

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes

Thursday September 13, 2012- 9:00 am.

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

Board of Directors

Mike De Lasaux, Chair (12)
Chuck Bowman, Vice Chair (13)
Mike Callaghan, Sect/Treasurer (12)
Andy Anderson (13)
Jim Hamblin (13)
Frank Stewart (12)
Vacant PNF (13)
Shane Vargas (12)
Jerry Sipe (12)

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 De Lasaux
2. Review Agenda – Mike De Lasaux
3. Next meeting – October 11, 2012
4. Review/Approve minutes from July 12, 2012 meeting – Mike De Lasaux - **Chuck Bowman made a motion to approve the notes a making one correction. Mike Callaghan seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
5. Public Comment - Mike De Lasaux - **None**
6. Status update of Current Grants. (Refer to Grant Summary Sheets) – Jerry Hurley
 - A. PC FSC 02- 9 – NS AQMD Chipping in lieu of burning – **Gold Mountain CSD latest request for use of these funds to assist their curbside chipping program has exhausted these funds.**
 - B. PC FSC 04-4 & 12 - Canyon Dam HFR - 900 acres– **Limited Operating Plan still in effect. No activity,**
 - C. PC FSC 09-2 – Senior/Disabled Defensible Space– **Nothing New to Report.**
 - D. PC FSC 09-1- Community HFR Planning & Project Development - - **Nothing New to Report.**
 - E. PC FSC 10-2 - PC Planning Dept – GIS mapping in support of PC FSC CWPP – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - F. PC FSC 10-6 – RAC - Crescent Grade HFR 50 acres – **Project mostly complete only about 4 acres of pile burning remains.**
 - G. PC FSC 10-7 –Stevens - Long Valley II, C Road & Whitehawk HFR 210 acres – **Completion of handpile burning remains, Biomass of 33 acres pending a chip market. Letters sent to landowners for in-kind payments.**

- H. PC FSC 11-1, 11-3- PC FSC Council Coordination 2012-2013 & 2014-2015– **Work continues with FSC coordination activities. Developing a Living With Fire workshop to be presented in 3 communities. Developing RAC funding applications for Senior/Disabled Defensible Space Assistance and a transfer of Cycle 10 funds from Long Valley to Crescent Grade.**

A discussion of give-aways to attract more interest to PC FC representatives at different venues. Rob Gimbel will explore options.

- I. PC FSC 11-2 –Stevens 2011 – 200 acres of Soper-Wheeler lands in 3 areas – **Paul Violett is seeking buyers for the chip material.**
- J. PC FSC 11-4 – RAC – La Porte Rd II HFR (partial) 75 acres – **Nothing New to Report.**
- K. PC FSC 12-1 –Stevens 2012 – 698 acres of Soper-Wheeler, GL&W, & BNRR lands - **Need a RPF to submit CEQA information for NEPA.**
- L. PC FSC 12-2 – Cal Fire Prop 40 – La Porte Rd. II HFR- 172 Acres- **RPF looking for viable chip market. Planning to begin implementation & adding additional landowners.**
- M. PC FSC 12-3 – SNC Prop 84 – La Porte Rd. II HFR- 172 Acres – **Contract Signed. RPF looking for viable chip market. Planning to begin implementation & adding additional landowners.**

- 7. Status update of proposed Grant Proposals. – Jerry Hurley
 - A. CA FSC Clearinghouse - Senior/Disabled Defensible Space Assistance – **A grant request for \$50,000 was submitted.**
 - B. RAC -Senior/Disabled Defensible Space Assistance – **A Grant Request for \$100,000 was submitted. RAC meets 9/28 to make their recommendations to the Forest Supervisor.**
 - N. RAC - Crescent Grade Supplemental – 78 Acres – **An application requesting a transfer of Cycle 10 funds from Long Valley to Crescent Grade was submitted to RAC. The RAC meets 9/28 to make their recommendation to the Forest Supervisor.**
 - C. RAC – Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Project –**A \$67,000 project proposal to develop a Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration application for future USFS funding was submitted to RAC. The RAC meets 9/28 to make their recommendation to the Forest Supervisor.**

- 8. **USFS HFR projects overview/relation to communities’ opportunities – (HFQLG & Fuels Program) Project mapping integration involving USFS, CDF and Fire Safe Council – PNF & LNF fuel reduction out year program of work – Allan Setzer – Frank Stewart reported that the Lassen NF Supervisor upheld the Creeks II**

- 9. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) and update of local FSC & Firewise Community activities – Jerry Hurley & Sue McCourt - **CWPP in final stages of editing. Emergency Services Feasibility group continues to work on the “out-of-district’ issue.**

PC Fire Chiefs, PC FSC & UC Cooperative Education will hold 3 “Living With Fire” workshops (Portola, Graeagle & Quincy) to encourage those who haven’t yet been impacted from a large fire this year to understand that homes and forest can survive a wildfire.

Firewise Community Activity-

Almanor West – The Chips fire has created a heightened interest and the community is realizing the results of their planning efforts. Sue McCourt has also made ember preparedness presentation to communities in the Almanor Basin. Interest expressed by folks in the Peninsula FPRD of becoming a Firewise Community.

Gold Mtn – the GM CSD completed a 13-acre mastication project that connects CSD lands with an earlier PC FSC HFR project. Roadside chipping project was successful.
Graeagle –GFPD provided homeowner educational materials at their annual pancake breakfast on July 4th.

10. California RCD- Phil Noia – **PG & E is dropping thousands of future hazard trees, which could fall across transmission lines, as a result of the Chips Fire.**
11. Update PC Entity Stewardship Concept – Frank Stewart – **Extension of Stewardship is being discussed in congress as part of the farm bill. Herger still working to incorporate language offered by QLG.**
12. Defensible Space Educational Hands on Workshop. – Mike De Lasaux- **Plans to move forward with the workshop in Meadow Valley on 10/13/12. Agenda is finalized and a flyer due out soon.**
13. Plumas Corp Transition– Mike De Lasaux – **Plumas Corp’s Board continues to restructure. There is a vacant position to represent PC FSC.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. In-kind match for maintenance of homes in the Senior/Disabled Defensible Space Assistance Program. – Jerry Hurley – **No further Discussion**
2. PNF Appoint a new Director to PC FSC –Mike De Lasaux- **PNF representatives will seek a replacement.**

Meeting Concluded at 10:50