an opportunity to accomplish additional mastication in the biomass units that were excluded from the THP and an additional 10-acre parcel, pending environmental review, landowner agreement and funds.**
  - O. PC FSC 11-2 –Stevens – 300 acres of Sopher-Wheeler lands in 3 areas –**Environmental review compliance information submitted to the District. Implementation pending a NEPA decision.**
  - P. PC FSC 11-3 – RAC – La Porte Rd II HFR (partial) 75 acres – **Project selected, contract pending.**
7. Status update of proposed Grant Proposals. – Jerry Hurley –
- A. Cal Fire Prop- 40 -La Porte Rd II (Full) - **Information for the project submitted to Cal Fire on 8/25/11**
  - B. 2012 Stevens Fund Request – **A number of projects have been submitted to PNF and forwarded to the Region. Selection pending a Congressional budget.**
  - C. SNC - Senior/Disabled Defensible Space Assistance – **Project selected to submit a complete application by 1/23/12.**
  - D. SNC - La Porte Rd II HFR (Full) – **Project selected to submit a complete application by 1/23/12.**
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 – **Fran Stewart reported that the Draft EA for Creeks is out for review.**
9. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) –Jerry Hurley – **Completion of CWPP review is pending maps. Plumas County Emergency**

**Feasibility Group continues to meet. County Board of Supervisors approved Request for Qualifications for a County Fire Prevention Specialist using Title III Funds on 11/15/11.**

10. Update of local FSC and Firewise Community activities – Jerry Hurley –
  - A. Almanor Basin FSC has begun monthly meetings and is pursuing 2 HFR projects.**
  - B. Gold Mtn. Awarded a 10 acre HFR mastication project**
  - C. Graeagle FPD is looking to make address signing a community focus.**
11. California RCD- Phil Noia- **QHS fuels reduction project above HS progressing well. No New CFIP projects being solicited by Cal Fire. Looks like BCAP is dead.**
12. Discuss PC Entity Stewardship Concept – Frank Stewart – **Congressman Herger wants to submit a Bill with adjustment in the Stewardship contracting process that has been discussed at prior meetings. Frank encouraged PC FSC to work with other entities to develop a County Stewardship project to secure future Council funding. Jerry will send an email to a variety of groups to explore the opportunities.**
13. PC FSC Representation on Plumas Corp. Board – Mike De Lasaux- **vacant PCFSC position on Plumas Corporation Board of Directors, since Scott Abrams can't do it any more. Mike De Lasaux has been temporarily fulfilling that extra role.**
14. Defensible Space Educational Hands on Workshop. – Mike De Lasaux- **Mike reported that three of the four committee members got together to discuss a course design with goals & objectives. Mike shared the general idea with the group, who is continuing to move forward.**

#### **New Business**

1. Board Nomination Committee– Mike De Lasaux – **Instead of having a Board nominating committee motion was made that the Coordinator send an email to Board members whose term is up and members who have a history consistent meeting attendance to solicit interest in being nominated in January to fill vacant Board positions.**
2. Board to vote on 2 Resolutions to approve applying for SNC grants – La Porte Rd. II and Senior/Disabled Defensible Space Assistance – Mike De Lasaux. **Mike De Lasaux made a motion to approve Board Resolutions for both SNP project applications. Mike Callaghan seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote. All Board members present voted to approve the resolution, Brian Morris and Jay Neuman voted by proxy, Andy Anderson and Jim Hamblin were absent.**
3. Discuss ABX 129- SRA Fee on Structures – Brian Morris –**No discussion, Letters from the Board of Supervisors and Economic Development Committee were shared earlier by email.**

**The meeting concluded at 11:15 AM**