

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes

Thursday February 14, 2008 - 9:00 am.

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

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

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 –**March 13, 2008**
4. Review/Approve minutes from December 13, 2007 meeting – Ed Harrison – **No action taken.**
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 – **The timber sale has been awarded, but there is currently a moratorium on green logs at the local mills to maximize the removal of fire killed trees from the Moonlight Fire.**
 - 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 05-4 & 8 - Grizzly Ck. HFR- 128 acres – John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**

- F. PC FSC 03-1, 05-5, 06-2 & 5 – Eastern Plumas HFR – 175 acres - John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - G. PC FSC 06-3 & 9 – Massack HFR – 160 acres -John Sheehan – **Mastication treatment is occurring with three masticators working on the project.**
 - H. PC FSC 06-4 & 10 – Little Grass Valley HFR – 111 acres - John Sheehan - **Nothing New to Report.**
 - I. PC FSC 06-6 – La Porte Pines HFR – 75 acres - John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - J. PC FSC 07-1 & 4 - Indian Valley HFR-200 acres – John Sheehan – **Plans and efforts to conduct additional outreach to find interested landowner to achieve the 200 acre target. Joe Smailes has been selected as the RPF for this project.**
 - K. PC FSC 07-2 - La Porte Road HFR – 100 acres – John Sheehan – **Danielle Banchio, North Valley Resources, has been selected as the RPF for this project.**
 - L. PC FSC 07-4 - PC FSC Council Coordination – John Sheehan – **Work continues with website updates, sharing of firesafe information, press releases & associated grant activities.**
 - M. PC FSC 07-5 – C Road right-of-way planning – John Sheehan – **Danielle Banchio, North Valley Resources, has been selected as the RPF for this project.**
 - N. PC FSC 07-6 – Taylorsville HFR – 30 acres – John Sheehan – **Joe Smailes has been selected as the RPF for this project.**
 - O. PC FSC 07-7 - C Road HFR – 40 acres – John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - P. PC FSC 07-9 – Elderly/Disabled Defensible Space – John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - Q. PC FSC 07-10 Educational & Publications – Sierra Nevada Conservancy – John Sheehan - **A committee is being formed to develop a Fire Safe Tabloid, educational workshops, and recommendations for purchasing of publication materials.**
7. Status update of proposed Grant Proposals.
- A. PC FSC HFR Competitive Grant - Sierra Nevada Conservancy – John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - B. PC FSC Coordination – PC BoS title III - John Sheehan –**Board of Supervisors expected to make a decision on 3/11/07.**
 - C. PC FSC HFR Project Development – PC BoS title III - John Sheehan – **Board of Supervisors expected to make a decision on 3/11/07.**
 - D. PC FSC Coordination – CA FSC- NFP /SNC - John Sheehan –**Submitted on 2/14/07**
 - E. PC FSC Public Education Defensible Space– CA FSC- NFP - John Sheehan – **Submitted on 2/14/07**
 - F. PC FSC HFR- Gold Mtn.2008 Mastication – John Sheehan - **Submitted on 2/14/07**

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 – HFQLG has been extended until 2012. Included in the legislation is a requirement for increased collaboration. There are approximately 22 projects, covering 61,000 acres, for Plumas County.**
9. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) – Jim Graham **Plumas County Feasibility Study Group will be making a presentation of their progress to the Board of Supervisors on 3/19/08. The summary report will include the need to have Fire Improvement Standards in the County so as not to continue creating impacts to our volunteer fire departments. A number of these fire improvement standards may tie directly to mitigation items in our County CWPP.**
10. Committee report on recommendations for fuel reduction treatment areas of public lands around communities, beyond HFQLG. – Frank Stewart – **Discussed as part of item 8.**
11. Defensible Space on Public Lands – Jason Moghaddas - **Nothing New to Report.**
12. Secure Rural Schools Funding – Frank Stewart – **Reauthorization has not been included as of yet in any signed legislation. Congressional efforts still ongoing.**
13. CA FSC legislative issues – Frank Stewart – **No pending legislation to provide support to local FSC’s.**
14. Update of local FSC activity. – Jerry Hurley
 - A. Almanor Basin – **Dale Knutsen & Keith Crummer are developing Forest Ecology course at FRC for the spring semester. It will likely include some Firewise/Fire Safe information.**
 - B. Gold Mountain – **GM FSC members have completed 50 residential defensible consultations in their community. Their chipping program is expected to have a large increase in activity after the snow leaves.**
 - C. Valley Ranch – The Valley Ranch HOA (Clio) is in the process of developing a Fire Safe Committee for their community.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Board of Directors Nominations/Elections- Committee to provide membership notification of candidates for Board elections. Board to select Officers. [4 positions for present members whose term expires. (2008-2009) 2 vacancies due to resignations] – Ed Harrison – **All Board members whose term expired in 2007 were unanimously re-elected. No new members were selected to fill vacancies on the Board. The Board will select its Officers at the March meeting.**
2. UC Research project to quantify vegetative regrowth following fuel reduction. - Lindsay Chiono - **Lindsay Chiono, a graduate student at UC Berkeley, made a presentation of their initial findings of vegetative regrowth on a number of plots which they sampled this last summer. Plots in Plumas County included both QLG and Collins Pine Co. fuel reduction projects. The project is in cooperation with the UC Cooperative Extension offices of Plumas & Sierra Counties.**