

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes

Thursday September 13, 2007 - 9:00 am.

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

Ed Harrison, Chair (08)
Ron Cross, Vice Chair (08)
Brian West, Treasurer (08)
Michael Condon, Secretary (09)
Andy Anderson (07)
Jim Graham, (07)
Mike De Lasaux, (08)
Jim Hamblin (07)
Frank Stewart (08)
Dale Meese (08)
Allan Setzer (07)

Mission Statement:

“To reduce the loss of natural and manmade resources caused by wildfire through pre-fire activities.”

OLD BUSINESS

1. Welcome & Introductions- Ed Harrison
2. Review Agenda – Ed Harrison
3. Next meeting –**October 11, 2007**
4. Review/Approve minutes from August 9, 2007 meeting – Ed Harrison – **Steve Windward made a motion to approve the notes as presented. Brian West seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
5. Public Comment - Ed Harrison - **None**
6. Status update of Current Grants. (Refer to Grant Summary Sheets)
 - A. PC FSC 02- 9 – NS AQMD Chipping in lieu of burning –Jerry Hurley – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - B. PC FSC 04-1, 2, & 8 - C Road HFR – 117 acres – Jerry Hurley – **A supplemental request for additional funds to treat the remaining 40 acres has been submitted to the RAC.**
 - C. PC FSC 04-4 & 12 - Canyon Dam HFR - 900 acres– Jason Moghaddas – **The project has been put out for re-bid. Expect an award within the next month.**

- D. PC FSC 04-6 - County Stewardship Proposal – John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - E. PC FSC 05-2 & 6 - Whitehawk HFR- 121 acres – Jerry Hurley – **Timber harvesting is completed. Mastication is expected to be completed by 10/30/07.**
 - F. PC FSC 05-3 & 7 - Greenhorn HFR 30 acres – Jerry Hurley – **Due to higher than expected bids, a supplemental request for additional funds to treat the project has been submitted to the RAC.**
 - G. PC FSC 05-4 & 8 - Grizzly Ck. HFR- 128 acres – Jerry Hurley – **Contractor is assessing the project to complete surface fuel treatment in the units where harvesting has been completed.**
 - H. PC FSC 03-1, 05-5, 06-2 & 5 – Eastern Plumas HFR – 175 acres - Jerry Hurley – **Due to higher than expected bids in similar projects, a supplemental request for additional funds to treat the project has been submitted to the RAC.**
 - I. PC FSC 06-3 & 9 – Massack HFR – 160 acres -John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - J. PC FSC 06-4 & 10 – Little Grass Valley HFR – 111 acres - John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - K. PC FSC 06-6 – La Porte Pines HFR – 75 acres - Jerry Hurley – **Unit layout is complete & USFS is awarding the contract. Expect this project may begin on the ground treatment soon.**
 - L. PC FSC 07-1 & 4 - Indian Valley HFR-200 acres – Jerry Hurley – **A Request for Proposals for a Registered Professional Forester (RPF) will be out in the next two weeks. Once the RPF is retained, outreach will begin. There is an expectation that following the Moonlight Fire, that interest may be high. PC FSC is still awaiting a signed contract from the FS.**
 - M. PC FSC 07-2 - La Porte Road HFR – 100 acres – Jerry Hurley – **A Request for Proposals for a Registered Professional Forester (RPF) will be out in the next two weeks. A public outreach meeting is planned for 10/9/07 at the County Planning & Building Services conference room at 7 PM.**
 - N. PC FSC 07-4 - PC FSC Council Coordination – Jerry Hurley – **In the last month, 7 Grant requests, for just under \$500,000, have been developed. 6 For RAC consideration & 1 for CDF –WUI funding.**
 - O. PC FSC 07-5 – C Road right-of-way planning – Jerry Hurley – **A Request for Proposals for a Registered Professional Forester (RPF) will be out in the next two weeks.**
 - P. PC FSC 07-6 – Taylorsville HFR – 30 acres – John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
7. Status update of proposed Grant Proposals.
- A. Returning to RAC for assistance in covering under funded projects (Eastern Plumas, Massack, Greenhorn) – RAC – Jerry Hurley - **RAC meets on 9/21/07 to make decision on funding recommendations.**

- B. Elderly Disabled Defensible Space – 75 – RAC – Jerry Hurley – **RAC meets on 9/21/07 to make decision on funding recommendations.**
 - C. Gold Mountain Hazardous Fuel Reduction – RAC – 100-200 acres – Jerry Hurley - **RAC meets on 9/21/07 to make decision on funding recommendations.**
 - D. Lake Almanor County Club Hazardous Fuel Reduction – 10 acres– RAC – Jerry Hurley - **RAC meets on 9/21/07 to make decision on funding recommendations**
 - E. Eastern Plumas HFR & Public I&E – CDF Western States WUI – Jerry Hurley - **Project submitted to CDF.**
 - F. PC FSC Educational & Publications – Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC)– Jerry Hurley – **Project being drafted. SNC requires either a Board Resolution or letter signed by a Council Officer to authorize signing of any contracts with them. Brian West made a motion that John Sheehan of Plumas Corporation, our Councils. Fiscal sponsor, be authorized to sign contracts on the Council’s behalf. Carl McDonald seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**
 - G. C Road HFR – Sierra Nevada Conservancy – Jerry Hurley – **Project being drafted.**
 - H. PC FSC HFR Block Grant – Sierra Nevada Conservancy – Jerry Hurley – **Project being drafted.**
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 – Jason Moghaddas – **Most of the Diamond project which was well along in the planning process was burned up in the moonlight fire. Prescribed burning will be occurring on the Meadow Valley Project this fall. The Empire project has survived the appeal process, but there are talks that a court injunction to stop it may be in the works.**
 9. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) – Jerry Hurley –**Work to implement a number of CWPP identified mitigation measures is being worked on by a County Emergency Services Study Group.**
 10. Committee report on recommendations for fuel reduction treatment areas of public lands around communities, beyond HFQLG. – Frank Stewart – **Nothing New to Report**
 11. Defensible Space on Public Lands – Jason Moghaddas - **Nothing New to Report**
 12. Secure Rural Schools Funding – Frank Stewart – **Nothing New to Report**
 13. CA FSC legislative issues – Frank Stewart – **Nothing New to Report**

NEW BUSINESS

1. PC FSC’s Toll Free Number – Jerry Hurley – **Due to limited use and excessive costs for a couple calls, the 800 phone number for the Council has been dropped. Persons interested in contacting us by phone can still call 530-283-0829.**

2. Biomass Chips to SPI Mill in Quincy – Brian West – Following a biomass chip fire at the SPI Quincy, they ceased purchasing biomass chips and removed their ramps. They allowed small trucks to bring in chips at no cost and no compensation. This has increased costs for PC FSC HFR projects, as chips now need to be hauled to Loyalton or Westwood, which has higher haul costs, or leaves the chips on the ground. Brian has worked with SPI in Quincy and they have agreed to purchase chips from PC FSC projects in the Quincy working circle. When these projects occur SPI requests that they be recognized in any press releases on those projects.

Website Self Paced Slide show – Jerry Hurley – A draft version of two slide shows was presented to Council member for comments. These self paced slide shows for :a) “Protecting Homes from Wildfire”, and b) “Protecting Homes & Communities from Wildfires”; are being developed to be put on our website to allow anyone to access useful wildfire mitigation information to enhance the public’s knowledge that with proper actions, homes & forests can survive the intrusion of wildfire.

The meeting concluded at 10:30 AM