

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes

Thursday March 8, 2007 - 9:00 am.

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

Ed Harrison, Chair (08)
Ron Cross, Vice Chair (08)
Brian West, Treasurer (08)
John Sheehan, Secretary (08)
Andy Anderson (07)
Jim Graham, (07)
Mike De Lasaux, (08)
Jim Hamblin (07)
Frank Stewart (08)
Dale Meese (08)
Allan Setzer (07)

1. Welcome & Introductions- Brain West
2. Review Agenda – Brain West
3. Next meeting – **April 12, 2007**
4. Review/Approve minutes from 2/8/07 meeting – Brain West – **Jeff Harter made a motion to approve the notes as presented. Molly Fuller seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
5. Public Comment - Brain West – **David Hockaday passed out flyers announcing the next round of visioning meetings to be held by the Planning Commission. The focus of these meetings is on the open space, recreation & natural resources. He encouraged FSC members to participate.**
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 04-1, 2, & 8 - C Road HFR – 117 acres – John Sheehan – **Contractor is waiting for soil conditions to dry out before continuing work.**
 - C. PC FSC 04-4 & 12 - Canyon Dam HFR - 900 acres– John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**

- D. PC FSC 04-6 - County Stewardship Proposal – John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - E. PC FSC 06-7 - PC FSC Council Coordination – John Sheehan – **Grant proposals are still being developed. 4 for Title III, 1 for CDF prop 40. Work continues with website updates, sharing of firesafe information, press releases & associated grant activities.**
 - F. PC FSC 05-2 & 6 - Whitehawk HFR- 121 acres – John Sheehan – **Contractor is waiting for soil conditions to dry out before continuing work.**
 - G. PC FSC 05-3 & 7 - Greenhorn HFR 30 acres – John Sheehan – **Nothing new to report.**
 - H. PC FSC 05-4 & 8 - Grizzly Ck. HFR- 128 acres – John Sheehan – **NEPA has been completed and signed off. A pre-bid tour for contractors is being held today. Solicitations for bids closes on 3/30.**
 - I. PC FSC 06-1 & 8 – West Almanor Community Club HFR – 11 acres -John Sheehan – **Contractor is waiting for soil conditions to dry out before beginning work.**
 - J. PC FSC 03-1, 05-5, 06-2 & 5 – Eastern Plumas HFR – 175 acres - John Sheehan – **Project layout and collection of landowner agreements continues.**
 - K. PC FSC 06-3 & 9 – Massack HFR – 160 acres -John Sheehan – **Nothing new to report.**
 - L. PC FSC 06-4 & 10 – Little Grass Valley HFR – 111 acres - John Sheehan - **Awaiting funds and a contract from PNF.**
 - M. PC FSC 06-6 – La Porte Pines HFR – 75 acres -John Sheehan – **Awaiting funds and a contract from PNF.**
7. Status update of Current Grant Proposals.
- A. Indian Valley HFR-200 acres - CA FSC & Title III –**Proposal submitted to CA FSC Clearinghouse, awaiting decision. Title III request being prepared.**
 - B. Elderly Disabled Defensible Space – 75 - CA FSC & Title III - **Proposal submitted to CA FSC Clearinghouse, awaiting decision. Title III request being prepared.**
 - C. Thompson Valley HFR – 100 acres - CDF Prop 40 & Title III - **Proposal submitted to CDF Butter ranger Unit. Title III request being prepared.**
 - D. PC FSC Coordination – Title III - **Title III request being prepared.**
 - E. C Road Right of Way - Title III - **Title III request being prepared.**
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 – **There was discussion on treatment units for the Keddie Project in light of PC FSC comment on treating high hazard public lands adjacent to and within the Communities at Risk.**

9. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) – Jim Graham – **Jim reported that Brian Morris of the County Counsel’s Office is reviewing Plumas County’s Ordinance and how it complies with PRC 4290. His analysis is expected by early April. He will then present his findings to the Board of Supervisors.**
10. Committee report on recommendations for fuel reduction treatment areas of public lands around communities, beyond HFQLG. – Frank Stewart – **Frank encouraged Council members to continually review the QLG program of work & projects to insure treatment opportunities are being identified that support our CWPP.**
11. Defensible Space on Public Lands – Jason Moghaddas – **Jason was not present, but Dennis Miller reported he has sent the shape files for Indian Valley which identify properties which met the criteria.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Secure Rural Schools Funding – Frank Stewart – **Discussions are currently going on in Congress, there is still some hope they will approve funding.**
2. CA FSC legislative issues – Frank Stewart **Frank discussed progress with SB 838, which would fund Fire Safe Councils and HFR projects in California. He encouraged sending letters of support. PC FSC has already sent in a letter of support.**
3. Presentation of information from recent Washington DC visit by Plumas County Representatives – John Sheehan – **John discussed efforts of locals to meet with congressional representatives on issues critical to Plumas County’s economic stability.**
4. PC FSC Board Makeup – John Sheehan – **John expressed a concern that it is a conflict of interest for him to be on the Board of Directors for PC FSC, as an employee of Plumas Corporation, our fiscal sponsor.**
5. CA FSC Pilot Program – Jerry Hurley – **California FSC has developed a Certified FSC Membership Program as a Pilot Project. They are looking for a couple volunteer councils to test out the concept. They are looking for input from local councils. More information can be obtained from their website.**
6. Prop 84 Opportunities – Jerry Hurley – **The Sierra Nevada Conservancy is developing a Grants program for Proposition 84 funds. A workshop will be held on March 21 at 6 PM at the Quincy Library to learn more about these grant opportunities.**

Meeting Concluded at