

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes

Thursday August 13, 2009 8:00- 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 (09)

Andy Anderson (09)

Jim Hamblin (09)

Frank Stewart (10)

Dale Meese (10)

Allan Setzer (09)

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- Brian West
2. Review Agenda – Brian West
3. Next meeting –September 10, 2009
4. Review/Approve minutes from July 9, 2009 meeting – Brian West – **Andy Anderson made a motion to approve the notes as written. Jay Skutt seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
5. Public Comment - Brian West – **None**
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. Moonlight Salvage is consuming their time.**
 - 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 been completed.**
 - E. PC FSC 03-1, 05-5, 06-2 & 5, 09-03 – Eastern Plumas HFR – 175 acres - John Sheehan – **Biomass harvesting and hand piling operations have begun. CA FSC Grant Manager visited the project on 8/3/09 with PC FSC members.**
 - 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 contractor selected. Project expected to be treated in the next couple months.**
 - 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. CA FSC Grant Manager visited the project on 8/4/09 with PC FSC members & RPF .**
 - 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 –**Community meeting planned for September 13 to discuss the project.**
 - 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 –**Contractors have begun for 12 more clients. Additional contracts expected to be awarded in August.**
 - 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.**
 - N. PC FSC 08- 1 - Gold Mtn. HFR - John Sheehan – **Prospectus is out for an additional 30 acres of mastication. CA FSC Grant Manager visited the project on 8/3/09 with PC FSC members & RPF .**
 - 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 – **Mt Hough District Ranger, Mike Donald, and Ecosystem Manager, Rich Bednarski, made presentations on 4 HFR project as part of the HFQLG program. They are soliciting input from their collaborative partners. Exchange of information generated a discussion on how to better incorporate stewardship contracting into implementation of projects in and around communities to increase acres of HFR.**
9. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) –Jerry Hurley – **Plumas County Emergency Services Committee, of which PC FSC participates, is scheduling a Board of Supervisors workshop on 9/15/09, to discuss the problems associate with fire protection in Plumas County.**
10. Defensible Space on Public Lands – Larry Craggs – **Mt Hough has completed hand thinning and piling on 160 acres in Genesee Valley, and has awarded a contract to hand thin and pile 646 acres behind Chandler Road in Quincy on the Empire project, with work expected to begin this month. Another 62 acre hand piling contract in Taylorsville has been prepared and will go out for bids this month with expected award this fiscal year. They are also completing the necessary environmental documentation for 346 acres of hand thin and pile, and mastication within the American Valley WUI around Chandler Road East and the community of East Quincy.**

11. Update of local FSC (Almanor Basin & Gold Mtn.) activities – Jerry Hurley – **Almanor Basin FSC has suspended meetings over the summer & will resume next month. Gold Mtn. FSC is making a proposal to their Board to revise their Defensible Space Consultation Program.**

Meeting concluded @10:50 am