

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes

Thursday February 12, 2009 - 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)
Vacant, Secretary
Jim Graham, Treasurer (09)
Andy Anderson (09)
Jim Hamblin (09)
Frank Stewart (08)
Dale Meese (08)
Allan Setzer (09)
Jay Skutt (09)
Kelly Stane (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 –**March 12, 2009**
4. Review/Approve minutes from February 12, 2009 meeting – Brian West – **Allan Setzer made a motion to approve the notes as written. Mike Callaghan seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
5. Public Comment - Brian West- **Dan Martynn, NRCS encouraged PC FSC to consider their agency for funding when developing community HFR packages, as he anticipate an increase in funding.**
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 – **Nothing New To Report.**
 - 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 – **Contractor is presently weathered out & plans to begin when conditions are favorable. Project is approximately two-thirds completed.**

- 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 – **North Valley resources is continuing to work with landowners and complete the development of prescriptions to develop the treatment prospectus. PC FSC has developed a supplemental grant request to the RAC to cover increased expenses and the anticipated reduction in projected forest product incomes.**
- G. PC FSC 06-4 & 10 – Little Grass Valley HFR – 111 acres - Jerry Hurley - **Nothing New To Report.**
- H. PC FSC 06-6 – La Porte Pines HFR – 75 acres - Jerry Hurley – **Nothing New To Report.**
- I. PC FSC 07-1 & 4 - Indian Valley HFR-200 acres – Jerry Hurley – **Hand Piling has been completed where it was the prescribed treatment, but piles have not been burned. Mastication has been completed on all but 4 acres, but contractor is currently weathered out.**
- J. PC FSC 07-2 - La Porte Road HFR – 100 acres – Jerry Hurley – **CDF suspended the project due to the California Fiscal Crisis.**
- 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 – **All of the project area has been thinned and piled with about 50% of the piles burned.**
- M. PC FSC 07-9 – Elderly/Disabled Defensible Space – Jerry Hurley – **Nothing New To Report.**
- N. PC FSC 07-10 - County Educational Workshops - Jerry Hurley – **SNC suspended the project due to California Fiscal Crisis.**
- O. PC FSC 08- 1 - Gold Mtn. HFR - Jerry Hurley – **Nothing New To Report.**
- 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 aggressively developing grants for the upcoming cycle.**
- Q. PC FSC 08- 3 - HFR Project Development –Jerry Hurley – **Danielle Banchio & Pete Thill the project RPF’s have been assisting in the outreach and development of a grant request to CA FSC to fund implementation of approximately 825 acre in seven communities.**

7. Status update of proposed Grant Proposals. – Jerry Hurley

- A. Elderly Disabled – RAC & CA FSC Clearinghouse – **Grants have been prepared and submitted to RAC and the CA FSC Grants Clearinghouse for funding of an additional 50 properties in 2009.**
 - B. Eastern Plumas HFR – RAC – **A supplemental grant request has been submitted to the RAC to cover increased expenses and anticipated reductions in forest product incomes.**
 - C. Plumas County HFR 2009 – CA FSC Clearinghouse – **A large, 825 acre, HFR grant is being prepared for the CA FSC Clearinghouse for seven communities. Proposed acres will be in the general communities of previous HFR grants where 700 acres has or is being treated.**
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 – **USFS expects an increase in fuel reduction activities with Recovery Funds, especially where they connect to communities. There is a strong emphasis by the administration to implement HFR shelf projects that are NEPA ready, can be implemented quickly and create jobs.**
 9. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) – Jerry Hurley – **Plumas County Board of Supervisors formalized the Emergency Services Advisory Committee and appointed Jerry to that committee. This should help get some of PC FSC’s Community Wildfire Protection Plan mitigation recommendations implemented.**
 10. Defensible Space on Public Lands – Larry Craggs – **This project may become more viable with current emphasis on the Nations Recovery Program.**
 11. Secure Rural Schools Funding – Jerry Hurley - **Nothing New To Report.**
 12. CA FSC legislative issues – Frank Stewart – **Nothing New To Report.**
 13. Update of local FSC (Almanor Basin & Gold Mtn.) activities – Jerry Hurley – **Almanor Basin FSC has requested that PC FSC send a letter of support to the Almanor District Ranger and RAC to support funding for staffing the Dyer Mtn. lookout. Dan Martynn made a motion to send the letter and Steve windward seconded. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
 14. HFR Cost contribution by participating landowners – Jerry Hurley – **Brian West suggested that a small group get together to make a proposal to bring back to the members for concurrence. Members suggested are: Danielle Banchio, Brian West, Dan Martynn, Mike Callaghan, Mike De Lasaux, & John Sheehan.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Board of Directors to select officers to fill the vacant Secretary position. – Brian West – **Due to a lack of a Board quorum this will occur in March. Randy Wilson, Director of Plumas County Planning & Building Services requested the Jim Graham not be on the Board as it has potential to present a conflict of interest in making PC FSC recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. Jim will send a resignation letter. His position of Treasurer will also need to be filled in March.**

The meeting concluded at 10:30 AM