Meeting Notes

Thursday April 12, 2012- 9:00 am.
Plumas County
Planning & Building Services Conference Room
555 Main Street – Quincy, CA

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- Mike De Lasaux

2. Review Agenda – Mike De Lasaux –

3. Next meeting – May 10, 2012

4. Review/Approve minutes from February 9, 2012 meeting – Mike De Lasaux
   John Sheehan made a motion to approve the notes. Chuck Bowman seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

5. Public Comment - Mike De Lasaux
   No comments

6. Status update of Current Grants. (Refer to Grant Summary Sheets) –.
   A. PC FSC 02- 9 – NS AQMD Chipping in lieu of burning- Nothing new to report. Project dates back to 2002
   B. PC FSC 04-4 & 12 - Canyon Dam HFR - 900 acres–Pile burning is occurring on this project.
   C. PC FSC 09-2 – Senior/Disabled Defensible Space–Project coming to a close. 26 homeowners have asked for assistance to complete their annual maintenance. Will be sending contractors out. All are maintenance projects.
   D. PC FSC 08- 3 & 09-1- Community HFR Planning & Project Development – Efforts to accomplish item 7. Presently no new projects.
   E. PC FSC 10-2 - PC Planning Dept – GIS mapping in support of PC FSC CWPP Updated HFR map completed to focus on updating HFR projects countywide.
F. PC FSC 10-3 – Bucks Lake CWPP and Firewise Community Planning – On hold. Looking for other funding resources.


H. PC FSC 10-6 – RAC - Crescent Grade HFR 50 acres – CRESCENT GRADE All thinning complete. 34 acres pile burning left to do. Letters going out for landowners for in-kind payments.

I. PC FSC 10-7 – Stevens - Long Valley II, C Road & Whitehawk HFR 210 acres – Letters going out to landowners for in-kind payments.

Long Valley II - SPI (Doug Pretzel) has identified a 2 acre parcel across from Mt. Tomba in Cromberg that could be tied to Stevens for the USFS Jackson project.

Whitehawk II - Depending on remaining funds there may be additional opportunities for treatment.

C- Road – Mastication & hand thinning/piling complete. Burning has started. About 33 acres of biomass opportunities planned pending a review of funds.

J. PC FSC 11-1- PC FSC Council Coordination 2012-2013 – Work continues with FSC coordination activities, developing grant funding requests and assisting in project implementation.

K. PC FSC 11-2 – Stevens – 200 acres of Sopher-Wheeler lands in 3 areas – NEPA Decision Memo signed from Mt. Hough RD. Paul Violet looking for a market for chips. Possible delay impacts from recent court decision on environmental decisions.

L. PC FSC 11-3 – RAC – La Porte Rd II HFR (partial) 75 acres – Anticipate approval by mid summer. These RAC funds are being shown as in-kind for SNC & Cal Fire Grant applications.

M. PC FSC 12-1 – Stevens – 698 acres of Sopher-Wheeler, GL&W, & BNRR lands in 3 areas - No contract signed yet- RPF’s working with Ranger Districts on Environmental information for Decision Memo. Expected delay due to impacts from recent court decision on environmental decisions.

7. Status update of proposed Grant Proposals. – Jerry Hurley
   A. Cal Fire Prop 40 -La Porte Rd II (Full) – Applied for full funding on project.
   B. SNC La Porte Rd II (Full) – Full application submitted 1/19. No further information available.
   C. SNC Senior/Disabled Defensible Space Assistance – Application submitted 1/19 for 1.5 years worth of work.

8. USFS HFR projects overview/relation to communities’ opportunities – (HFQLG & Fuels Program)

9. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) – Jerry Hurley
   GIS Maps are being completed with final text and signatures of approval. Annual HFR Meeting was a Success- Increased representation from agencies & Landowners. Table of all projects sent out to all attendees at the January FSC meeting, land mangers and agency managers to request updates and additions.

10. Update of local FSC & Firewise Community activities – Jerry Hurley –
    A. ALMANOR BASIN – Almanor West Community planning on an acre of HFR as part of their FIREWISE Community Project 2012. Basin FSC in hiatus.
B. GOLD MTN – Meeting scheduled for May. Mastication project of 10 acres signed. Projected will be funded by HMA and CSD.

C. GRAEAGLE – Working on reflective address signs installation in Graeagle as part of the FIREWISE Community recognition program. Graeagle received acceptance as a FIREWISE Community for 2012.

D. GREENHORN – Greenhorn CSD has a $18,000 Grant approved. Contact will be Carl McDonald. Will be doing a Community CWPP and going forward with FIREWISE community recognition.

11. California RCD- Phil Nolia Nothing new to report

12. Update PC Entity Stewardship Concept – Frank Stewart – Herger working on bill to be able to collect Forest Service Revenues for County as part of stewardship contracting. CAL FSC at State level has $6 million dollars in grants available. They will be having a series of workshops on the grant program. May 9th is next CFSC meeting in Sacramento.

13. Defensible Space Educational Hands on Workshop. – Mike De Lasaux- Group has developed a hands on workshop agenda. They will roll out the workshop in the fall. Cooperative Extension will help facilitate workshop. Location project site tentatively in Meadow Valley area.

NEW BUSINESS
1. Replace Jay Neuman as PC FSC Board member – Mike De Lasaux – John Sheehan made a motion to nominate Shane Vargas as PC FSC Board Member. Mike Callahan seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

2. La Porte Road 3- Mike De Lasaux- Group of residents by Cutler Meadow having a Community Meeting April 14th. Mike D. attending to discuss developing a community HFR project.

2. State Bill 1241- Sue McCourt

Summary of SB 1241 Land Use Plan, Safety Elements, Fire Hazard impacts.

Meeting Concluded @ 1030