

# Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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## Meeting Notes

**Thursday March 11, 2010 - 9:00 am.**

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

### Board of Directors

*Brian West, Chair (10)*  
*Mike Callaghan, Vice Chair (10)*  
*Jay Skutt, Secretary/Treasurer (11)*  
*Andy Anderson (11)*  
*Jim Hamblin (11)*  
*Frank Stewart (10)*  
*Dale Meese (10)*  
*Allan Setzer (11)*  
*Mike De Lasaux (10)*  
*Scott Abrams (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 –**April 8, 2010**
4. Review/Approve minutes from January 13, 2009 meeting – Brian West – **Claude Sanders made a motion to approve the notes as written. Scott Abrams seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
5. Public Comment - Brian West – **None**
6. Status update of Current Grants. (Refer to Grant Summary Sheets) – John Sheehan
  - A. PC FSC 02- 9 – NS AQMD Chipping in lieu of burning – **Nothing New To Report.**
  - B. PC FSC 04-4 & 12 - Canyon Dam HFR - 900 acres – **Nothing New To Report.**
  - C. PC FSC 03-1, 05-5, 06-2 & 5, 09-03 – Eastern Plumas HFR – 175 acres - **125 acres have been completed, expending the CA FSC funds. Council & RPF will seek opportunities to treat an additional 50 acres. RPF assessing road damage to one parcel**
  - D. PC FSC 07-2 - La Porte Road HFR – 100 acres – **Nothing New To Report.**
  - E. PC FSC 07-5 – C Road right-of-way planning – **Working with RPF & CSD to obtain funding to implement a roadside fuelbreak.**
  - F. PC FSC 07-6 – Taylorsville HFR – 30 acres –**Nothing New To Report.**
  - G. PC FSC 09-2 & 09-4 – Elderly/Disabled Defensible Space – **“ New” dollars may be available in a joint venture with FEMA and State Dept Housing and Community Development. There is Fire Safe work to do right now, down the canyon, Hwy 70. With USFS proposed work in vicinity of Rich Bar.**

- H. PC FSC 07-8 – Greenhorn HFR – **There are surplus fund and the Greenhorn VFD has requested to use them for community roadside chipping.**
- I. PC FSC 07-10 - County Educational Workshops - **Nothing New To Report.**
- J. PC FSC 08- 1 - Gold Mtn. HFR - **Remaining funds to do additional acres. New Prospectus sent to bidders list. New “tour” date is April 29, 2010, Bids due date is May 13, 2010.**
- K. PC FSC 08-2 & 10-1- PC FSC Council Coordination 2007-2011 – **Work continues with FSC coordination activities, developing grant funding requests and making FSC presentations, most recently to the PC Planning Commission.**
- L. PC FSC 08- 3 & 09-1- Community HFR Planning & Project Development –**Awaiting word from grantors for grant applications to treat 4 project areas.**
- M. PC FSC 09-5 PC Planning Dept –VFD map books and GIS Software. – **PC Planning working with VFD’s on creating mapbooks.**
- N. PC FSC 10-2 - PC Planning Dept – GIS mapping in support of PC FSC CWPP – **A Countywide fuel treatment map with reference photos was prepared for the UC Pre-Post Fire Conference in Sacramento in February.**
- O. PC FSC 10-3 – Bucks Lake CWPP and Firewise Community Planning – **Danielle Banchio and Ron Heinbockel to see what interest is out there for landowners to sign up with FSC.**
- P. PC FSC 10-4 – Long Valley II & Crescent Grade HFR 100 acres – **CA FSC has funded this project. Awaiting request for additional project funds from RAC. RPF’s are working on the environmental information for CA FSC to fund treatment.**

7. Status update of proposed Grant Proposals. – John Sheehan

- A. Plumas County FSC Coordination -2009 SNC – **Pending SNC Decision to approve.**
- B. PNF WFHF Cromberg (Long Valley II) - **Pending FS R5 Decision to approve.**
- C. PNF WFHF Whitehawk II) - **Pending FS R5 Decision to approve.**
- D. PNF WFHF C –Road Fuelbreak) - **Pending FS R5 Decision to approve.**
- E. RAC –Long Valley II - **Grant application submitted awaiting funding decision.**
- F. RAC - Crescent Grade - **Grant application submitted awaiting funding decision.**
- G. CA FSC La Porte Rd II - **Grant application submitted awaiting funding decision.**
- H. CA FSC Whitehawk II - **Grant application submitted awaiting 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 –**Jason Vermillion- FRRD- Discuss 2 HFQLG HFR Projects – Scoping begins May 1. John S. wants Jerry to write back up letters for ST Louis and On Top thinning sales to be put up on FRRD.**

**Richard Stumpf- Mt Hough RD- Discuss Meadow Valley Project - ARRA Meadow Valley Stewardship Project – Landing piles from old Snake TS to be disposed of by contract burning or chipping , Field trip on April 5 2010, to be completed this season. ARRA funds may be utilized to subsidize chip values to insure sale completion.**

9. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) –Jerry Hurley – **Nothing New to Report.**

10. **Defensible Space on Public Lands – Larry Craggs – John Sheehan discussed meeting at McClellan AF Base he and Mike DeLasaux and Jerry Hurley attended. Several papers presented that detailed the advantages of pre- treating stands for fire safe conditions.**
11. **Update of local FSC and Firewise Community activities – Jerry Hurley –**
  - A. **Almanor Basin FSC met 3/10.is moving aggressively to submit their Firewise Application. Their CSD Board of Directors has accepted the prepared Community Assessment.**
  - B. **Graeagle is developing a community assessment and Firewise application for their Fire Protection District. Field visit to review communities scheduled for 3/22. Expect to submit application in July.**
  - C. **Gold Mountain FSC – Nothing New to Report.**

#### **New Business**

1. **Discuss PC Entity Stewardship Concept – Frank Stewart –Frank wants to hold off until a couple of main points i.e., pre work deposits, and resulting county funds from Contracts are squared away.**
2. **Approve 2010 Annual Goals – Brian West – No action taken as Jay Skutt wasn't present to present his proposed addition.**
3. **Emergency Broadcast Services through the local FM radio station, FM 91.9 KQNY Shaun Lemnah – Shaun gave an extensive appeal for fund sources for public benefit – non – profit. Radio station wants to assist us in making our ” goals” public knowledge.**