

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Notes

Meeting – January 8, 2003, 9:00 am. Quincy Fire Department

OLD BUSINESS

1. Opening/Introductions- Mike De Lasaux
2. Next meeting: **February 12, 2003 - To be at Quincy Fire Department, as we had to move from the parish hall due to a scheduling conflict.**
3. Review/Approve minutes from 11/13/02 meeting. **Need to expand on Item 6 C, to explain that while some of the members' properties were selected, they had no role in the recommendation. John Sheehan 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-
 - A. Applications to IRS (employer ID and 501 c3) & FT **No response yet from IRS.**
5. Grants Management-
 - A. Product Value recovered in HFR grant funded projects – Mike De Lasaux – **Mike handed out a revised “Draft Guiding Principles 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. Members were asked to review it and come prepared to make a decision at the February meeting. Policy was changed to guiding principles to allow more flexibility.**
 - 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 **Ray Nichol is entering the data into a program developed in Montana. Additional GPS information is being collected for communities for fire pre-planning. Extra Evacuation Plans and Cohen videos will be purchased to help get the word out. Warren Grandall reported on the progress toward signing the “Wildfire Evacuation Assembly Areas” identified in the community evacuation plans. Efforts have begun on putting the final report together.**
 - 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. Efforts are underway to convert our fiscal management from the County to Plumas Corporation.**
 - C. PC FSC FS 02-1 & 2 - 100 Acre HFR Demonstration– Brian Wayland-**Brian has visited all of the properties and met with most of the landowners. Still need to get Brian under a signed contract with Plumas County presently working with interim contract with Plumas Corp.**
 - D. PC FSC. 02- 3 - Countywide GIS - John Sheehan - **John announced the meeting with representatives from Amador and Calaveras Counties is rescheduled for 1/16/03, from 8am to 12pm, at the Quincy Library. Members are welcome to attend.**
 - E. PC FSC. 02- 4 - Homeowner Consultations – Jerry Hurley - **Jerry & Mike met with representatives for three of the six departments participating this grant. 12/11/02 at the Graeagle Fire Hall. Jerry met with the remaining three on 1/7/03 in Portola. All have had an orientation to the project, and an action plan was developed and shared. Consultant hiring will begin on 1/20/03.**
 - F. PC FSC. 02- 5 - HFR Strategy & Assessment – Jerry Hurley – **Mike, Craig Carter, John Sheehan and Jerry will meet again following this meeting to refine the Request For Proposals (RFP). They hope to have the RFP out by the end of January.**
 - G. PC FSC. 02- 6 - Council Display Material – Jerry Hurley- **Sue McCourt, committee leader was not present to discuss progress. Ray Nichol is updating the website using these funds.**
 - 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/Mike De Lasaux/Jerry Hurley **John & Jerry will be working to respond to RAC comments on these request. Responses are due back to RAC on 1/24/03**
- A. 02-RAC-3 & 02-III-6 - Delleker/Portola HFR 125 acres-**RAC proposal was pulled, to extend community outreach and planning. Board of Supervisors is funding (PL106-393, Title III) outreach and planning to get this project into the next round.**
 - 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 HFR 17 Acres
 - G. 02-RAC-9 & 02-III-12 - Elderly/Disabled Defensible Space Grant
 - H. Recommend a Priority for RAC proposals. **The RAC requested a prioritization of projects by the Council. John shared the results of prioritization from comments by the committee assigned in December. Richard Cox made a motion to accept the list as presented and not make any changes. John Sheehan seconded the motion. After discussion the motion carried by a majority vote, with one abstention.**
 - 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. Application date was extended to 2/3/03.**
 - 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. Application date was extended to 2/3/03**
 - K. FY03 FS - Education and Tech Transfer – A grant request through the USFS Economic Action Program- Mike De Lasaux – **Mack Bishop agreed to work on this effort, he'll put together a proposal to localize ROGEN**
8. NSAQMD Grant \$15,000 - Bruce Livingston - **NSAQMD sent us a copy of Memorandum of Understanding, which was shared. John Sheehan made a motion to adopt the MoA with substituting the "monthly reporting" changed to "quarterly reporting". Richard Cox seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
9. 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? **John Gay was not available to provide any additional information.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Fuel Reduction Grants Natural Resources Conservation Service – Dan Martine **Dan was not able to attend.**
2. Letter to Representatives regarding National Fire Plan funding - Frank. Stewart - **Frank was not able to attend.**
3. John Radke, UC Berkeley course to provide assistance with County Hazardous Fuel Assessment and Strategy Project (tentative) - **Frank was not able to attend.**
4. **On 12/7/02, The Sacramento Regional Foundation announced they would again accept grant proposals for the BLM as part of the National Fire Plan. They are due in Sacramento on 2/03/03. John Sheehan, Mike & Jerry will try to get some in, but time frames are extremely short, they are looking for two year requests, and they are looking for more information than in the past.**

The meeting concluded at 11:15 am.