

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 8, 2015 - 9:00 am.
Plumas County
Planning & Building Services Conference Room
555 Main Street – Quincy, CA

Board of Directors

Mike De Lasaux, Chair (15)
Chuck Bowman, Vice Chair (15)
Mike Callaghan, Sect/Treasurer (15)
Jim Hamblin (15)
Deb Bumpus (15)
Shane Vargas (15)
Jerry Sipe (15)

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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.”

2015 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 **Don Gasser-motion, Rachael Norton-second, passed unanimously.**
3. Review Meeting Minutes--Mike De Lasaux **Sue McCourt-motion, Don Gasser-second, 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

A thorough discussion was had with the Council about the status of the SRA grant proposals that the PC FSC has been developing. CAL FIRE has invited the PC FSC to develop full proposals for 6 of the 7 concept proposals that were submitted in November. Mike De Lasaux provided an overview for the community outreach and education proposal that he has been developing. Shane Vargas made it very clear that CAL FIRE is concerned about how the SRA funds are spent and that the PC FSC must make it very clear to the volunteer fire departments that these funds cannot be used to purchase equipment.

A discussion regarding the Plumas County Community Chipping program; the group agrees that the proposal should include a mix of local chipping contractors as well as CAL FIRE work crews depending on the feasibility of getting the CAL FIRE crews to the project areas in an efficient manner. The Council will not be purchasing a chipper with these funds, but may be renting a chipper for those work days that involve CAL FIRE crews.

Nils provided an overview of the four hazardous fuel reduction proposals (Dixie Valley, Mohawk Vista, Greenhorn and American Valley). The Council feels that no proposals should be submitted that do not have sufficient requests for assistance from landowners. As a result, Nils will be sending out letters and applications to the communities. He had to wait to send the docs until the Council had a final Homeowner Request for Assistance form and until the Council had time to discuss the policies of these new proposals.

- **California Fire Safe Council 2015 Grant Program-A proposal for this funding source may be developed in February. At this time, efforts are focused on the SRA proposals. Nils discussed the potential of developing a proposal to treat lands on Radio Hill in American Valley. Nothing specific has been developed for the CA FSC 2015 grant program at this time.**

6. **Nominating Committee for Board of Directors whose terms are expiring –Mike De Lasaux**
7. **Board of Director Nominations-No new board of directors volunteered to serve on the Council, Jerry Sipe, Jim Hamblin, and Shane Vargas had their terms extended for one year.**
8. **Board of Directors Officer Nominations-Mike De Lasaux was nominated to continue to serve as the Chair of the Board, a motion was made by Chuck Bowman, Mike Callaghan seconded and this passed unanimously. Chuck Bowman was nominated to continue to serve as Vice Chair of the Board, Mike De Lasaux made a motion, Sue McCourt seconded and this passed unanimously. Mike Callaghan was nominated to continue to serve as the Secretary/Treasurer of the Board, Don Gasser made a motion, Sue McCourt seconded and this passed unanimously.**
9. **Status update of Current Grants– Nils Lunder-Nils provided updates on the active grants that the PC FSC is managing.**
 - A. **PC FSC 09-1- SNC-Community HFR Planning & Project Development -**
 - B. **PC FSC 10-7 –Stevens 2010- In-kind, C Road–**
 - 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 –**
 - E. **PC FSC 11-4 – RAC – Cutler Meadow/La Porte Rd II HFR (partial) 75 acres –**
 - F. **PC FSC 12-3 – SNC Prop 84 – La Porte Rd. II HFR- 172 Acres**
 - 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**

- I. PC FSC 13-4 – RAC – Crescent Grade II. HFR-68 acres
- J. PC FSC 13-5 – RAC - Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Project
- K. PC FSC 13-3 – RAC - Senior/Disabled Defensible Space Assistance
- L. PC FSC 13-1 - CA FSC Clearinghouse - Senior/Disabled Defensible Space Assistance
- M. PC FSC 13-2– Greenhorn CSD -Firewise Communities USA & CWPP Development
- N. PC FSC 13-6 – Title III - Senior/Disabled Defensible Space Assistance –Coordinator

Updates

1. **Plumas County OES activities-Jerry Sipe/Sue McCourt-Sue McCourt provided the update on behalf of the PC OES, their on going work with communities throughout the county continues, especially with community evacuation plans.**
2. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), fuel reduction projects, local Firewise Community activities, community events – Nils Lunder, Mike Callahan, Chuck Bowman, Sue McCourt

Nils acknowledged Greenhorn’s recent recognition as a Firewise Community and he discussed that one of the next steps will be the development of a CWPP for the Greenhorn community. He also discussed the draft Firewise Community Assessments that have been sent to the aspiring Firewise Communities of Mohawk Vista, Bailey Creek and Grizzly Ranch and he hopes that 2015 will see a continuation of local Firewise community development efforts.

Chuck Bowman announced that the Greagle FPD generated \$23,158.93 of in-kind funds during 2014 Firewise efforts. These funds illustrate the level of community involvement with their Firewise program. Both the Greagle FPD and Gold Mountain have submitted their Firewise Community annual reports to the California Fire Safe Council.

Mike Callaghan reported that Gold Mountain is awaiting a response from CAL FIRE regarding the Greenhouse Gas reduction proposal that they submitted to treat common areas within their community. Gold Mountain is still in the process of developing processes and criteria for their community fuels management project.

3. CAL FIRE Update-Shane Vargas/Mike DeLasaux-**No update provided.**
4. Adjournment, next meeting February 12, 2015