

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes

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

Board of Directors

Mike De Lasaux, Chair (12)
Chuck Bowman, Vice Chair (13)
Mike Callaghan, Sect/Treasurer (12)
Andy Anderson (13)
Jim Hamblin (13)
Frank Stewart (12)
Allan Setzer (13)
Shane Vargas (12)

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.**
 - G. PC FSC 10-5 – RAC - Long Valley II HFR 87 acres – **Long Valley complete. Some funds remain. Letters going out for landowner in kind payments. The USFS Big Hill projects adjacent.**
 - 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, & BNRRL 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) Project mapping integration involving USFS, CDF and Fire Safe Council – PNF & LNF fuel reduction out year program of work – **Frank Stewart commenting: Adding Group Selections back in to unit.**
 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 \$18,00 Grant approved. Contact will be Carl McDonald. Will be doing a Community CWPP and going forward with FIREWISE community recognition.**

11. California RCD- Phil Noia **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