

# Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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## Meeting Notes

**Thursday May 10, 2007 - 9:00 am.**

Plumas County  
Planning & Building Services Conference Room  
555 Main Street – Quincy, CA

*Ed Harrison, Chair (08)*  
*Ron Cross, Vice Chair (08)*  
*Brian West, Treasurer (08)*  
*Michael Condon, Secretary (09)*  
*Andy Anderson (07)*  
*Jim Graham, (07)*  
*Mike De Lasaux, (08)*  
*Jim Hamblin (07)*  
*Frank Stewart (08)*  
*Dale Meese (08)*  
*Allan Setzer (07)*

### ***Mission Statement:***

***“To reduce the loss of natural and manmade resources caused by wildfire through pre-fire activities.”***

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Welcome & Introductions- Ed Harrison
2. Review Agenda – Ed Harrison
3. Next meeting –**June14, 2007**
4. Review/Approve minutes from 4/12/07 meeting – Ed Harrison - **Mike Condon made a motion to approve the notes as presented. Scott Abrams seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
5. Public Comment - Ed Harrison - **David Hockaday encouraged attendance and participation in upcoming Planning Commission visioning meetings.**
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 04-1, 2, & 8 - C Road HFR – 117 acres – John Sheehan – **Simm’s has started thinning n a 25 acre parcel.** Expect hand thinning operations to move to Cross property.
  - C. PC FSC 04-4 & 12 - Canyon Dam HFR - 900 acres– John Sheehan – **Solicitations for bids are out.**

- D. PC FSC 04-6 - County Stewardship Proposal – John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
  - E. PC FSC 06-7 - PC FSC Council Coordination – John Sheehan – **Grant proposals are still pending a decision for 4 Title III proposals. Awaiting a contract from PNF for the CA FSC Indian Valley HFR project. Work continues with website updates, sharing of firesafe information, press releases & associated grant activities.**
  - F. PC FSC 05-2 & 6 - Whitehawk HFR- 121 acres – John Sheehan – **Negotiations are in progress with the second bidder as the first one opted out.**
  - G. PC FSC 05-3 & 7 - Greenhorn HFR 30 acres – John Sheehan – **Prospectus expected to be out within the week and to close on 6/11/07.**
  - H. PC FSC 05-4 & 8 - Grizzly Ck. HFR- 128 acres – John Sheehan – **Contract awarded with work to begin soon after CDF approves permits.**
  - I. PC FSC 06-1 & 8 – West Almanor Community Club HFR – 11 acres -**John Sheehan – Work is 60% complete with operations expected to last 1-2 more weeks.**
  - J. PC FSC 03-1, 05-5, 06-2 & 5 – Eastern Plumas HFR – 175 acres - John Sheehan – **There are currently landowner agreements with 20 property owners for 1767 acres. Mary Rutten, Wayland Resources Forester, was commended for project coordination and communications.**
  - K. PC FSC 06-3 & 9 – Massack HFR – 160 acres -John Sheehan – **Prospectus expected to be out by June.**
  - L. PC FSC 06-4 & 10 – Little Grass Valley HFR – 111 acres - John Sheehan - **Soper-Wheeler is in the process of locating an operator.**
  - M. PC FSC 06-6 – La Porte Pines HFR – 75 acres -John Sheehan – **Working with the Feather River Ranger District to incorporate the limited private land into the public land analysis, treatment & contract**
  - N. PC FSC 07-1 - Indian Valley HFR-200 acres - CA FSC – John Sheehan – **Awaiting final contract from USFS.**
  - O. PC FSC 07-2 - La Porte Road HFR – 100 acres - CDF Prop 40 – John Sheehan – **Contract with CDF approved & community outreach will begin the first of June.**
7. Status update of Current Grant Proposals.
- A. Indian Valley HFR-200 acres - Title III – **Supervisors have met, but no decisions on which projects they will fund have been made yet.**

- B. Elderly Disabled Defensible Space – 75 - Title III - **Supervisors have met, but no decisions on which projects they will fund have been made yet. PC FSC is still looking for other sources to fund the work.**
  - C. La Porte Road HFR – 100 acres - Title III - **This was pulled, as the RPF was funded in the Prop 40 project.**
  - D. PC FSC Coordination – Title III - **Supervisors have met, but no decisions on which projects they will fund have been made yet. PC FSC is still looking for other sources to fund the work.**
  - E. C Road Right of Way – Title III - **Supervisors have met, but no decisions on which projects they will fund have been made yet. PC FSC is still looking for other sources to fund the work.**
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 – **Nothing New To Report**
  9. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) – **Jim Graham – With vacancies in some key position in the Planning Department, there will be some delay in getting the revised Fire Safe Driveway code revision to the Board of Supervisors.**
  10. Committee report on recommendations for fuel reduction treatment areas of public lands around communities, beyond HFQLG. – Frank Stewart – **Jason Moghaddas, Mt. Hough RD, is working on a map that reflects HFR projects, regardless of ownership. A coordination meeting will then need to be set up to get with the Plumas and Lassen Forests, industrial land owners, and PC FSC to look at strategies to fill the gaps.**
  11. Defensible Space on Public Lands – Jason Moghaddas - **Nothing New To Report**
  12. PC FSC Board Select a Secretary – Ed Harrison – **John Sheehan made a motion to nominate Mike Condon as a PC FSC Board Member. Mike De Lasaux seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**

**According to PC FSC By-Laws, only Board members can vote for to fill the positions of officers and the vote must be by a majority of the Board. Six of eleven Board members were present. Mike De Lasaux then nominated Mike Condon as Secretary, Brian West seconded. & the motion was carried by a vote of 6-0.**
  13. Secure Rural Schools Funding – Frank Stewart – **Waiting signing of a budget bill.**
  14. CA FSC legislative issues – Frank Stewart – **SB838, a bill to fund FSC’s statewide, was placed in suspense on May 17, 2007 by the appropriations committee.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Coordination with other Councils in light of SNC – Mike De Lasaux - Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) will be dealing with allocation of grant funds through a system of regions they have established. Other counties in the region Plumas County is included are: Tehama, Butte, & Sierra. There is estimated to be approximately one million dollars pre year to be available for qualified projects. It is not clear how competitive FSC's will be and whether or not there is a need for the 4 county FSC's to collaborate for funding.**

**Meeting concluded at 11:00 AM**