

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes

Thursday May 14, 2008 - 9:00 am.

Plumas County

Planning & Building Services Conference Room

555 Main Street – Quincy, CA

Board of Directors

Brian West, Chair (10)

Mike Callaghan, Vice Chair (10)

Jay Skutt, Secretary/Treasurer (09)

Andy Anderson (09)

Jim Hamblin (09)

Frank Stewart (10)

Dale Meese (10)

Allan Setzer (09)

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- Mike Callaghan
2. Review Agenda – Mike Callaghan
3. Next meeting –June 11, 2009
4. Review/Approve minutes from April 9, 2009 meeting – Mike Callaghan – **Jay Skutt made a motion to approve the notes as written. Scott Abrams seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
5. Public Comment - Mike Callaghan – **None**
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 – **7 acres remain, treatment in progress. Looking to sell sawlogs as fuelwood, due to mill closure.**
 - 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 –**Bids being reviewed, expect contracts to be awarded in next 2 weeks.**

- G. PC FSC 06-4 & 10 – Little Grass Valley HFR – 111 acres - John Sheehan – **Harvesting completed, about ½ of the slash remains to be piled by 8/30/09. Piles will be burned in the fall.**
 - 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.**
 - I. PC FSC 07-1 & 4 - Indian Valley HFR-200 acres – John Sheehan – **96 acres of handpiling & burning and mastication is complete. Logging has started.**
 - J. PC FSC 07-2 - La Porte Road HFR – 100 acres – John Sheehan – **Project is cleared for funding with Cal Fire & contractor should begin treatment within the next month.**
Contract also extended
 - K. PC FSC 07-5 – C Road right-of-way planning – John Sheehan – **RPF will meet again with C Road CSD on 5/22/09 to finalize the letter to be sent to landowners for them to give permission to treat their properties along the C Road corridor.**
 - L. PC FSC 07-6 – Taylorsville HFR – 30 acres – John Sheehan – **Nothing New To Report.**
 - M. PC FSC 07-9 – Elderly/Disabled Defensible Space– John Sheehan – **RAC Agreed to Fund this project for 2009 (see 7 A.).**
 - N. PC FSC 07-10 - County Educational Workshops - John Sheehan – **SNC has released the hold on funds and project activity can continue. A HIZ refresher was held with members of the Graeagle VFD. Group will look to develop newspaper article or adds & assess revision of our website.**
 - O. PC FSC 08- 1 - Gold Mtn. HFR - John Sheehan – **Conditions still too wet to resume work. Prospectus out to bid.**
 - 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. PC FSC Coordinator to make a presentation at CA Fire Alliance CWPP workshop.**
 - Q. PC FSC 08- 3 - HFR Project Development –John Sheehan – **RPF’s working with communities & PC FSC to develop projects fro grant applications.**
 - R. PC FSC 09-1 - PC FSC Community HFR Planning 2009-2010 – John Sheehan - **RPF’s working with communities & PC FSC to develop projects fro grant applications.**
7. Status update of proposed Grant Proposals. –
- A. Elderly Disabled – RAC & CA FSC Clearinghouse – **RAC & CA FSC recommended funding these project requests.**
 - B. Eastern Plumas HFR – RAC - **RAC recommended funding this supplemental project request.**
 - C. Plumas County HFR 2009 – CA FSC Clearinghouse – **CA FSC did not select for funding.**
 - 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 – **Andy Hart, Mt. Hough RD, made a presentation on the Rich Fire hazard tree removal project. No Stimulus funds came for USFS projects in Plumas County. Bids for current projects are coming in higher than anticipated.**
9. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) –Jerry Hurley – **A Presentation of the “Draft” Fire Improvement Standards was made at the County Fire Chiefs Meeting on 4/25. Questions on whether or not PC FSC’s CWPP was incorporated into**

DMA 200 and consequently approved by Cal OES & FEMA. Following the meeting this was confirmed that it has been incorporated & approved

10. Defensible Space on Public Lands – Larry Craggs – **Nothing New to Report.**
11. Secure Rural Schools Funding – Use of Title III funds in compliance with new legislation. – John Sheehan – **PC FSC will continue to encourage communities to become recognized as Firewise Communities to further support of PC FSC’s Mission.**
12. CA FSC legislative issues – Frank Stewart – **Nothing New to Report.**
13. Update of local FSC (Almanor Basin & Gold Mtn.) activities – Jerry Hurley – **Almanor Basin held it’s last meeting until the fall. They are making plans for participating in the annual 4th of July activities.**
14. HFR Cost contribution by participating landowners – John Sheehan – **No action taken.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. PC FSC Membership on Water Management Group – **Brian Morris Brian presented information on the Draft Regional Water Management Plan. Jay Skutt made a motion that PC FSC be part of the Regional Water Management Group and signatory to the MOU. The motions was seconded by Frank Stewart and carried by a unanimous vote of the members.**
2. PC FSC Assist in Proactive Title III proposals. – Brian Morris – **PC FSC will look to integrate more Firewise Community information into its CWPP updates. John Sheehan will work with Brian on PC Title III Funding.**

Meeting concluded @11:15 am