

# Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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## Meeting Notes

Thursday April 9, 2008 - 9:00 am.

Plumas County

Planning & Building Services Conference Room

555 Main Street – Quincy, CA

### Board of Directors

Brian West, Chair (10)

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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 –May 14, 2009
4. Review/Approve minutes from March 12, 2009 meeting – Brian West – **Kelly Stane made a motion to approve the notes as written. Jay Skutt seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
5. Public Comment - Brian West – **Brian Morris asked for a PC FSC representative to participate on a committee to explore uses for Title III funding. Brian also addressed PC FSC being part of a Watershed Management Group to look at county watershed projects for water and forest benefits. Item to be placed on the May agenda.**
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. A few sawlogs remain and will be converted to firewood, due to a lack of a purchase order from either mill.**
  - 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 – **Prospectus is out for bids. Bids are due on 5/1/09. Project has 19 landowners, with 75% in Mohawk Vista and 25% on C Road. A \$50,000 RAC application has been prepared to cover the loss of the sawlog component due to the SPI small log mill closure.**
- 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 – **96 acres of handpiling & burning and mastication is complete. Logging is anticipated to begin in the spring when soil conditions allow.**
- 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 met with C Road CSD to discuss the issue of where to locate the roadside fuelbreak. The CSD & RPF to send a letter to all landowners asking for permission to place the fuelbreak along the existing road, regardless of the legal right-of-way.**
- L. PC FSC 07-6 – Taylorsville HFR – 30 acres – John Sheehan – **Project is completed.**
- 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. Community outreach continuing.**
- 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.**

9. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) –Jerry Hurley – **A Presentation of the “Draft” Fire Improvement Standards will be made at the County Fire Chiefs Meeting on 4/25.** Seeking funds for 400 acres of handpile & burn and 900 acres mechanical.
10. Defensible Space on Public Lands – Larry Craggs – **Mt. Hough RD Still working through NEPA for problem areas.**
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 – **No action taken.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Contactor notification of prospectus postings for HFR activities – Jerry Hurley – **RPF’s finding it too burdensome and expensive to send copies of the entire prospectus all contractors who have expressed interest in the past for HFR activities. PCFSC will send postcards to contractors announcing the prospectus and post them on our website. Contractors will be responsible to follow-up if interested.**
2. National Forest Counties and School Coalition – Jerry Hurley- **House energy commission released draft language in the Waxman-Markley Climate and Energy Bill which had the potential to exclude removal of biomass on public lands the same advantages as that removed from private lands. Mike DeLasaux made a motion to send a letter to our representatives and the bill’s author reiterating the points in the NFCSC memo opposing the present language. Kelly Stane seconded and the motion was carried unanimously with abstentions from US Forest Service personnel.**

**Meeting concluded @11:25 am**