

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes

Thursday March 12, 2008 - 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 (09)

Andy Anderson (09)

Jim Hamblin (09)

Frank Stewart (10)

Dale Meese (10)

Allan Setzer (09)

Kelly Stane (10)

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 9, 2009
4. Review/Approve minutes from February 12, 2007 meeting – Brian West - **Jay Skutt made a motion to approve the notes as written. Allan Setzer 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)
 - 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 – **Nothing New To Report**
 - 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 – **Contractor is presently weathered out & plans to begin when conditions are favorable. 7 acres left to treat.**
 - E. PC FSC 05-4, 8 & 08-4 - 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 –**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. With SPI's small log mill closing, the planned match from sawlogs may be lost.

- G. PC FSC 06-4 & 10 – Little Grass Valley HFR – 111 acres - John Sheehan - **Nothing New To Report.**
 - H. PC FSC 06-6 – La Porte Pines HFR – 75 acres - John Sheehan – **PNF managed lands completed. 5 acres of private lands remain to be treated. Contractor did not complete the private lands in the fall. PC FSC has received many requests for HFR assistance from the community's property owners. However they are small lots and don't qualify as they would fall within the 1000' of defensible space zone.**
 - I. PC FSC 07-1 & 4 - Indian Valley HFR-200 acres – John Sheehan – **Handpiling & burning is completed. Mastication is almost complete with 5-6 acres remain. When soil conditions allow the contractor will return. Logging is anticipated to begin in the spring.**
 - J. PC FSC 07-2 - La Porte Road HFR – 100 acres – John Sheehan – **Project is still in a holding pattern as CDF suspended the project due to the California Fiscal Crisis**
 - K. PC FSC 07-5 – C Road right-of-way planning – John Sheehan – **RPF to meet with C Road CSD to resolve the issue of where to locate the roadside fuelbreak. The CSD planned to put it in the right-or-way. However the legal right-o way- is not consistent with the actual road location.**
 - L. PC FSC 07-6 – Taylorsville HFR – 30 acres – John Sheehan – **All of the project area has been thinned and piled with about 75% of the piles burned.**
 - M. PC FSC 07-9 – Elderly/Disabled Defensible Space– John Sheehan – **Awaiting word on funding from the CA FSC or RAC for a 2009 project.**
 - N. PC FSC 07-10 - County Educational Workshops - John Sheehan – **Project is still in a holding pattern as SNC suspended the project due to the California Fiscal Crisis.**
 - O. PC FSC 08- 1 - Gold Mtn. HFR - John Sheehan – **Conditions still too wet to resume work.**
 - P. PC FSC 08-2 - PC FSC Council Coordination 2007-2009– John Sheehan – **Work continues with FSC coordination activities, meeting with contractors and foresters on fuel reduction projects and sharing of firesafe information. We are awaiting word on 5 grants.**
 - Q. PC FSC 08- 3 - HFR Project Development –John Sheehan – **Awaiting word on funding from the CA FSC for a large 825 acre HFR project.**
 - R. PC FSC 09-1 - PC FSC Community HFR Planning 2009-2010 – John Sheehan - **Awaiting word on funding from the CA FSC for a large 825 acre HFR project. IF the project is funded we will use this grant as match for the project. If CA FSC Clearinghouse does not fund the project we will move forward with planning for preparation of a HFR grant from the SNC.**
7. Status update of proposed Grant Proposals. –
- A. Elderly Disabled – RAC & CA FSC Clearinghouse – **Decision Expected in Early April**
 - B. Eastern Plumas HFR – RAC - **Decision Expected in Early April**
 - C. Plumas County HFR 2009 – CA FSC Clearinghouse - **Decision Expected in Early April**
 - D. Plumas County FSC Coordination -2009 SNC - **Decision Expected in May**
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 – **Stimulus funds are a little slower coming than at first thought. PNF is**

still in contention for funding on a number of its projects. PC FSC prepared a letter of support for the Jackson Project on the Beckwourth Ranger District.

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 – **Nothing New to Report.**
11. Secure Rural Schools Funding – Use of Title III funds in compliance with new legislation. – John Sheehan - **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 – **No meetings have been held since the last report.**
14. HFR Cost contribution by participating landowners – John Sheehan – **Extensive discussion on the proposal to request in-kind cash from landowner for HFR projects. The past practice did not work well and a committee has recommended a fixed fee NTE \$250 per acre. Proposed changes in our HFR Guiding Principles, Landowner Request for HFR Assistance Letter and Landowner Agreement were presented for discussion. A number of memebers will provide comments on the documents directly to the Coordinator for presentation at the next meeting.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Board of Directors to select a Secretary and Treasurer – Brian West – **Two new Board Memebers were nominated and selected. Jay Skutt nominated Mike De Lasaux as a Board Member. Steve Windward seconded the motion and the membership voted unanimously to approve the nomination. Kelly Stane nominated Scott Abrams as a Board Member. Jay Skutt seconded the motion and the membership voted unanimously to approve the nomination.**

Mike De Lasaux nominated Jay Skutt as Secretary & Treasurer. Mike Calagnahn seconded the motion and the seven Board memebers present voted unanimously to approve the nomination.

