

# Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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## Meeting Notes

Thursday July 8, 2010 - 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 (11)

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Jim Hamblin (11)

Frank Stewart (10)

Dale Meese (10)

Allan Setzer (11)

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 –**August 12, 2010**
4. Review/Approve minutes from July 10, 2010 meeting – Mike Callaghan – **Jay Skutt made a motion to approve the notes as written. Chuck Bowman 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) – John Sheehan
  - A. PC FSC 02- 9 – NS AQMD Chipping in lieu of burning – **Gold Mtn is implementing a roadside chipping program in their community. They have treated about 15 properties, expending \$1,600 with 50% being matched by the homeowners. Gold Mountain’s CC&R’s prohibit open burning in the community.**
  - B. PC FSC 04-4 & 12 - Canyon Dam HFR - 900 acres – **Nothing New To Report.**
  - C. PC FSC 03-1, 05-5, 06-2 & 5, 09-03 – Eastern Plumas HFR – 175 acres –**Nothing New To Report.**
  - D. PC FSC 07-2 - La Porte Road HFR – 100 acres –**Project is completed with 125% accomplishment.**
  - E. PC FSC 07-5 – C Road right-of-way planning – **Working with RPF & CSD to implement a roadside fuelbreak with PNF Steven’s Funds (see 7.D.). About 79 of 90 parcel owners’ expressed interest in participating.**
  - F. PC FSC 07-6 – Taylorsville HFR – 30 acres –**Nothing New To Report.**

- G. PC FSC 09-2 & 09-4 – Elderly/Disabled Defensible Space – **Parcels continue to be treated, outreach continues and additional contract being advertised. According to Rob Gimbel, project leader, the revised Co-pay formula seems to be a better fit.**
  - H. PC FSC 07-8 – Greenhorn HFR – **Nothing New To Report.**
  - I. PC FSC 07-10 - County Educational Workshops –**A Living with Fire tabloid for the County newspapers and future FSC handout materials will be published in the July 28 newspaper. This will be a cooperative effort with the Sierra County Fire Safe & Watershed Council.**
  - J. PC FSC 08- 1 - Gold Mtn. HFR – **Treatment of the additional 15 acres is complete. PC FSC has accomplished 160% of the target.**
  - K. PC FSC 08-2 & 10-1- PC FSC Council Coordination 2007-2011 – **Work continues with FSC coordination activities, developing grant funding requests and assisting in project implementation.**
  - L. PC FSC 08- 3 & 09-1- Community HFR Planning & Project Development – **Nothing New To Report.**
  - M. PC FSC 09-5 PC Planning Dept –VFD map books and GIS Software. – **PC Planning working on technology transfer of the pertinent County GIS system data to VFD’s. Project completes on 8/22/10.**
  - N. PC FSC 10-2 - PC Planning Dept – GIS mapping in support of PC FSC CWPP – **Data layer updates being shared with the Plumas & Lassen NF’s. GIS Department participating in the review & update of the CWPP.**
  - O. PC FSC 10-3 – Bucks Lake CWPP and Firewise Community Planning – **Developing a Request for Proposals. John expects to attend a Bucks Lake homeowners meeting this weekend.**
  - P. PC FSC 10-4 – Long Valley II & Crescent Grade HFR 100 acres – **CA FSC has given environmental clearance to begin using their funds for ground disturbing activities. A prospectus went out Tuesday soliciting contractors for treating 107 acres of private land parcels in the Cromberg/Long Valley community. A public meeting will be held tonight in Sloat for participants and to solicit additional property owners.**
  - Q. PC FSC 10-5 - Long Valley II HFR 87 acres –**Funds (FY2011) become available in October 2010.**
  - R. PC FSC 10-6 – Crescent Grade HFR 50 acres –**Funds (FY2011) become available in October 2010.**
  - S. PC FSC 10-7 –Cromberg (Long Valley II), C Road & Whitehawk HFR 210 acres – **Final signing of the grant agreement expected this month.**
7. Status update of proposed Grant Proposals. – John Sheehan – **With CA FSC not selecting the La Porte Rd II HFR, there are no pending grant applications.**
  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 – **PC Emergency Services group met 7/1/10. Working back through the Fire Improvement Standards presented at a public meeting on 9/15/09. Committee will meet again 8/11 to finalize. Hopefully they will then be presented to the Board of Supervisors. Recommendations include wildfire mitigation measures from CWPP.**

**CWPP review committee met post meeting to review & revise WUI boundaries. They will review text body after today's meeting.**

- 10. Defensible Space on Public Lands – Larry Craggs – USFS Region 5 issued a letter directing all Forests to work to comply wit homeowners to attain their 100' of defensible space where public lands need to be treated.**
11. Update of local FSC and Firewise Community activities – Jerry Hurley –
  - A. Almanor Basin FSC had a very successful day with a booth at the Chester 4<sup>th</sup> of July.**
  - B. Graeagle Fire Protection District has received a Recognition Plaque from Firewise Communities. They held their Firewise day on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.**
  - C. Gold Mountain FSC – GM FSC is moving forward with their roadside chipping program, HIZ consultations and plans to begin work on a Firewise Community application.**
12. California RCD- Phil Noia- **Phil wasn't available to report.**
13. Emergency Broadcast Services through the local FM radio station, FM 91.9 KQNY -Shaun Lemnah – **Shaun wasn't available to report.**

#### **New Business**

1. Discuss PC Entity Stewardship Concept – Frank Stewart –**Frank wasn't available to report.**
2. HFR Maintenance Monitoring- Mike De Lasaux - **Mike asked what PC FSC was doing to follow-up with landowners who had received grant funds from HFR in prior years to insures they were redeeming their responsibility for maintenance. It was suggested that we send letters to past participants reminding them of their responsibility. There was also a discussion on treating streamside management zones where equipment was limited in prior projects and areas may have been untreated. PC FSC will work with Feather River CRM to identify any areas that were initially excluded & determine if there is a viable project to treat them by hand methods.**

**Meeting Concluded @ 10:45 AM**