

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes

Thursday December 13, 2007 - 9:00 am.

Plumas County
Planning & Building Services Conference Room
555 Main Street – Quincy, CA

Ed Harrison, Chair (08)
Ron Cross, Vice Chair (08)
Brian West, Treasurer (08)
Michael Condon, Secretary (09)
Andy Anderson (07)
Jim Graham, (07)
Mike De Lasaux, (08)
Jim Hamblin (07)
Frank Stewart (08)
Dale Meese (08)
Allan Setzer (07)

Mission Statement:

“To reduce the loss of natural and manmade resources caused by wildfire through pre-fire activities.”

OLD BUSINESS

1. Welcome & Introductions- Ed Harrison
2. Review Agenda – Ed Harrison
3. Next meeting –**January 10, 2008**
4. Review/Approve minutes from November 8, 2007 meeting – Ed Harrison – **Claude Sanders made a motion to approve the notes as presented. Jim Hamblin seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
5. Public Comment - Ed Harrison - **None**
6. Status update of Current Grants. (Refer to Grant Summary Sheets)
 - A. PC FSC 02- 9 – NS AQMD Chipping in lieu of burning –John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - B. PC FSC 04-4 & 12 - Canyon Dam HFR - 900 acres– John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - C. PC FSC 04-6 - County Stewardship Proposal – John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - D. PC FSC 05-3, 7, & 07-8 - Greenhorn HFR 30 acres – John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**

- E. PC FSC 05-2 & 6 - Whitehawk HFR- 121 acres – John Sheehan – **Project is complete**
 - F. PC FSC 05-4 & 8 - Grizzly Ck. HFR- 128 acres – John Sheehan – **Working with 1 remaining landowner to treat another 6-7 acres with piling and/or mastication.**
 - G. PC FSC 03-1, 05-5, 06-2 & 5 – Eastern Plumas HFR – 175 acres - John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - H. PC FSC 06-3 & 9 – Massack HFR – 160 acres -John Sheehan – **CDF has extended the project to April, but will not extend it beyond that time. Currently there is no market for the products, so the RPF has worked with CDF to allow for mastication in lieu of biomass thinning. Due to the shortened period a revised prospectus for mastication will go out via phone and email for a shortened bid period. Expect to award by 1/1/08**
 - I. PC FSC 06-4 & 10 – Little Grass Valley HFR – 111 acres - John Sheehan - **Nothing New to Report.**
 - J. PC FSC 06-6 – La Porte Pines HFR – 75 acres - John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - K. PC FSC 07-1 & 4 - Indian Valley HFR-200 acres – John Sheehan – **Expect to select a RPF by 1/08.**
 - L. PC FSC 07-2 - La Porte Road HFR – 100 acres – John Sheehan – **Expect to select a RPF by 1/08.**
 - M. PC FSC 07-4 - PC FSC Council Coordination – John Sheehan – **Work continues with website updates, sharing of firesafe information, press releases & associated grant activities. Tentative word was received from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy that we will receive funding for community education and workshops in 2008.**
 - N. PC FSC 07-5 – C Road right-of-way planning – John Sheehan – **Expect to select a RPF by 1/08.**
 - O. PC FSC 07-6 – Taylorsville HFR – 30 acres – John Sheehan – **Expect to select a RPF by 1/08.**
 - P. PC FSC 07-7 - C Road HFR – 40 acres – John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - Q. PC FSC 07-9 – Elderly/Disabled Defensible Space – John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
7. Status update of proposed Grant Proposals.
- A. PC FSC Educational & Publications – Sierra Nevada Conservancy – John Sheehan – **Tentative word from the Conservancy that we will be funded for this project pending approval of their Board of Directors.**

B. PC FSC HFR Competitive Grant - Sierra Nevada Conservancy – John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**

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 – Jason Moghaddas – **The US Ninth Circuit Court recently handed down a decision which prohibits the US Forest Service from using Categorical Exclusions for Hazardous Fuel Reduction projects. This will have an impact in a number of PNF activities & may have some impact to PC FSC HFR projects, which are funded by RAC funds. The 9th Circuit placed the decision for which projects could move forward or which ones would need an EA back to the lower court.**
9. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) – Jim Graham - **Nothing New to Report.**
10. Committee report on recommendations for fuel reduction treatment areas of public lands around communities, beyond HFQLG. – Frank Stewart – **Nothing New to Report.**
11. Defensible Space on Public Lands – Jason Moghaddas - **Nothing New to Report.**
12. Secure Rural Schools Funding – Frank Stewart - **Nothing New to Report.**
13. CA FSC legislative issues – Frank Stewart - **Nothing New to Report.**
14. Update of local FSC (Almanor Basin & Gold Mtn.) activity. – Jerry Hurley - **Nothing New to Report.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Board of Directors Nominations- Committee to provide membership notification of candidates for elections in January [4 positions for present members whose term expires. (2008-2009) 2 vacancies due to resignations] – **Ed Harrison. No Action taken. Will carry over to the January meeting.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:35