

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes

Thursday September 8, 2011 - 9:00 am.

Plumas County

Planning & Building Services Conference Room

555 Main Street – Quincy, CA

Board of Directors

Mike De Lasaux, Chair (12)

Mike Callaghan, Vice Chair (12)

Scott Abrams, Sect/Treasurer (12)

Andy Anderson (11)

Jim Hamblin (11)

Frank Stewart (12)

Allan Setzer (11)

Chuck Bowman (11)

Jay Neuman (12)

Brian Morris (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 13, 2011
4. Review/Approve minutes from August 11, 2011 meeting – Mike De Lasaux – **Jim Hamblin made a motion to approve the notes. Chuck Bowman 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) – John Sheehan
 - A. PC FSC 02- 9 – NS AQMD Chipping in lieu of burning – **Nothing New To Report.**
 - B. FSC 04-4 & 12 - Canyon Dam HFR - 900 acres – **Timber Sale has sold.**
 - C. PC FSC 03-1, 05-5, 06-2 & 5, 09-03 – Eastern Plumas HFR – 175 acres – **See N.**
 - D. PC FSC 06-6 – La Porte Pines HFR – 75 acres - **Nothing New To Report.**
 - E. PC FSC 09-2 & 09-4 –Defensible Space Assistance Senior & Disabled –**31 homes treated, 4 more properties out to bid. 9 consultations resulted in homeowners completing their own. Due to remaining funds we will ask CA FSC for an extension into next year.**
 - F. PC FSC 07-10 - County Educational Workshops – **Web site updates are on going.**
 - G. PC FSC 10-1 & 11-1- PC FSC Council Coordination 2010-2013 – **Work continues with FSC coordination activities, developing grant funding requests and assisting in project implementation.**

- H. PC FSC 08- 3 & 09-1- Community HFR Planning & Project Development –**Keith Crummer, RPF, will be retained to further develop this project. Once prescriptions, cost estimates and maps are prepared, we will work to find a funding source.**
 - I. PC FSC 10-2 - PC Planning Dept – GIS mapping in support of PC FSC CWPP **Nothing New To Report.**
 - J. PC FSC 10-3 – Bucks Lake CWPP and Firewise Community Planning – **Contract award pending.**
 - K. PC FSC 10-4 – Long Valley II & Crescent Grade HFR 100 acres –**Long Valley- Completed and Cal Fire has signed off the final inspection. Crescent Grade-pending contractor selection for 40 acres of handpiling.**
 - L. PC FSC 10-5 - Long Valley II HFR 87 acres –**See K.**
 - M. PC FSC 10-6 – Crescent Grade HFR 50 acres – **See K.**
 - N. PC FSC 10-7 –Cromberg (Long Valley II), C Road & Whitehawk HFR 210 acres –
 - i. **Long Valley II – See K.**
 - ii. **C- Road – 20 acres mastication completed, 40 ac hand piling to start soon. Prospectus for 30 acres of biomass expected out soon.**
 - iii. **Whitehawk II – Completed and Cal Fire has signed off the final inspection. There may be an opportunity to accomplish an additional 10-acre parcel, pending environmental review, landowner agreement and funds.**
 - O. PC FSC 11-2 –Stevens – 300 acres of Sopher-Wheeler lands in 3 areas – **Contract signed with PNF for implementation of 3 projects areas for about 300 acres. All the projects are on Sopher-Wheeler lands. - \$115,500 with about \$90,000 of match. Environmental review compliance information for a NEPA decision is being prepared.**
7. Status update of proposed Grant Proposals. – John Sheehan –
- A. RAC -La Porte Rd II (partial) –**RAC recommended to the Forest Supervisor to fund part of this project (80-acres).**
 - B. CA FSC -La Porte Rd II (Full) – **Application for 172 acres submitted to CA FSC Clearinghouse on 6/30/11. NO word yet on what projects CA FSC will fund. Project also submitted to Ca Fire for consideration of Prop 40 funding.**
 - C. 2012 Stevens Fund Request – PNF is requesting projects that may be eligible for Stevens funding to be submitted by 9/23/11. Coordinator has contacted industrial landowners.
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 – **1) Keddie objection period is open to those who initially provided input. Recommended alternative would produce only about 1/3 of forest products that the economic alternative would. 2) Beginning in October the Almanor RD will begin a 323-acre underburn. Additional acres of pile burning will occur after significant weather changes.**
9. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) –Jerry Hurley – **Completion of CWPP review is pending maps. Plumas County Emergency Feasibility Group continues to meet.**
10. Update of local FSC and Firewise Community activities – Jerry Hurley –
- A. **Gold Mtn. – Reducing brush in some of the common areas with their own crew. GM FSC Continues with providing defensible space compliance consultations. They are taking bids for a HFR mastication project for the common area between the created fuelbreak and residential lots.**

11. California RCD- Phil Noia- **Nothing New To Report.**

12. Discuss PC Entity Stewardship Concept – Frank Stewart – **Frank has scheduled a meeting with the Regional Forester and FSC's to discuss this issue in October. Randy Moore, Regional Forester, is looking to increase pace and scale of HFR using stewardship contracting.**

New Business

1. PC FSC Representation on Plumas Corp Board – Mike De Lasaux – **Discussion within Plumas Corp on replacing John Sheehan, Executive Director, when he retires at the end of the year. Presently an advertisement is being developed to find a new Executive Director.**
2. PC FSC position on AB-29 –SRA Fees. – Jerry Hurley -**The organization Fire Safe Communities has asked PC FSC to join in their support of AB -29 which the Board of Forestry has developed Emergency Regulation for the assessment of a fee to those with a dwelling on SRA lands. Jerry presented both concerns and opportunities of the Bill under the existing language. There was also concern expressed with another pending Bill AB-24 to change the intent and language of AB-29After discussion it was agreed no to take a position until the Council works with the Board of Supervisors on the subject.**

The meeting concluded at 11:30 AM

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