

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes

Thursday May 10, 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 – June 14, 2012
4. Review/Approve minutes from April 12, 2012 meeting – Mike De Lasaux
Andy Anderson made a motion to approve the notes. Jim Hamblin 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 has occurred on this project.**
 - C. PC FSC 09-2 – Senior/Disabled Defensible Space–**26 homeowners have asked for assistance to complete their annual maintenance. Contracts are ready to be awarded. All are maintenance projects.**
 - D. PC FSC 08- 3 & 09-1- Community HFR Planning & Project Development – **Efforts to accomplish item 7. Outreach to residents of Cutler Meadows & Forest Landowners for developing more projects.**
 - E. PC FSC 10-2 - PC Planning Dept –**PC GIS mapping has provided updated CWPP maps, including Countywide HFR map.**

- F. 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.**
 - G. PC FSC 10-6 – RAC - Crescent Grade HFR 50 acres –**All thinning and all but 6 acres of pile burning are completecomplete. Letters are outto collect landowners in kind payments.**
 - H. 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.**
 - I. 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.**
 - J. PC FSC 11-2 –Stevens – 200 acres of Sopher-Wheeler lands in 3 areas – **NEPA Decision Memo signed from Mt. Hough RD. Paul Violet, Soper-Wheler RPF, looking for a market for chips.**
 - K. 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.**
 - L. PC FSC 12-1 –Stevens – 698 acres of Sopher-Wheeler, GL&W, & BNRR 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) – **CAL FIRE has pledged \$150,000 for this project, Contracts are being signed.**
 - B. SNC La Porte Rd II (Full) – **Application submitted 1/19. No further information available.**
 - C. SNC Senior/Disabled Defensible Space Assistance – **Application submitted 1/19. No further information available.**
 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 – **Rranger Districts report there is still no chip market for the biomass stacked on landings.**
 9. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) –Jerry Hurley **CWPP GIS Maps are finished, document text is expected to be completed in next two months.**
 10. Update of local FSC & Firewise Community activities – Jerry Hurley –
 - A. GOLD MTN – **MGM FSC has submitted application for Firewise Community Recognition to CA FSC. They met in early May and will continue to provide community chipping assistance and educational homeowner defensible space consultation.**
 - B. GRAEAGLE – **Working on reflective address signs installation in Graeagle as part of the FIREWISE Community recognition program.**

- C. GREENHORN- **Greenhorn CSD has a \$18,000 Grant approved for the CSD to develop a CWPP and going forward with FIREWISE Community USA recognition.**
- D. Plumas County Fire Prevention Specialist- **Sue McCourt discussed recent activities including meeting with members of the Almanor Peninsula Fireman's Association to discuss their becoming a Firewise Community. She is also working with VFD's on the out-of-district problem.**

11. California RCD- Phil Noia - **Nothing new to report**

12. Update PC Entity Stewardship Concept – Frank Stewart –**Nothing New to Report.**

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. Project site tentatively to be in Meadow Valley area.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss PC FSC input to HFR projects on public lands. - Mike De Lasaux- **Discussion on amount of input and follow-up PC FSC to put into USFS HFR projects. Coordinator will continue to provide input into projects in the WUI. Where the preferred alternative is less desirable than maximizing treatments and forest product recovery, PC FSC will consider submitting an letter to participate in the objection process.**

2. PC FSC Board Membership – County member – Mike De Lasaux – **No County Representative present. Jerry Sipe submitted an email that he will discuss this with Rand Wilson. Deferred until June meeting.**

3. Plumas Corp Transition– Mike De Lasaux – **Mike discussed the transition process with Plumas Corp as their focus is changing due to elimination of the visitors' bureau and lack of funding for economic development. Due to a lack of funding in economic development, it is likely that the current executive director will resign. The Plumas Corp Board is going through a revision and assessment of their direction.**

Meeting Concluded @1045