

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes

Thursday August 8, 2013- 9:00 am.

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

Board of Directors

Mike De Lasaux, Chair (14)
Chuck Bowman, Vice Chair (13)
Mike Callaghan, Sect/Treasurer (14)
Andy Anderson (13)
Jim Hamblin (13)
Deb Bumpus (13)
Shane Vargas (14)
Jerry Sipe (14)

Mission Statement:

“To reduce the loss of natural and human made resources caused by wildfire through Firewise Community programs and pre-fire activities.”

OLD BUSINESS

1. Welcome & Introductions- Mike De Lasaux
2. Review Agenda – Mike De Lasaux
3. Next meeting September 12, 2013
4. Review/Approve minutes from July 11, 2013 meeting – Mike De Lasaux – **Mike De Lasaux made a motion to approve the notes after corrections. Mike Callaghan seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
5. Public Comment - Mike De Lasaux –
6. Status update of Current Grants. (Refer to Grant Summary Sheets) – Jerry Hurley
 - A. PPC FSC 09-2 – Senior/Disabled Defensible Space– **Contract closing, we are expending landowner in-kind as match for project 6.k. See 6.K. for additional information.**
 - B. PC FSC 09-1- Community HFR Planning & Project Development –**Funds being expended on LA Porte Rd. II and Cutler meadows to develop prescriptions and prospectuses. Jerry made a presentation of Plumas County’s collaboration to accomplish HFR and use the countywide HFR map in the presentation to the SNC Coordinating Council on July 24.**
 - C. PC FSC 10-7 –Stevens - Long Valley II, C Road & Whitehawk HFR 210 acres – **RPF, Banchio will be evaluating treatment options in light of the difficulty of selling chips from biomass treatments.**
 - D. PC FSC 11-1, 11-3- PC FSC Council Coordination 2012-2013 & 2014-2015– **Work continues with FSC coordination activities. The Living With Fire Tabloid came out in all County newspapers on July 31, 2013.**

- E. PC FSC 11-2 –Stevens 2011 – 200 acres of Soper-Wheeler lands in 3 areas – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - F. PC FSC 11-4 – RAC – La Porte Rd II HFR (partial) 75 acres – **Contract has been made with the landowners updating them. RPF Banchio has finished project layout and will be masticating more acres than previously estimated due to problem of selling chips from biomass operations. Awaiting completion of some landowner agreements.**
 - G. PC FSC 12-1 –Stevens 2012 – 698 acres of Soper-Wheeler, GL&W, & BNRR lands **Timber companies seeking a chip buyer in order to treat their lands.**
 - H. PC FSC 12-2 – Cal Fire Prop 40 – La Porte Rd. II HFR- 172 Acres - **Same as 6.G.**
 - I. PC FSC 12-3 – SNC Prop 84 – La Porte Rd. II HFR- 172 Acres - **Same as 6.G.**
 - J. PC FSC 13-1 - CA FSC Clearinghouse - Senior/Disabled Defensible Space Assistance – **Jerry prepared a Title III request of the Board of Supervisors for funding the Project Coordinator as additional match for this project. The Board approved \$37,424 of Title II pending on August 6, 2013. Final approval should occur after the public comment period Jerry discussed a project review that he, Shane Vargas, CAL FIRE, And Rob Gimbel, Senior/Disabled Defensible Space Program Coordinator, had to review some of our projects with respect to Shane’s inspection standards. There is a need to look closer at some of our practices to insure we are creating compliant defensible space. There will be a fieldtrip following the September 12, 2013 meeting so that Council members can to look at some of the properties and challenges.**
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 - K. PC FSC 13-2 - RAC - Crescent Grade Supplemental – 78 Acres – **Contract with PNF Pending.**
7. Status update of proposed Grant Proposals. – Jerry Hurley –
 - A. PC FSC 13-3 - RAC - Senior/Disabled Defensible Space Assistance – **The initial project request was for \$22,198 but due to sequestration cuts only \$6,198 will be awarded. Contract with PNF Pending.**
 - B. PC FSC 13-4 - RAC - Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Project – **The initial project request was for \$67,067 but due to sequestration cuts only \$20,944 will be awarded. Contract with PNF Pending.**
 8. USFS HFR projects overview/relation to communities’ opportunities –PNF & LNF fuel reduction out year program of work – USFS representatives – **Nothing New to Report.**
 9. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) and update of local FSC & Firewise Community activities – Jerry Hurley & Sue McCourt -
 - CWPP Update – will be signed by Mike De Lasaux as Council Chair and Jerry Sipe as OES.**
 - Gold Mtn. –Mike Callaghan discussed a small fire they had in their community on July 27.**
 - Peninsula – Recognized as a Firewise Communities USA. They will hold their formal recognition ceremony on Friday 8/16/13.**
 - Greenhorn CSD – The held a Community fire awareness day on August 2, 2013.**
 - County Fire Prevention Specialist – Sue McCourt – Continues to work with VFD’s and communities on annexation for properties outside of districts and becoming Firewise communities. She is working with OES and Road Department to evaluate evacuation routes for two ways in & out.**
 10. California RCD- Phil Noia – **Briefly discussed the Cal Fire Stewardship Conservation Easement.**
 11. Plumas Corp Transition– Mike De Lasaux – **Nothing New to Report**

12. Letter Requesting SRA Fees back to PC FSC in the form of Grants – Mike Callaghan – **According to Mike and Shane Vargas, there is a push to accomplish Defensible Space Inspection in Plumas County and to spend the money collected. Mike has had no success in obtaining an answer as to how FSC's can obtain grants. According to the Department of Finance they can't give out grants.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. None

The meeting concluded at 10:55