

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes Meeting – December 11, 2002, 9:00 am. St. Johns Parish Hall

OLD BUSINESS

1. Opening/Introductions- Mike De Lasaux
2. Next meeting: **January 8, 2003**
3. Review/Approve minutes from 11/13/02 meeting. **Correct number sequence two items numbered six (6). Item 7. F. is Quincy for 17 acres (02-RAC-8 & 02-III-11). Mike DeLasaux made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Bruce Livingston seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
4. Update progress of 501 (c) 3 application process. –Jerry Hurley - **Applications to Internal Revenue Service & Franchise Tax Board with checks for a “Letter of Determination” for tax exempt status were sent on 12/4/02.**
- 5 Grants Management-
 - A. Product Value recovered in HFR grant funded projects – Mike De Lasaux – **Mike handed out a revised “Draft Policy Statement” on Hazardous Fuel Reduction cost sharing for landowners with commercial timber value and who are requesting grant funds obtained by the Fire Safe Council. There was lengthy discussion on how much should be provided by the FSC, using grant funds, which are usually public monies, on private lands. Especially if the landowner is generating revenue though the services the Council provides. Yuba & Sierra counties pay a landowner a flat rate for each acre treated to an acceptable level upon completion, regardless of commercial value,.**
 - B. Landowner Agreements & Liability Insurance – Mike De Lasaux - **John Sheehan and Mike De Lasaux will work with Rob Schulman on an agreement between Plumas County and the FSC for funding HFR projects on private lands and how the Council will be**

protected. They will report back next month. The Council's desire is to provide assistance to landowners in the planning and accomplishment of HFR. .

6. Status update of active and newly approved Grants. (Refer to Grant Summary Sheet
- A. PC FSC 01-1— Homeowner Consultation & Education-Jerry Hurley – **Jerry handed out copies of the Chipping Feasibility Report, which he completed as a task item to this contract. He presented it to the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday 12/10/02. He also provided the Board a grant progress update along with Mike De Lasaux& John Sheehan. Consultations were performed for 20% of the residents contacted in the outreach process for the participating communities. Warren Grandall reported on the progress toward signing the “Wildfire Evacuation Assembly Areas” identified in the community evacuation plans. Jerry is working on the final report to the US Forest Service.**

 - B. PC FSC 01-2– Fire Safe Council Coordination –Jerry Hurley – **Efforts are currently focused on grant development, coordinating Council activities and working with others to get the recently awarded grants from BLM going.**

 - C. PC FSC FS 02-1 & 2 - 100 Acre HFR Demonstration– Brian Wayland/David Hawks- **Brian discussed how recommendations for selections, and in some cases a reduction in the acres that landowners proposed, was made. Areas were sorted by County supervisorial district. Then visibility became a driving force in many of the selections, as per the criteria. The group is currently recommending a project in each area for 88 gross acres. They have selected other areas to treat if there are sufficient funds. Recommended demonstration areas by district, general location and the landowner proposing the areas are:**
 - 1. **Grizzly Creek Rd.- Krantz**
 - 2. **Indian Falls – Livingston**
 - 3. **Almanor West (Selected at the last FSC meeting)**
 - 4. **Chandler Rd. – Weddle/Miles & Edwards**
 - 5. **Greenhorn CSD – McDonald****Bruce Livingston made a motion to accept the recommendations proposed by the sub-committee. Louann Charbonnier seconded the motion. After discussion the motion carried by a unanimous vote**

 - D. PC FSC. 02- 3 - Countywide GIS - John Sheehan **John announced the meeting with representatives from Calaveras County is rescheduled for 1/16/03, from 8am to 12pm, at the Quincy Library.**

 - E. PC FSC. 02- 4 - Homeowner Consultations – Jerry Hurley – **Jerry & Mike will be meeting with representatives of the six departments participating this grant. tonight 12/11/02 at the Graeagle Fire Hall.**

- F. PC FSC. 02- 5 - HFR Strategy & Assessment – Jerry Hurley – **Mike, Craig Carter, John Sheehan and Jerry met to discuss the Request For Proposals (RFP) on 12/10/02. They developed a strategy and made assignments. They will meet again on 1/8/03 and hope to have the RFP out by the end of January.**
- G. PC FSC. 02- 6 - Council Display Material – Jerry Hurley – **Sue McCourt wasn't present to report. Jerry is still working with Jim Pickering of BLM to refine the display. Ray Nichol is using some of these funds to keep our website updated.**
- H. PC FSC. 02- 7 & 8 - Plumas Eureka HFR – John Sheehan/John Gay- - **USFS is collecting information for the Environmental Assessment.**

7. Grants Submitted & Planned– John Sheehan/Jerry Hurley – **John, Jerry & Mike made a presentation on Council activities at the 12/10/02 Board of Supervisors meeting. Included was a verbal request for supporting Council projects with Title III funds. The Board expressed strong support. Title III proposal are due tot the Board on 12/20/02.**

The Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) provided a response to our request asking for more detailed information on our proposed projects. John & Jerry will be working on those responses.

Submitted projects are:

- A. 02-RAC-3 & 02-III-6 - Delleker/Portola HFR 125 acres
 - B. 02-RAC-4 & 02-III-7 - Graeagle Fuelbreak 200 acres
 - C. 02-RAC-5 & 02-III-8 - Indian Falls HFR 50 acres
 - D. 02-RAC-6 & 02-III-9 - Camp Layman HFR 50 acres
 - E. 02-RAC-7 & 02-III-10 - Cromberg HFR 350 acres
 - F. 02-RAC-8 & 02-III-11 - Quincy CSD HFR 17 acres
 - G. 02-RAC-9 & 02-III-12 - Elderly/Disabled Defensible Space Grant
- H. Recommend a Priority for RAC proposals. **The RAC also requested a prioritization of projects by the Council. Jerry & John shared a process they started, but after discussion there appears to be more work. John Sheehan made a motion that there by a committee to develop a matrix further and they have the deciding vote for prioritization. Ray Nichol seconded the motion. After discussion the motion carried by a unanimous vote. The committee is Bruce Livingston, John Sheehan, Mike De Lasaux, and Louann Charbonnier.**
 - I. FY03 FS - FSC Coordination, Project Administration and Project Development - A grant request through the USFS Economic Action Program- **Jerry Hurley - The draft has been completed and is being shared with others for comments to insure completeness.**

- J. FY03 FS Hazardous Fuel Reduction – A grant request through the USFS Community Protection Program – John Sheehan- **Work is progressing on this grant by John**
 - K. FY03 FS - Education and Tech Transfer – A grant request through the USFS Economic Action Program- Mike De Lasaux – **Mike has not had time to work on writing this grant. Without participation of other it may fall off the table.**
7. NSAQMD Grant \$15,000 - Bruce Livingston - **Bruce reported that he drafted a letter to Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District (NSAQMD) requesting funds for chipping in lieu of burning. The letter was sent with some modifications. Bruce attended a conference call on the funds. The Council will receive \$15,000 of one-time funds. Use of these funds will be to contribute to HFR projects where chipping is used in lieu of burning. Bruce & Jerry will work together to get a formalized request in to NSAQMD.**
 - 8 HFQLG –HFR project overview/relation to communities Opportunities - John Gay. Project mapping integration involving US FS, CDF and Fire Safe Council. Establish a standing committee? Merri Carol Martens handed out a schedule of HFQLG projects for Fiscal Years 2000 to 2003.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Fuel Reduction Grants Natural Resources Conservation Service – Renia Rodgers – **Renia was not able to attend.**
2. New grant opportunities Jerry Hurley –
A brief discussion on this item occurred during the discussion on old business item 5. A landowner in the Antelope Lake area was referred to Jerry for assistance in seeking grants for HFR. At some point in the future the council will need to take a position on how much support they can provide to what project. Assets at risk will probably help drive that decision in the future.
3. Letter to Representatives regarding National Fire Plan funding - Frank. Stewart – **Frank was not present to discuss this item.**
4. John Radke, UC Berkeley course to provide assistance with County Hazardous Fuel Assessment and Strategy Project (tentative) - **John was not present to discuss this item**
5. Genesee Valley Homeowners – Bob Beckwith attended the meeting to learn more about the Plumas County Fire Safe Council. He believes the Genesee Valley homeowners are interested in becoming more active in wildfire mitigation and may be interested in forming their own council.