

# Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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## Meeting Notes

Thursday January 12, 2012 - 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 (13)*

*Mike Callaghan, Sect/Treasurer (12)*

*Andy Anderson (13)*

*Jim Hamblin (13)*

*Frank Stewart (12)*

*Allan Setzer (13)*

### ***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- Chuck Bowman
2. Review Agenda – Chuck Bowman
3. Next meeting – March 8, 2012
4. Review/Approve minutes from January 12, 2012 meeting– Chuck Bowman–**Claude Sanders pointed out a correction in item 13. Jim Hamblin made a motion to approve the notes with corrections. Andy Anderson seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
5. Public Comment - Chuck Bowman – **Frank Stewart reported that Cal Fire’s Programmatic EIR for vegetation management is expected out soon. Secure Rural Schools is up for renewal and the committee is in need of funds. Asked that members donate to help ensure the continuation of funds.**
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 – **Most of the piles have been burned. Biomass operations have begun south of Canyon Dam.**
  - C. PC FSC 06-6 – La Porte Pines HFR – 75 acres – **Piles have been burned, project is being closed out.**
  - D. PC FSC 09-2 & 09-4 –Defensible Space Assistance Senior & Disabled – **Outreach continuing for spring of 2012.**
  - E. 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.**

- F. PC FSC 08- 3 & 09-1- Community HFR Planning & Project Development –**Applications for La Porte Rd II and Senior Disabled Defensible Space have been submitted SNC consideration. Confirmation from SNC they will further consider La Porte Rd II HFR as a viable projects, word pending on Senior/Disabled.**
  - G. PC FSC 10-2 - PC Planning Dept – GIS mapping in support of PC FSC CWPP – **Expect an updated HFR map for the March HFR CWPP update meeting.**
  - H. PC FSC 10-3 – Bucks Lake CWPP and Firewise Community Planning – **Contract award pending. Working with County to secure a funding contract for PC FSC/Plumas Corp to execute the project.**
  - I. PC FSC 10-4 – Long Valley II & Crescent Grade HFR 100 acres –**Long Valley- 106 acres completed. Crescent Grade 40 acres of handpiling & burning being accomplished. Closing out the project.**
  - J. PC FSC 10-5 - Long Valley II HFR 87 acres – **See I.**
  - K. PC FSC 10-6 – Crescent Grade HFR 50 acres – **See I.**
  - L. PC FSC 10-7 –Cromberg (Long Valley II), C Road & Whitehawk HFR 210 acres –
    - i. **Long Valley II – See I.**
    - ii. **C- Road – 20 acres mastication completed, 40 acres of hand piling & burning ongoing. Prospectus for 30 acres of biomass expected out sin the spring.**
    - 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.**
  - M. PC FSC 11-2 –Stevens – 300 acres of Sopher-Wheeler lands in 3 areas –**District Ranger has signed the Decision Memo. Will work with Sopher-Wheeler on implementation.**
  - N. PC FSC 11-3 – RAC – La Porte Rd II HFR (partial) 75 acres – **Project selected for funding by RAC, contract pending. Funds planned to be used as match for other grantors to obtain complete funding**
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. CDF Contacted RPF Banchio that this may be funded pending a completed application.**
  - B. 2012 Stevens Fund Request – **A number of projects have been submitted to PNF and forwarded to the Region. PNF expect a decision at the end of February.**
  - C. SNC - Senior/Disabled Defensible Space Assistance –**Application submitted, awaiting a funding decision..**
  - D. SNC - La Porte Rd II HFR (Full) – **Application submitted, awaiting a funding decision**
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 –
- A. **Frank Stewart reported that the Draft EA for Creeks is out for comment.**
  - B. **Discussion of HFQLG county residents testified in front of a Natural Resources sub-committee. Senate has held no hearings.**
  - C. **BRD- Jackson Sale being cut, but no buyer for the biomass. Big Hill timber sale being marked.**

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. Jerry Sipe to update Board on Feasibility Group activities.**
10. Update of local FSC and Firewise Community activities – Jerry Hurley – **CA FSC is now the clearinghouse for Firewise Communities in CA.**
  - A. **Almanor Basin FSC has determined that they will cease to meet for awhile & focus on Firewise activities in the West Almanor community.**
  - B. **Gold Mtn. Nothing new to Report**
  - C. **Graeagle FPD is looking to make address signing a community focus. Limited interest from the outreach for individual HIZ Consultations.**
11. California RCD- Phil Noia- **Nothing New to Report**
12. Discuss PC Entity Stewardship Concept – Frank Stewart – **With Herger retiring, a democratic congressman from New Mexico is expected to take a lead and is currently writing new language.**
13. Defensible Space Educational Hands on Workshop. – Mike De Lasaux - **Claude Sanders reported that work is continuing in the development of a HIZ class that will be offered through VFD's. An outline has been prepared and Meadow Valley is the first planned target area.**

#### **New Business**

**The meeting concluded at 10:30 AM**