

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes

Thursday December 11, 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)

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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 Firewise Community programs and pre-fire activities.”

OLD BUSINESS

1. Welcome & Introductions- Brian West
2. Review Agenda – Brian West
3. Next meeting –**January 22, 2009 – Due to a scheduling conflict the regularly scheduled meeting on the second Thursday was changed for this month only.**
4. Review/Approve minutes from November 13, 2008 meeting – Brian West – **Phil Noia made a motion to approve the notes as written. Jay Skutt seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
5. Public Comment - Brian West – **Rich Adams of CA State Parks provided information on Hazardous Fuel Reduction projects in and around Johnsville State Park. Phil Noia advised members there were presently opening on the Board of the Feather River Conservation District. He is now a member of the Forest Stewardship Committee who are advisors to the Board of Forestry.**
6. Status update of Current Grants. (Refer to Grant Summary Sheets)
 - A. PC FSC 02- 9 – NS AQMD Chipping in lieu of burning –Jerry Hurley – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - B. PC FSC 04-4 & 12 - Canyon Dam HFR - 900 acres– Jerry Hurley – **FS working on resolving an access problem across private lands.**
 - C. PC FSC 04-6 - County Stewardship Proposal – Jerry Hurley – **Nothing New to Report.**

- D. PC FSC 05-3, 7, & 07-8 - Greenhorn HFR 30 acres – Jerry Hurley – **The purchase order for Collins Pine to receive logs expires on 12/12/08. To date 12 loads have been delivered. CDF has accepted 5 acres as completed. Following sawlog removal Pearson Wildland Fuels treats exceed surface & ladder fuels with a tracked chipper and masticator. Community members have expressed favorable comments**
- E. PC FSC 05-4, 8 & 08-4 - Grizzly Ck. HFR- 128 acres – Jerry Hurley – **Nothing New to Report.**
- F. PC FSC 03-1, 05-5, 06-2 & 5 – Eastern Plumas HFR – 175 acres - Jerry Hurley - **Danielle is beginning to develop fuel treatment prescriptions and work with landowners.**
- G. PC FSC 06-4 & 10 – Little Grass Valley HFR – 111 acres - Jerry Hurley - **Soper -Wheeler continuing harvesting operations.**
- H. PC FSC 06-6 – La Porte Pines HFR – 75 acres - Jerry Hurley – **Mastication operations almost complete on the FS lands. A landowner has removed flagging causing a slight delay. FS working with the community representative to reflag and get masticated.**
- I. PC FSC 07-1 & 4 - Indian Valley HFR-200 acres – Jerry Hurley – **Hand operations are complete. Biomass operations are expected to begin in the spring pending mills taking logs. Mastication operations to begin by the first of January.**
- J. PC FSC 07-2 - La Porte Road HFR – 100 acres – Jerry Hurley – **Contractor will begin when the contractor completes Greenhorn. The CEQA Negative Declaration has been submitted to CDF and is pending public comment prior to for approval.**
- K. PC FSC 07-5 – C Road right-of-way planning – Jerry Hurley – **Nothing New to Report.**
- L. PC FSC 07-6 – Taylorsville HFR – 30 acres – Jerry Hurley – **Waiting for good burning weather to complete the project,**
- M. PC FSC 07-9 – Elderly/Disabled Defensible Space – Jerry Hurley – **34 of the 36 requests have been completed. Additional grant funds will be sought to treat additional properties next spring.**
- N. PC FSC 07-10 - County Educational Workshops - Jerry Hurley – **A committee will be reformed, 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 - Jerry Hurley – **Biomass operations have been completed on about 68 acres. Request for proposals for a RPF to manage the mastication are being evaluated. PC FSC has obtained environmental clearance from BLM & CA FSC. Mastication is expected to begin in the Spring and hopefully some additional biomass.**
- P. PC FSC 08-2 - PC FSC Council Coordination 2007-2009– Jerry Hurley – **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 HFR projects to achieve implementation success.**

Q. PC FSC 08- 3 - HFR Project Development –Jerry Hurley –**Proposals to retain RPF’s are being evaluated for assistance 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 – Jerry Hurley – **PC FSC was notified on 12/8/08 that the SNC Board authorized awarding us this Grant.**

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 provided a good display map of the HFQLG network that is completed, in progress, and planned for out years. Allan wants to work towards getting all of the fuel reduction accomplishments onto one map to the benefit of all when seeking funds for additional treatment.**

9. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) – Jerry Hurley - **Kelly Stane, Director of OES, stated the PC Emergency Service Feasibility Study Group will begin meeting in January.**

10. Defensible Space on Public Lands – Larry Craggs – **Nothing New to Report.**

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 - **Nothing New to Report.**

14. HFR Cost contribution by participating landowners – Jerry Hurley – **Nothing New to Report.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Committee to recommend Board Members for those Directors with Terms expiring. (2 Directors & 2 Members) – Brian West – **All outgoing Board members except Ed Harrison would be acceptable to being elected to another term if the membership desires. Elections will be held at the January meeting.**

2. Use of Title III funds in compliance with new legislation. – Jerry Hurley – **In the recently approved Secure Rural Schools legislation congress revised wording for use of Title III funds to be more restrictive and include wildfire mitigation activities consistent with the Firewise Community program. In order to be consistent with the language Allan Setzer made a motion to include the words “Firewise Community program” into PC FSC’s Mission Statement. Brian West Seconded and after discussion memembers agreed. According to our By-Laws, they can be changed when there is a Board quorum (6 of 10 were present), & a two-thirds vote to approve the change (all present voted for the change). Our by-laws have been**

revised and our Mission Statement will now read: *“To reduce the loss of natural and manmade resources caused by wildfire through Firewise Community programs and pre-fire activities.”*

Meeting Concluded at 10:30 AM