

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes

Thursday June, 14, 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- Brian West
2. Review Agenda – Brian West
3. Next meeting –**July 12, 2007**
4. Review/Approve minutes from May 10, 2007 meeting – Brian West - **Mike De Lasaux made a motion to approve the notes as presented. John Sheehan seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
5. Public Comment - Brian West – **Steve Fowler, CDF, reminded members of the current California Fire Hazard Severity mapping project and the opportunity for the public to comment on it at a meeting in Chester on 6/28/07.**
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 – **Current harvesting Contractor has completed 71% of agreed to acres. Some concern as to whether or not they will complete the project within budget & timeframes. Michael Condon made a motion that John Sheehan offer the contractor the opportunity to complete the**

contract under the original terms as agreed to and as adjusted or accept termination of the contract. Carl McDonald seconded. After discussion, the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

- C. PC FSC 04-4 & 12 - Canyon Dam HFR - 900 acres– John Sheehan – **Solicitations for bids for the stewardship contract close on 6/29/07.**
- 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 have been approved 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 – **Operations have begun this week.**
- G. PC FSC 05-3 & 7 - Greenhorn HFR 30 acres – John Sheehan – **Bids are being evaluated. Bids are exceeding our estimated cost projects by a factor of 3-5 times. Part of this is due on this project to the co-gen plant in Quincy closing, and the small & step lot sizes on this project.**
- H. PC FSC 05-4 & 8 - Grizzly Ck. HFR- 128 acres – John Sheehan – **Firestorm will begin working the hand portion this week. The RPF is working with CDF to obtain the necessary exemptions for harvesting.**
- I. PC FSC 06-1 & 8 – West Almanor Community Club HFR – 11 acres -John Sheehan – **This Project is completed and the signed CDF completion report is expected soon.**
- J. PC FSC 03-1, 05-5, 06-2 & 5 – Eastern Plumas HFR – 175 acres - John Sheehan – **RPF evaluating treatment options and costs. Due to SPI closing co-gen plant mastication on site is being considered in lieu of biomass operations.**
- K. PC FSC 06-3 & 9 – Massack HFR – 160 acres -John Sheehan – **Bids for treatment close on 6/20/07.**
- 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 – **Nothing New to Report.**
- 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 – **Nothing New to Report.**

7. Status update of Current Grant Proposals.
 - A. Indian Valley HFR-200 acres - Title III – **PC BoS awarded funds to retain a PRF to plan & manage the project.**
 - B. Elderly Disabled Defensible Space – 75 - Title III – **PC BoS deferred the project to RAC for funding.**
 - C. PC FSC Coordination – Title III – **PC BoS awarded funds to continue PC FSC Coordination.**
 - D. C Road Right of Way – Title III – **PC BoS awarded funds for planning the project.**
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 – **The Empire Project Record of Decision has been signed and is in the appeal period. Decisions for underburns are in the works for Antelope Lake & Snake Lake. A decision on the Diamond Project is expected soon. Jason Moghaddas also presented a map displaying lands which have been treated and are assessed for treatment. He is looking for input to refine the map & include other treatment projects such as those on industrial private lands**
9. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) – Jim Graham **No word yet on when the Planning Department will present the Board of Supervisors the revised ordinance for Firesafe driveways. Additionally 2 other areas of our CWPP are being worked on. They include a County Study Group, established by the Board of Supervisors, on emergency Services. PC FSC Council’s coordinator is a member of that study group and will work to include recommendations from our CWPP. Items he will include in their assessment are not to create subdivision without fire protection, and that sub-divisions receive hazardous fuel reduction prior to recordation of the lot split. PC FSC is beginning work with a solid waste disposal company in the eastern part of the County to develop green waste alternatives.**
10. Committee report on recommendations for fuel reduction treatment areas of public lands around communities, beyond HFQLG. – Frank Stewart – **Nothing New to Report.**
11. Defensible Space on Public Lands – Jason Moghaddas - **Nothing New to Report.**
12. Secure Rural Schools Funding – Frank Stewart – **The President has signed a 1 year funding extension of the Secure Rural Schools act.**
13. CA FSC legislative issues – Frank Stewart – **Two items of interest is the SB 838 seeking State funding for FSC’s. The other issue of concern is the La MAIa Fire Prevention Exemption for HFR in and around communities. The Bill is in committee being reviewed and will hopefully increase diameter limits trees which can be cut. It may also require a surface fuel treatment standard similar to PRC 4291’s standard for the 30-100’ Reduced Fuel Zone.**

The meeting concluded at 11:00 am