

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes

Thursday January 12, 2006 9:00 am.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Welcome & Introductions- Jim Graham
2. Review Agenda – Jim Graham
3. Next meeting: **February 9, 2006**
4. Review/Approve minutes from 12/8/05 meeting – **Michael Condon made a motion to approve the notes with no changes change. Jim Hamblin, seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
5. Public Comment - **None**
6. Status update of Current Grants. (Refer to Grant Summary Sheet)
 - A. PC FSC. 02- 9 – NSAQMD Chipping in lieu of burning –John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
 - B. PC FSC. 03- 1 – Outreach Delleker/Portola HFR 125 acres - John Sheehan- **Incorporated into Item Q below.**
 - C. PC FSC. 03- 2 & 3 - Indian Falls HFR 50 acres - John Sheehan – Outreach **for more property owners is completed. Expect project prospectus out by the end of January or first of February.**
 - D. PC FSC. 03- 6 & 7 - Cromberg HFR 350 acres - John Sheehan – **Firestorm Inc. has completed 48 acres of mastication. Pew Forest Products will begin biomass harvesting of 107 acres on 1/16/06.**

- E. PC FSC 03–9 & 04-9 - Graeagle Fuelbreak THP 200 acres – John Sheehan – **Graeagle Land & Water expect to begin harvesting in the near future. They will be meeting with representative of PC FSC to finalize plans.**
- F. PCFSC 03 –12 & 13 - Elderly/Disabled Defensible Space – John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
- G. PCFSC 03-16 – 100 acres Hazardous Fuel Reduction –Delleker North - John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
- H. PCFSC 04-1, 2, & 8 - C Road HFR – John Sheehan – **Firestorm Inc. has completed 16 acres of mastication. Dave Simms, Toppers Tree Service will begin biomass harvesting on 1/16/06.**
- I. PCFSC 04-3 & 10 - Gold Mountain HFR – John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
- J. PCFSC 04-4 & 12 Canyon Dam HFR Planning– John Sheehan – **Mt. Hough RD is sending out a new scoping letter by 1/20/06**
- K. PCFSC 04-6 County Stewardship Proposal – John Sheehan – **Nothing New to Report.**
- L. PCFSC 04-7 & 11 - Red Clover (Genesee) HFR– John Sheehan – **The prospectus for a mechanical thinning contractor for approximately 64 acres closes on 1/27/06.**
- M. PCFSC 05-1 - PC FSC Council Coordination – John Sheehan – **Work continues in PC FSC Coordination with Title III funds for this project. Jerry Hurley has begun the process of developing 4 concept papers for the CA FSC clearinghouse process. He also made a presentation to the new County Planning Commission on the Plumas Count Community Wildfire Protection Plan in mid-December. Ray Nichol continues updating our website.**
- N. PCFSC 05-2 & 6 - Whitehawk HFR – John Sheehan – **Jay Skutt made a motion to approve to award the RPF contract to Pete Thill. Jim Hamblin seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
- O. PCFSC 05-3 & 7 - Greenhorn HFR Planning– John Sheehan – **Jim Hamblin made a motion to approve to award the RPF contract to Brian Wayland. Jay Skutt, seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
- P. PCFSC 05-4 & 8 - Grizzly Ck. HFR – John Sheehan – **No recommendation for RPF was made.**
- Q. PCFSC 05-5 Outreach Mohawk Vista HFR – John Sheehan – **Mike De Lasaux, Susie Kocher, sent letters to all property owners in the project area, advising them of the potential for a HFR project. Mike, Susie, & Jerry Hurley mad a presentation in late December to about 30 interested residents in the Easter Plumas area. There are**

currently 8 property owners signed up with approximately 125 acres of lands available for treatment.

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 – Michael Condon – **Nothing New to Report.**
8. Implementation of the Plumas County Community Wildland Fire Plan.– Jim Graham - **Implementation efforts continue on the three identified areas for focus at this time:**
 - 1) **Creating display and information material in the County Planning & Building Services department to increase Firewise awareness of homeowners, builders, & developers.**
 - 2) **Developing Code changes to improve hazardous fuel reduction in future subdivisions.**
 - 3) **Explore the best way to incorporate fire protection into future developments.**

PC FSC made a presentation of the PC Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) to the Planning Commission in December.

9. Committee report on recommendations for fuel reduction treatment areas of public lands around communities, beyond HFQLG. – Frank Stewart - **Nothing New to Report.**
10. Future HFR projects (Little Grass Valley) – John Sheehan- **Jerry Hurley is currently preparing Concept Papers for 3 HFR Projects for the CA FSC Clearinghouse. They are Little Grass Valley, Easter Plumas and West Almanor Community Club. He will then work on Concept Papers for, the RAC for Title II funds, for the same 3 projects plus an additional project at Massack. John will be developing concurrent Title III request for RPF’s to support the HFR projects along with one for Council Coordination. Jerry is also preparing a Concept paper for Fire Safe/Firewise publications to the CA FSC Clearinghouse.**
11. Election of Officers – Jim Graham - **The nominating committee reported back that all outgoing Board Members would be willing to continue serving. Brian West made a motion to approve by voice vote in lieu of a written ballot. Michael Condon, seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**

Jay Skutt made a motion to approve all Board Members for another term. John Sheehan, seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Jim Graham then asked if there was a Board Member interested in replacing him as Chair. No one at the meeting expressed interest at this time & the item of selecting a Chair was tabled until the February meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Council Meeting Accessibility – John Sheehan – **In order to make PC FSC meetings more accessible, we will be meeting at the Plumas County Planning & Building Services Department’s Conference Room, 555 Main Street in Quincy.**

The Meeting Concluded @ 11:00 AM