

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes

Thursday July 13, 2006 - 9:00 am.

Plumas County
Planning & Building Services Conference Room
555 Main Street – Quincy, CA

Ed Harrison, Chair (06)
Ron Cross, Vice Chair (06)
Brian West, Treasure (06)
John Sheehan, Secretary (06)
Andy Anderson (07)
Jim Graham, (07)
Mike De Lasaux, (06)
Jim Hamblin (07)
Frank Stewart (06)
David Hawks (06)
Michael Condon (07)

OLD BUSINESS

1. Welcome & Introductions- Ed Harrison
2. Review Agenda – Ed Harrison
3. Next meeting - **August 10, 2006**
4. Review/Approve minutes from 6/8/06 meeting – Ed Harrison - **Ron Cross made a motion to approve the notes with noted minor changes. Steve Windward seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
5. Public Comment - Ed Harrison – **Rex Fisher, Quincy resident, asked who he could contact to get vacant properties on each side of his residence to comply with PRC 4291. Because the properties are in Quincy’s Local responsibility Area (LRA) it does not fall under the jurisdiction of the USFS who contracts with CDF for fire protection. He was referred to Quincy Fire or the County Code Enforcement Office.**
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 03- 2 & 3 - Indian Falls HFR - 50 acres - John Sheehan – **Thinning, chipping and piling complete. Piles remain to be burned on steeper ground. Some concerns expressed with pile quality & location. Wayland Resource Management will continue to monitor to insure a quality product.**
 - C. PC FSC 03- 6 & 7 - Cromberg HFR - 350 acres - John Sheehan – **A 20 acre parcel remains to be completed. Project will total 160 acres when completed**

- D. PC FSC 03–9 & 04-9 - Graeagle Fuelbreak THP - 200 acres – John Sheehan – **Council is still awaiting a decision by Graeagle Land and Water on their harvest strategy with respect to grant funding. Concerns expressed about being able to extend the project if no activity occurs.**
- E. PC FSC 03 –12 & 13 - Elderly/Disabled Defensible Space – John Sheehan – **There are enough remaining funds to pay for the work currently scheduled. Two new projects have been treated and a number of prior participants’ properties have been maintained.**
- F. PC FSC 03-16 –Delleker North - HFR -148 acres- John Sheehan – **Project is complete. Jerry Hurley made a PowerPoint presentation on fuel reduction activities with photos prior to and after treatment along with expected fire behavior conditions. John will prepare the final report this month.**
- G. PC FSC 04-1, 2, & 8 - C Road HFR – 117 acres – John Sheehan – **Brian Wayland met with Topper’s Tree Service and expects to get back into this area by August, after completing work on other projects and the Red Clover Project.**
- H. PC FSC 04-3 & 10 - Gold Mountain HFR- 320 acres – John Sheehan – **Council is still awaiting a decision by Graeagle Land and Water Company on their harvest strategy with respect to grant funding. Concerns expressed about being able to extend the project if no activity occurs.**
- I. PC FSC 04-4 & 12 - Canyon Dam HFR - 900 acres– John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
- J. PC FSC 04-6 - County Stewardship Proposal – John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
- K. PC FSC 04-7 & 11 - Red Clover (Genesee) HFR– 107 acres - John Sheehan – **Brian Wayland met with Topper’s Tree Service and expects to get back into this area by August, after completing work on other projects. John, Mike De Lasaux, & Jerry Hurley met with the project proponents to discuss progress and concerns on 7/10/06.**
- L. PC FSC 05-1 & 06-7 - PC FSC Council Coordination – John Sheehan –**Work continues with website updates, sharing of firesafe information, press releases & associated grant activities.**
- M. PC FSC 05-2 & 6 - Whitehawk HFR- 121 acres – John Sheehan – **Pete Thill, RPF, has begun tree marking & layout in the common area.**
- N. PC FSC 05-3 & 7 - Greenhorn HFR 30 acres – John Sheehan – **Brian Wayland, RPF, reported that the property lines have been flagged and he expect the project to begin in the late fall.**
- O. PC FSC 05-4 & 8 - Grizzly Ck. HFR- 128 acres – John Sheehan – **Steve Windward, RPF, reported he has met with a number of the landowners to discuss prescriptions and locate landlines.**

- P. PC FSC 05-5 & 03-1 – Portola /Delleker & Mohawk Vista HFR Outreach – John Sheehan – **There was a community meeting on 7/11/06 to discuss the project with interested property owners. The Request for Proposals for a Registered Professional Forester (RPF) closes on 7/14/06, and then a RPF will be selected to manage the project.**
 - Q. PC FSC 06-1 & 8 – West Almanor Community Club HFR – 11 acres -John Sheehan – **The Request for Proposals for a Registered Professional Forester (RPF) closes on 7/14/06, and then a RPF will be selected to manage the project.**
 - R. PC FSC 06-2 & 5 – Eastern Plumas HFR – 175 acres - John Sheehan – **See Item 6.P.**
 - S. PC FSC 06-3 & 9 – Massack HFR – 160 acres -John Sheehan – **The Request for Proposals for a Registered Professional Forester (RPF) closes on 7/14/06, and then a RPF will be selected to manage the project.**
 - T. PC FSC 06-4 & 10 – Little Grass Valley HFR – 111 acres - John Sheehan - **Nothing New to Report.**
 - U. PC FSC 06-6 – La Porte Pines HFR – 75 acres -John Sheehan - **NEPA for the project will be included with the Sugarberry project proposal that the Feather River Ranger District currently has out for public scoping.**
7. 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 – Michael Condon – **Dee Dee Cherry of the Feather River Ranger District mad a brief presentation of the Sugarberry Project, handed out scoping letters to interested persons and encouraged people to provide input.**
 8. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) – Jim Graham – **Nothing New to Report.**
 9. Committee report on recommendations for fuel reduction treatment areas of public lands around communities, beyond HFQLG. – **Frank Stewart- Frank encourage the Council to pursue stewardship contract ideas as a means of obtaining funding for HFR projects ,as he expects availability of current funding sources will dry up.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Road maintenance & fuelbreak stewardship proposal – Rand Pew - Randy **asked for support from PCFSC for a stewardship proposal he will be making to the Plumas NF. He proposes to create roadside fuelbreaks of 100 feet on each side of the road, treating surface, ladder, & canopy fuels and remove hazard trees. Revenues from the commercial products would provide for road maintenance. His proposal would provide benefits for firefighting, and public safety. John Sheehan made a motion to submit a letter in support of his proposal. Jim Hamblin seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM