

# Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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## Meeting Notes

**Thursday July 12, 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 –**August 9, 2007**
4. Review/Approve minutes from June 14, 2007 meeting – Brian West - **Mike Condon made a motion to approve the notes as presented. Ed Harrison seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
5. Public Comment - Brian West
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 – **The contract with the current LTO has been mutually terminated. Available funds are currently short of what is necessary to complete the project due to higher than expected costs. PC FSC will approach the RAC to request additional funds and incorporate the reaming acres into the Eastern Plumas HFR.**

- C. PC FSC 04-4 & 12 - Canyon Dam HFR - 900 acres– John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
- D. PC FSC 04-6 - County Stewardship Proposal – John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
- E. PC FSC 05-2 & 6 - Whitehawk HFR- 121 acres – John Sheehan – **Felling is about complete in the 11 acre parcel and mastication has been started above the road. Currently the operators are on the Antelope fire but expected to resume operations next week.**
- F. PC FSC 05-3 & 7 - Greenhorn HFR 30 acres – John Sheehan – **Bids are extremely high for this project. They range from \$3,500 to \$8,500 per acre. Not all the reasons are known, but the small lot sizes, numerous power lines, frequent movement of equipment, higher fuel costs and the loss of a viable chip market in Quincy are all believed to contribute. PC FSC will go back to discuss additional funding with the RAC.**
- G. PC FSC 05-4 & 8 - Grizzly Ck. HFR- 128 acres – John Sheehan – **Hand and mechanical operations have begun on the project. There was an on the ground meting to clarify treatments and boundaries. It should progress smoothly from this point on.**
- H. PC FSC 03-1, 05-5, 06-2 & 5 – Eastern Plumas HFR – 175 acres - John Sheehan – **Costs on this project are expected to be higher (based on current bids for other projects) than the grant allocation and projected incomes. PC FSC will work with the RPF and RAC to see if additional funds can be provided to meet the targeted acres.**
- I. PC FSC 06-3 & 9 – Massack HFR – 160 acres -John Sheehan – **Costs on this project were bid higher than the grant allocation and projected incomes. There is also a reduction in the projected volumes and consequently revenues. PC FSC will work with the RPF, CDF and the RAC to see if additional funds can be provided to meet the targeted acres. Because of the SPI co-generation mill in Quincy closing, they may be a need to thin and masticate, rather than mechanical thin for biomass.**
- J. PC FSC 06-4 & 10 – Little Grass Valley HFR – 111 acres - John Sheehan - **Soper-Wheeler is looking for a biomass contractor for this project. Many of them on the westside of the County have gone out of business because of the reduction in timber harvesting.**
- K. PC FSC 06-6 – La Porte Pines HFR – 75 acres - John Sheehan – **Feather River RD personnel have the NEPA approved for both the public & private lands. A prospectus for mastication is expected to go out soon.**
- L. PC FSC 07-1 & 4 - Indian Valley HFR-200 acres – John Sheehan - **Awaiting final contract from USFS.**
- M. PC FSC 07-2 - La Porte Road HFR – 100 acres – John Sheehan - **Mike De Lasaux will set up a meeting date with the property owners to discuss the opportunity for hazardous fuel reduction.**
- N. PC FSC 07-4 - PC FSC Council Coordination – John Sheehan - **Awaiting 45 day public comment period until Board of Supervisors can award the grant.**

- O. PC FSC 07-5 – C road right-of-way planning – John Sheehan – **Awaiting 45 day public comment period until Board of Supervisors can award the grant.**
  - P. PC FSC 07-6 – Taylorsville HFR – 30 acres – John Sheehan - **Awaiting final contract from USFS.**
7. Status update of proposed Grant Proposals.
    - A. Elderly Disabled Defensible Space – 75 – RAC – John Sheehan – **This project is PC FSC’s number on priority for new grant. The application will be submitted to RAC by 8/30/07.**
  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) – Jim Graham – **Awaiting a revised driveway ordinance from Brian Morris, Deputy County Counsel. 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 – **Nothing New to Report.**
  13. CA FSC legislative issues – Frank Stewart - **Nothing New to Report.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. CA FSC Strategic Environmental Compliance Workshop – Michael Condon – **CA FSC hosted a Strategic Environmental Compliance Workshop on June 21, to provide information to councils on achieving environmental compliance when implementing federal grants. Mike reported that because PC FSC retains a RPF for our projects, that we are in good position. There were heads up from some of the agencies about the need to comply with little know acts such as the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. That act was signed in the 1800’s to provide protection to nay bird which migrates between the US & Canada. This affects most of the birds on our projects. While vegetation treatments can occur in the habitat, no birds can be killed. This act is administered by F&WS.**

**The meeting concluded at 11:40 am**