

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes

Thursday June 11, 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 –July 9, 2009
4. Review/Approve minutes from May 14, 2009 meeting – Mike Callaghan – **Andy Anderson made a motion to approve the notes as written. Mike Callaghan seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
5. Public Comment - Mike Callaghan – **Kelly Stane, County OES Director and FSC Board Member is resigning from the County.**
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, 09-03 – Eastern Plumas HFR – 175 acres - John Sheehan – **Waiting for a signed contract for final RAC funds. Expect to sign treatment contracts to be 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. Jerry will work with Bryan Price & seek a contractor to complete the project.**
 - I. PC FSC 07-1 & 4 - Indian Valley HFR-200 acres – John Sheehan –**Biomass is 97% complete, expect final completion by 6/30.64 acre of mastication is completed and 41 acre of hand piling. Burning of the remaining 15 acres will be completed this fall.**
 - J. PC FSC 07-2 - La Porte Road HFR – 100 acres – John Sheehan – **Contract is extended until May of 2010. Contractor currently working in Sierra County and is expected to finish treatment this fall.**
 - K. PC FSC 07-5 – C Road right-of-way planning – John Sheehan – **Nothing New To Report.**
 - L. PC FSC 07-6 – Taylorsville HFR – 30 acres – John Sheehan – **Nothing New To Report.**
 - M. PC FSC 07-9, 09-2 & 09-4 – Elderly/Disabled Defensible Space– John Sheehan –**RAC & CA FSC recommended funding these project requests, waiting for contracts. Treatment contracts for 3 residences in the Lake Almanor area are being awarded.**
 - N. PC FSC 07-10 - County Educational Workshops - John Sheehan – **SNC has released the hold on project activities and project activity can continue using other funds that can be reimbursed at a later date.**
 - O. PC FSC 08- 1 - Gold Mtn. HFR - John Sheehan – **Two contractors have begun mastication on the two units. Treatment expected to be completed by the end of the month.**
 - 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. PC FSC Coordinator made a presentation at CA Fire Alliance CWPP workshop on HFR projects that involved using commercial forest products.**
 - 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 for grant applications. Worked with the community of Gold Ridge to design & implement a HFR project in a 7 acre common area. PC FSC paid for the**
7. Status update of proposed Grant Proposals. –
 - A. Plumas County FSC Coordination -2009 SNC- **Pending**
 - B. Crescent Grade HFR – RAC Cycle 9 - **RAC did not select for funding.**
 - C. Long Valley II – RAC Cycle 9 - **RAC did not select for funding.**
 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) –Jerry Hurley – **Nothing new to report.**
 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 BoS made a decision to not request funding application until federal regulations on appropriate use of funds come out.**
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 FSC is making plans for participating in the annual 4th of July activities in Chester.**
14. HFR Cost contribution by participating landowners – John Sheehan – **No action taken.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. A Contractor request more posting of more information on our website – Jerry Hurley – **Wood’s Fire requested that the Council 1) post a list of contractors we use on our website, 2) post who the different bidding contractors were and what their bids were for projects, and 3) wanted to know if we are meeting direction for awarding contracts to small, woman owned and local businesses. The Council decided: 1) not to post on our website a list of contractors that we solicit bids from, 2) not to post the names of bidders or their bids on our website. However any bidder could ask for a sanitized list of the bid prices, and 3) John Sheehan will review our funding contracts to verify that we in fact have been in compliance with respect to requirements for awarding contracts.**
2. PC Fire Chiefs FEMA Grant – John Sheehan – **Dan Kenny of Long Valley VFD received a FEMA grant for Plumas County for the purchase of fire prevention and safety equipment. They will have surplus funds and FEMA is encouraging them to recommend other projects, in the County, in the fire prevention and safety arena to spend the funds on. PC FSC was asked top provide some potential projects. We will work with them to develop some ideas along the lines for evacuation plans or educational consultation programs for defensible space.**

Meeting concluded @11:35 am