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 - Chuck Bowman

2. Review Agenda - Chuck Bowman

3. Next meeting – Mary 12, 2011

4. Review/Approve minutes from February 10, 2011 meeting – Chuck Bowman – Carl McDonald made a motion to approve the notes. Mike De Lasaux seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

5. Public Comment - Chuck Bowman – Cindy Noble discussed a SNC conference call on their funding. There was strong support to fund more HFR projects. SNC will look to spend the remaining funds between agriculture and HFR. They are also asking for comments on their strategic plan.

6. Status update of Current Grants. (Refer to Grant Summary Sheets) – John Sheehan
   E. PC FSC 07-5 – C Road right-of-way planning – RPF has put out a prospectus for hand treatment and mastication. Decision Memo has been signed.
G. PC FSC 07-10 - County Educational Workshops – PC FSC Members attended a FSC workshop in Sacramento sponsored by CFSC, the CA Fire Alliance and the University of California Extension. John Sheehan made a presentation of our GIS mapping project and the benefits of GIS for projects like mapping of the WUI.

H. PC FSC 10-1 & 11-1 - PC FSC Council Coordination 2010-2013 – Work continues with FSC coordination activities, developing grants funding requests and assisting in project implementation.

I. PC FSC 08-3 & 09-1 - Community HFR Planning & Project Development – Awaiting word from FS on approval of post-fire work on private lands with monies from the Rich fire settlement. Discussion on diminishing availability of grant funds, due to budget constraints & program changes, that may impact future funding for community HFR projects.

J. PC FSC 10-2 - PC Planning Dept – GIS mapping in support of PC FSC CWPP – Members of PC FSC, PC Planning & Building and PNF met to discuss GIS roles for maintaining HFR map layers. PNF will maintain the HFR layer. PNF will be the clearinghouse for all federal HFR projects, PC Planning GIS will digitize any private or state land projects and submit the shape files to PNF.

K. PC FSC 10-3 – Bucks Lake CWPP and Firewise Community Planning – A Request for Proposals has been posted on our website and emailed to potential contractors.

L. PC FSC 10-4 – Long Valley II & Crescent Grade HFR 100 acres – Long Valley - Awaiting favorable field conditions before resuming activities. Crescent Grade - Prospectus being developed. RPF pointed out that some landowners have opted out of participating due to having to provide and cash match.

M. PC FSC 10-5 - Long Valley II HFR 87 acres – Contract being signed.

N. PC FSC 10-6 – Crescent Grade HFR 50 acres – Contract being signed.

O. PC FSC 10-7 – Cromberg (Long Valley II), C Road & Whitehawk HFR 210 acres – Long Valley II – See L. C- Road – See E.


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

A. La Porte Rd II – SNC did not select this project for funding. Applications are being prepared for funding from other sources (RAC, CA FSC, PNF Stevens) CA FSC Clearinghouse requires a 25% match. For this project to meet the 25%, participants of the planned La Porte Rd II HFR project would need to pay a higher amount. Jim Hamblin made a motion for the RPF to contact landowners to confirm willingness to pay the full $250 to meet grant match requirements. Carl McDonald seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

B. PNF Stevens – PNF requested projects for funding with Stevens funds. Eligible projects need to be in close proximity to prescribed burning activity on public lands. PC FSC submitted 8 projects for 720 acres.

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 – Feather River RD Personnel presented information on the Sugarloaf and Grass Flat HFR projects in the Little Grass Valley/La Porte Areas. Project will provide treatments as part of HFQLG.
9. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) – Jerry Hurley – A closer look at the Communities-at-Risk boundaries reveals there are slight differences in the lines on the map and parcels that would logically be included. It is a result of refinement in GIS capabilities. Council members and fire protection agencies take a closer look at the boundaries after today’s regular meeting.

10. Update of local FSC and Firewise Community activities – Jerry Hurley –
   A. Almanor Basin FSC had a monthly meeting on 4/12/11. Information was shared on efforts to work with Burlington Northern RR on right-of-way clearance. Plans are being made for the 4th of July activities.
   B. Gold Mtn. CSD is developing their Firewise Community Plan.


New Business

2. Resignation of Dale Meese – John Sheehan – Dale has taken another position in Redding and will be leaving the area. Jay Neuman will discuss with his boss who may be a replacement for Cal Fire on the Board.

Meeting Concluded @ 11:00 AM