

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Minutes

Thursday December 11, 2014 - 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 (15)
Mike Callaghan, Sect/Treasurer (14)
Jim Hamblin (15)
Deb Bumpus (15)
Shane Vargas (14)
Jerry Sipe (14)

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Mission Statement:

“To reduce the loss of natural and human made resources caused by wildfire through Firewise Community programs and pre-fire activities.”

2014 Goals:

- Implement and amend as necessary the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP);
- Increase public knowledge and awareness of hazards associated with wildland fire and inform the public about efforts that can be made to reduce their vulnerability to wildland fire;
- Increase community-based involvement in fuels reduction and facilitate the development of additional Firewise Communities in Plumas County;
- Identify, develop and implement community hazardous fuel reduction projects;
- Develop a strategy to provide for sustainable and renewable project funding and reduce the Council's dependence on grant funding;
- Explore green waste disposal and community chipping options for all communities in the County.

1. Welcome & Introductions--Mike De Lasaux
2. Review Agenda--Mike De Lasaux-**Motion Mike Callaghan, second Jim Hamblin-passed unanimously**
3. Review Meeting Minutes--Mike De Lasaux-**Motion Jim Hamblin, second Claude Sanders-passed unanimously**
4. Public Comments--Mike De Lasaux-**No public comments were made**
5. Discussion of potential PC FSC funding sources--Nils Lunder, Mike De Lasaux

- Update on SRA and GHG concept proposal submissions **PC FSC has submitted 7 SRA Concept Proposals and 2 GHG Concept Proposals (Soper Wheeler-Lee Road, Grizzly Creek Ranch). No timeline has been made regarding selected projects being invited to develop full proposals.**
 - Maidu Cultural Development Group project summary **Nils presented to the Council on an opportunity to assist the Maidu Cultural Development Group to develop a HFR project along Williams Valley Road in the Indian Valley. This project has been funded by the PC BOS with Title III funds. Nils received support from the Council to assist this effort while also seeking to clarify the role of the PC FSC in this project.**
6. Nominating Committee for Board of Directors whose terms are expiring –**Mike De Lasaux-Mike D provided background on this process. He also inquired with all board members to see if any of them were considering not continuing to serve on the board. All present members intend to continue to serve on the board.**
 7. Board of Director Nominations-**Mike D informed the Council that nominations are slated to take place during the January meeting of the PC FSC**
 8. Board of Directors Officer Nominations-**No nominations were made during this meeting.**
 9. Status update of Current Grants– Nils Lunder
 - A. PC FSC 09-1- SNC-Community HFR Planning & Project Development – **Nils discussed how this funding source is over allocated on the administration side and clarification with the grantor should happen before we spend any more of these funds.**
 - B. PC FSC 10-7 –Stevens 2010- In-kind, C Road–**These funds are being spent to provide fuels reduction near the communities where the in-kind was generated (C-Road, Whitehawk)**
 - C. PC FSC 11-3- PC FSC Council Coordination 2014-2015–
 - D. PC FSC 11-2 –Stevens 2011– 200 acres of Soper-Wheeler lands in 3 areas –**GHG Concept Proposal was developed to seek funds to help transport biomass to Honey Lake Power to help get this project finished**
 - E. PC FSC 11-4 – RAC – Cutler Meadow/La Porte Rd II HFR (partial) 75 acres –**RPF has developed a Decision Memo and submitted it to the USFS regarding the project**
 - F. PC FSC 12-3 – SNC Prop 84 – La Porte Rd. II HFR- 172 Acres **Funding from this grant is set to expire on 12-31-2014**
 - G. PC FSC 12-1 –Stevens 2012 – 698 acres of Soper-Wheeler, GL&W, & BNRR lands
 - H. PC FSC 14-1 – Stevens 2014 -West Quincy Highway 70 – HFR 65 acres **Coordinator is doing outreach to secure letters of interest from adjacent landowners**
 - I. PC FSC 13-4 – RAC – Crescent Grade II. HFR-68 acres **A portion of the project has been completed using PG&E funds, thus, additional acres will be treated**
 - J. PC FSC 13-5 – RAC - Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Project-**PC FSC will be presenting to the Plumas National Forest Leadership Team on 12-16-2014. Public meetings are scheduled for February 2015**
 - K. PC FSC 13-3 – RAC - Senior/Disabled Defensible Space Assistance- **Funding has been extended by the USFS for this project**
 - L. PC FSC 13-1 - CA FSC Clearinghouse - Senior/Disabled Defensible Space Assistance-**Due to challenges in providing matching funds, the Council may choose not to spend any additional funds from this grant before it expires in February 2015**
 - M. PC FSC 13-2– Greenhorn CSD -Firewise Communities USA & CWPP Development- **Greenhorn has been recognized as a Firewise Community! Next step is to develop a CWPP for their community.**
 - N. PC FSC 13-6 – Title III - Senior/Disabled Defensible Space Assistance –Coordinator
 - O. PC FSC 14-2 --PG&E Fire Prevention Grants-**All grant funds have been spent, grants are closed.**

- a. 267-Cutler Meadows Phase 1-Greenspan
- b. 268-Crescent Grade
- c. 269-Residential Fuel Reduction

Q. PCFSC 14-5—Mohawk Valley Stewardship Council Outreach Materials-Nils and Rachael Norton have been developing a poster and slide show for this project on Sulphur Springs. Products are nearly complete and invoice will be sent to MVSC by end of December.

Updates

1. Plumas County OES activities-Jerry Sipe/Sue McCourt-Jerry Sipe was not present, Sue McCourt presented on the work that she has been doing for OES: Community Evacuation Plans for Gold Mountain, Butterfly Valley and Genesee Valley.

2. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), fuel reduction projects, local Firewise Community activities, and community events –

Nils Lunder announced that Greenhorn is now a recognized Firewise Community. He also reported on Firewise activities that he and Sue McCourt have been working on. These include: a recent presentation to the Indian Valley Community Services District Board on an effort to develop Firewise communities throughout Indian Valley; final edits to the Mohawk Vista Community Firewise Assessment, development of a Bailey Creek Firewise Community Assessment, development of the Grizzly Ranch Firewise Community Assessment. Potential work with the Maidu Cultural Development Group to develop a HFR project in Indian Valley. Updates were provided on the HFR projects at C-Road, Whitehawk and Cutler Meadows.

Mike Callaghan reported that Gold Mountain has been doing outreach to landowners that have vacant parcels in the community. Of the approximately 350 vacant lots, nearly 50 of those properties show signs of improvement of some sort (these have been voluntary actions on behalf of landowners or their contractors). Mike attributes some of these actions to the letters that they have sent to landowners urging them to take responsibility for their properties. The NRCS has had 10 landowners sign up for their Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) for assistance with fuels reduction work on properties within the community.

Roy Carter reported that Greenhorn has been reviewing the Plumas County CWPP and is working to understand and incorporate information from that document into their own CWPP. Mike De Lasaux recommended that they find “Preparing a Community Wildfire Protection Plan; a handbook on how to develop CWPPs” and use that as a resource for their project. Sue McCourt will be working to ensure that Greenhorn is featured in a press release announcing that they are now a recognized Firewise Community.

3. CAL FIRE Update-Shane Vargas/Mike DeLasaux No update provided

4. Douglas-fir tussock moth presentation-Danny Cluck, forest entomologist, Lassen National Forest

5. Adjournment, next meeting January 8, 2014