

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes

Thursday May 12, 2011 - 9:00 am.

Plumas County

Planning & Building Services Conference Room

555 Main Street – Quincy, CA

Board of Directors

Brian West, Chair (12)

Mike Callaghan, Vice Chair (12)

Scott Abrams, Sect/Treasurer (12)

Andy Anderson (11)

Jim Hamblin (11)

Frank Stewart (12)

Allan Setzer (11)

Mike De Lasaux (12)

Chuck Bowman (11)

Jay Neuman (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 Callaghan
2. Review Agenda - Mike Callaghan
3. Next meeting –June 9, 2011
4. Review/Approve minutes from April 14, 2011 meeting – Mike Callaghan – **Scott Abrams made a motion to approve the notes. Jim Hamblin seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
5. Public Comment - Mike Callaghan –**Gordon Lewis encouraged PC FSC to create an awareness of a simple sprinkler system for resident with shake roofs.**
6. Status update of Current Grants. (Refer to Grant Summary Sheets) – John Sheehan
 - A. PC FSC 02- 9 – NS AQMD Chipping in lieu of burning – **Nothing New To Report.**
 - B. FSC 04-4 & 12 - Canyon Dam HFR - 900 acres – **Nothing New To Report.**
 - C. PC FSC 03-1, 05-5, 06-2 & 5, 09-03 – Eastern Plumas HFR – 175 acres – **See N.**
 - D. PC FSC 06-6 – La Porte Pines HFR – 75 acres - **Nothing New To Report.**
 - 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.**
 - F. PC FSC 09-2 & 09-4 –Defensible Space Assistance Senior & Disabled – **Add is out in the paper to solicit participation.**
 - G. PC FSC 07-10 - County Educational Workshops – **Jerry Hurley & Bruce Livingston were on the KQNY Community Forum on 5/3/11. Frenchman Village is having their annual HOA meeting on 5/21.**

- 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 –**RAC Grant for partial funding of La Porte Rd II submitted. Began preparing a CA FSC Clearinghouse grant application for all of La Porte Rd. II.**
 - J. PC FSC 10-2 - PC Planning Dept – GIS mapping in support of PC FSC CWPP – **All HFR project maps have been digitized. Working to get the County HFR map updated for 2011.**
 - 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-Some harvesting activities have begun. Looking for a buyer of our chips. Crescent Grade- Prospectus being developed.**
 - M. PC FSC 10-5 - Long Valley II HFR 87 acres –**Contract being developed, by new grants manager in MT.**
 - N. PC FSC 10-6 – Crescent Grade HFR 50 acres – **Contract being developed, by new grants manager in MT.**
 - O. PC FSC 10-7 –Cromberg (Long Valley II), C Road & Whitehawk HFR 210 acres –
Long Valley II – See L.
C- Road – See E.
Whitehawk II - Nothing New To Report.
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 Mc Donald 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 –**Mt. Hough RD personnel presented information on the Bucks Lake HFR project. Project will provide treatments as part of HFQLG.**
9. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) –Jerry Hurley –**Making final adjustments to CAR boundaries. PC Planning GIS is also developing maps of home concentrations based on census data. We will likely merge the data to better display CAR’s. They are also developing a map to display fire protection boundaries & community locations. PC FSC Board recommended not joining a coalition led by the Sierra Nevada Alliance to comment on the General Plan. Congressman Herger will be holding a press conference Concow on 5/17/11 to introduce his *Catastrophic Wildfire Community Protection Act*; a bill to streamline the NEPA process for HFR projects on public lands in the WUI. PC FSC was invited to participate and Scott Abrams will represent the Council.**

10. Update of local FSC and Firewise Community activities – Jerry Hurley –
 - A. **Almanor Basin FSC had a monthly meeting on 5/3/11. Plans are being made for the 4th of July activities.**
 - B. **Gold Mtn. CSD is developing their Firewise Community Plan and looking at common areas for HFR treatment.**
11. California RCD- Phil Noia- **Nothing New to Report.**
12. Discuss PC Entity Stewardship Concept – Frank Stewart – **Frank encouraged PCFSC to comment to Congressional members the importance of allowing local Counties to make the decision on Title III, rather than at the national level.**

New Business

1. Resignation of Dale Meese – Mike Callaghan – **Jim Hamblin made a motion to nominate Jay Neuman as Board Member to replace Dale Meese. Chuck Bowman seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**

Meeting Concluded @ 11:20 AM