

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes

Meeting November 10, 2004 9:00 am.
Quincy Fire Department

OLD BUSINESS

1. Welcome & Introductions- Mike De Lasaux
2. Review Agenda – Mike De Lasaux
3. Next meeting: **December 8, 2004**
4. Review/Approve minutes from 10/13/04 meeting – **Andy Anderson made a motion to approve the notes, Michael Condon, seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote**
5. Status update of Current Grants. (Refer to Grant Summary Sheet)
 - A. PC FSC 02-1 & 02-2 - 100 Acre HFR Demonstration– Brian Wayland - **Krantz/Marshall: all burning complete. Edwards: Complete, landowner assumes the responsibility of burning. Almanor: Completed all burning done this week. Hayes: Will start next week, High Sierra Fire from Janesville is the contractor. Jennings: Pending NEPA . Hope to begin operations in a month**
 - B. PC FSC 02- 5 - HFR Assessment & Strategy – John Sheehan - **Final product has been delivered to PC FSC. It has been posted on our website. A presentation is still needed to the County Board of Supervisors. Following our review this month, the Council will vote on acceptance of the product at the December meeting.**
 - C. PC FSC 02- 7 & 8 - Plumas Eureka HFR –John Gay – **Burning has been completed.**
 - D. PC FSC 02- 9 – NSAQMD Chipping in lieu of burning –John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - E. PC FSC 03- 1 – Outreach Delleker/Portola HFR 125 acres - John Sheehan- **Nothing New to Report.**

- F. PC FSC 03- 2 & 3 - Indian Falls HFR 50 acres - John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - G. PC FSC 03- 4 & 5 - Camp Layman HFR 50 acres- John Gay – **Burning of all seasoned pile is complete. Some fresh pile will be burned in the spring.**
 - H. PC FSC 03- 6 & 7 - Cromberg HFR 350 acres - John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - I. PC FSC 03–8 & 14 - Project Development, and Coordination - John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - J. PC FSC 03–9 & 04-9 - Graeagle Fuelbreak THP 200 acres – John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - K. PC FSC 03-10 & 11 - Quincy CSD HFR 17 acres – John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - L. PCFSC 03 –12 & 13 - Elderly/Disabled Defensible Space – John Sheehan – **Two more properties were awarded contracts this week for a total of 31 to date. Will work with PNF to extend this contract into at least June of next year.**
 - M. PCFSC 03-16 – 50 acres Hazardous Fuel Reduction –Delleker North - John Sheehan – **Harvest operations by Pew are expected to begin this week.**
 - N. PCFSC 03-17 - FSC Coordination CY04 – John Sheehan – **Work continues by the coordinator and webmaster. The Fuel assessment and Strategy by Wildland RX and the DRAFT Community Fire Plan have recently been added to the site.**
 - O. PCFSC 04-1, 2, & 8 - C Road HFR – John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - P. PCFSC 04-3 & 10 - Gold Mountain HFR Planning – John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - Q. PCFSC 04-4 & 12 Canyon Dam HFR Planning – John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - R. PCFSC 04-5 Countywide GIS Phase II – John Sheehan – **Dennis Miller has ordered the GPS units and is working to find a server to post maps on.**
 - S. PCFSC 04-6 County Stewardship Proposal – John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - T. PCFSC 04-7 & 11 - Red Clover (Genesee) HFR Planning – John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
6. Grants Pending – John Sheehan –
- A. 05 CDF WUI-01 – Whitehawk HFR - John Sheehan- **No official word has been received yet, but David Hawks, CDF, reported that the project was not selected for funding.**

7. HFQLG –HFR project overview/relation to communities Opportunities - Project mapping integration involving US FS, CDF and Fire Safe Council - PNF’s fuel reduction out year program of work - John Gay. – **Nothing New to Report.**

8. Discussion of content of the Plumas County Community Wildland Fire Plan. – Jerry Hurley- **The “DRAFT” Community Fiore Plan is now posted for Council members to review. A press release will be put out to announce it. Richard Cox made a motion that the PC FSC make approval of the current document of record, the Community Wildfire Plan, a living document and it be adopted by the Council before taking it forward to the public. Ray Nichol seconded the motion. After discussion, it was carried by a unanimous vote of those present.**

9. Board Member Nomination Committee – Mike De Lasaux- **Mike asked that Ron Cross come back next month & present nominations from his committee to the Council for voting on Board Members and Officers for 2005.**

10. Fire Pre-Planning – Chuck Thayer - **Nothing New to Report.**

11. Meadow Valley Lawsuit - Mike De Lasaux – **A Draft Resolution sent to Council members earlier in the week, and was presented for discussion at the meeting.**

The Resolution resolves that the Plumas County Fire Safe Council supports the Plumas National Forest and the US Forest Service in the implementation of the Meadow Valley Project, and that the Plumas County Fire Safe Council, while acknowledging a citizens right to provide input to national forest management decisions under the National Environmental Policy Act, rejects the actions of the Sierra Nevada Forest Protection Campaign, the Plumas Forest Project, the John Muir Project, the Earth Island Institute and the Center for Biological Diversity for the frivolous lawsuit that stalls implementation of the Meadow Valley Project and threatens the safety of the citizens of Meadow Valley.

Frank Stewart made a motion to accept the Resolution with two word modifications. After extensive discussion, the motion carried with 14- Yes, 0- No, and 9 Abstentions. Those Abstaining included all USFS, CDF an UC employees, and a private Citizen.

Frank also asked that copies of the resolution be sent to the presiding judge, Congressman Herger, Senator Feinstein, Chairs of Fire Safe Councils surrounding Plumas County, the California Fire Safe Council, Forest Supervisor of the Plumas NF, and the Regional Forester.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Solicitation of Grant ideas - CA FSC, RAC & Title III – John Sheehan- - **A number of projects were identified to submit. At this time, there isn’t any clear information available except on the following projects that could be submitted.**
 - a. **Whitehawk HFR.**
 - b. **Council Coordination.**
 - c. **HFR project Development.**
 - d. **County GIS information onto an internet server for full public access.**
 - e. **Chipping in lieu of Burning.**

A number of communities have expressed interest in HFR projects, but so far there no community representative has made a firm request. Getting a person to continue project development may help in this area.

- 2. Treasures Report- Richard Cox – Richard handed out a copy outlining what he sees as necessary for a treasures report, and has asked the Board and membership at large to review and vote on accepting it at the December Meeting.**

- 3. Proposition 40 Funds – Mike Santuccio – Mike discussed how CDF plans to manage the Proposition 40 program of \$39 million for 5 years. The funds will be distributed through the CFIP program, Vegetation Management Program and through Pre-Fire Project proposals from local Fire Safe Councils. Mary Huggins, Local CDF Forester will manage the program in most of Plumas County. Funds requested for Pre-Fire, will have an application process similar to the CA FSC Clearinghouse. This year it is estimated that \$1.25 million will be available to Pre-Fire Projects for the northern sierras.**

The Meeting Concluded at 1125 AM