

# Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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## Meeting Notes

Thursday July 9, 2009, 2008 - 9:00 am.

Plumas County

Planning & Building Services Conference Room

555 Main Street – Quincy, CA

### Board of Directors

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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 13, 2009
4. Review/Approve minutes from June 11, 2009 meeting – Mike Callaghan – **Scott Abrams 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 – **Sierra Co FSC thanked PC FSC for presentation on fire mitigation in PC by the coordinator. Scott Abrams thanked PC FSC for letter of support to the RAC for the HFR project in Genesee Valle on the Beckwith property.**
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 – **District hopes to put the contract together later this summer.**
  - 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 – **Operations have started up to complete the remaining 7 acres.**
  - E. PC FSC 03-1, 05-5, 06-2 & 5, 09-03 – Eastern Plumas HFR – 175 acres - John Sheehan – **Contracts for final RAC funds and treatment contracts are signed. Some work to begin this month.**

- F. 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.**
  - G. PC FSC 06-6 – La Porte Pines HFR – 75 acres - John Sheehan – **Treatment prospectus to treat the remaining 2 acres is out for bids.**
  - H. PC FSC 07-1 & 4 - Indian Valley HFR-200 acres – John Sheehan –**Project treatment is complete except for the burning of the remaining 15 acres will be completed this fall.**
  - I. PC FSC 07-2 - La Porte Road HFR – 100 acres – John Sheehan – **Funds have finally been released from Cal Fire. Treatment activities to begin in late summer.**
  - J. PC FSC 07-5 – C Road right-of-way planning – John Sheehan – **Nothing New To Report.**
  - K. PC FSC 07-6 – Taylorsville HFR – 30 acres – John Sheehan – **Nothing New To Report.**
  - L. PC FSC 09-2 & 09-4 – Elderly/Disabled Defensible Space– John Sheehan –**Funding contract for RAC funds has been signed with the Plumas NF. CA FSC contract pending. Contracts being awarded for 12 more clients.**
  - M. 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. Coordinator has provided a presentation to Sierra County FSC and will make another one for UNR Alumni Association on July 16.**
  - N. PC FSC 08- 1 - Gold Mtn. HFR - John Sheehan – **59 acres of mastication completed. RPF, Coordinator and GM representative to assess any more potential areas with remaining funds.**
  - O. 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.**
  - P. PC FSC 08- 3 - HFR Project Development –John Sheehan – **RPF’s working with communities & PC FSC to develop projects fro grant applications.**
  - Q. PC FSC 09-1 - PC FSC Community HFR Planning 2009-2010 – John Sheehan – **Project suspended by SNC due to CA fiscal crisis.**
7. Status update of proposed Grant Proposals. –
    - A. Plumas County FSC Coordination -2009 SNC- **Pending**
  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 – **Plumas NF is ready to work with PC FSC & Plumas County on a mapping project to display integration of HFR activities on public & private lands.**
  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 – **Mt. Hough has completed environmental documentation to hand thin & pile 640 acres behind Chandler Rd in Quincy. They are completing environmental documentation to treat 160 acres of public lands that connect treated private land projects in Genesee Valley.**
  11. Update of local FSC (Almanor Basin & Gold Mtn.) activities – Jerry Hurley – **Almanor Basin FSC reports there was a lot of interest and interaction at their booth at the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities in Chester.**

12. HFR Cost contribution by participating landowners – John Sheehan – **Mike De Lasaux made a motion to accept final changes as proposed with the addition of language in two areas that the final amount will be specified in the Landowner Agreement. The motion was seconded by Jim Hamblin and carried by a unanimous vote.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. 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 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. John Sheehan met with the County Fire Chiefs and they will pursue a commercial pre-attack training exercise and PC FSC will develop a proposal for training fire departments in providing Educational Home Ignition Zone Consultation to their community. PC FSC will work with FEMA to see if there is a way to incorporate the development of evacuation plans and signing for more of our communities. for defensible space.**

**Meeting concluded @11:15 am**