

# Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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## **DRAFT Notes**

**Meeting May 12, 2004 9:00 am.  
Quincy Fire Department**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Welcome & Introductions- Mike De Lasaux – **Mike made a presentation of Special Recognition to Bruce Livingston, out going board member, for his contributions in helping advance the Plumas County Fire Safe Council. Bruce played key roles in developing the Bylaws, Mission Statement, and furthering fire prevention and hazardous fuel reduction efforts.**
2. Review Agenda – Mike De Lasaux
3. Next meeting: **June 9, 2004**
4. Review/Approve minutes from 4/14/04 meeting - **John Sheehan made a motion to approve the notes after a couple typos were fixed, Chuck Thayer seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
5. Status update of Current Grants. (Refer to Grant Summary Sheet)
  - A. PC FSC 01-1— Homeowner Consultation & Education-Mike De Lasaux – **Mike has submitted additional in kind hours and is waiting on PNF's response for accepting the match as being met.**
  - B. PC FSC 02-1 & 02-2 - 100 Acre HFR Demonstration– Brian Wayland - **John Sheehan reported that the cutting was complete on Lake Almanor West, with piles to be burned. Piles still left on Weddle & Edwards property, with discussion on disposing of the piles along the road. Work to begin on Krantz & Marshall this week. Greenhorn bids were too high and unless more acres can be found, it doesn't appear to be a good economical choice.**

**Signs still need to be put up. Richard Cox made a motion to not pay the bill for the printing of signs until the PC FSC Treasure see the signs. Ron Cross seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**

**Need to find additional properties, as there are remaining funds. Mike De Lasaux made a motion that the committee will get together & re-evaluate the projects, accept the Sierra Valley property owners' application for consideration (if they send one in),**

**make a recommendation, and move forward. Jim Graham seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**

- C. PC FSC. 02- 5 - HFR Assessment & Strategy – John Sheehan- **Work has started on the website being developed for the project. 90% of the plots have been completed. A draft report is expected at the end of the month.**
- D. PC FSC. 02- 7 & 8 - Plumas Eureka HFR –John Gay – **Nothing new to report.**
- E. PC FSC. 02- 9 –NSAQMD Chipping in lieu of burning –John Sheehan – **Some of these funds may go towards chipping the piles along the road of the Weddle & Edwards properties. Discussion on resolving the slash pile problem. Ron Cross made a motion to allow Mike De Lasaux, Council Chair, to work with the Contractor, Forester & Property Owners to make the necessary contract amendments to fix the problem. Jim Graham seconded, and the motion was carried by a majority vote, with one opposed & one abstaining.**
- F. PC FSC. 03- 1 – Outreach Delleker/Portola HFR 125 acres - John Sheehan- **Nothing new to report.**
- G. PC FSC. 03- 2 & 3 - Indian Falls HFR 50 acres - John Sheehan – **Dan Howell was present and is working with Cal Trans & property owners on the project acres & treatments. Dan will get with Bruce Livingston to look further at the project.**
- H. PC FSC. 03- 4 & 5 - Camp Layman HFR 50 acres- John Gay – **Nothing new to report.**
- I. PC FSC. 03- 6 & 7 - Cromberg HFR 350 acres - John Sheehan – **Mike & Brian are continuing to work with property owners on participation and Brian is beginning to assess project acres and treatments.**
- J. PC FSC 03 – 8 & 14 - Project Development, and Coordination - John Sheehan – **USFS Funds for this project have been expended. Expenditures continue with title III funds which were in-kind. 15 project proposals for HFR planning & treatment have bane developed.**
- K. PC FSC 03 – 9 - Graeagle Fuelbreak THP 200 acres – John Sheehan – **Nothing new to report.**
- L. PC FSC 03- 10 & 11 - Quincy CSD HFR 17 acres – John Sheehan – **Dan Howell has begun working on the project.**
- M. PCFSC 03 – 12 & 13 - Elderly/Disabled Defensible Space – John Sheehan – **Dick Kielhorn reported that 10 more properties were under contract and 15 more are out for bid. A desire was expressed to get information about the Elderly & Disable Defensible Space program on our web site.**
- N. PCFSC 03-15 - FSC Coordination –CY03 – John Sheehan- **Numerous articles have been in local papers. REA ran a 3 page article about defensible space and hazardous fuel reduction. That publication has a circulation of over 20,000. PC FSC members**

**participated in two co-sponsored open houses (Taylorsville & Quincy) with the Mt. Hough Ranger District.**

**The Plumas County Picnic is June 5, 2004 and volunteers were solicited to staff the PC FSC Display.**

**Jerry will attend a meeting on 5/20/04, in Sacramento, to discuss BLM grants, with the CA FSC, CA Fire Alliance, & BLM.**

- O. PCFSC 03-16 – 50 acres Hazardous Fuel Reduction –Delleker North - John Sheehan – **Nothing new to report.**
  - P. PCFSC 03-17 - FSC Coordination CY04 – John Sheehan – **Work will begin on this when funding for PCFSC 03-15 - FSC Coordination is expended.**
  - Q. PCFSC 04-1 HFR RAC Cycle 3 C Road – John Sheehan – **A contract for this project from the Plumas NF has been signed. Awaiting needed match from the USFS for Community Protection funds which we were successful in being selected through the CA FSC Clearinghouse process.**
  - R. PCFSC 04-2 C Road HFR Planning – John Sheehan – **The Request for Proposals for a Registered Professional Forester closes 5/21/04**
  - S. PCFSC 04-3 Gold Mountain HFR Planning – John Sheehan – **The Request for Proposals for a Registered Professional Forester closes 5/21/04**
  - T. PCFSC 04-4 Canyon Dam HFR Planning – John Sheehan – **Mike made a motion that the PC FSC send a letter of support to the Mt. Hough District Ranger for a RAC proposal project to complete the Almanor DFPZ network, as conceptualized, and as a categorical exclusion project. Chuck Thayer seconded, and the motion was carried by a majority vote, with one opposed & two abstaining.**
  - U. PCFSC 04-5 Countywide GIS Phase II – John Sheehan – **The information is currently only available on CD and the County intra-net. Dennis Miller is working with other counties who have a similar system on internet, as how to maintain the system security and data integrity. Request for Proposals for the GPS units and training should be out this month.**
  - V. PCFSC 04-6 County Stewardship Proposal – John Sheehan - **Awaiting Beckwourth Ranger Districts Rapid Watershed Assessment for the Long Valley area. Phil Noia said the Natural Resource Conservation Service- Feather River Conservation District is considering taking on sponsorship of the stewardship project and would be meeting on 5/18/0-4 to discuss.**
  - W. PCFSC 04-7 Red Clover (Genesee) HFR Planning – John Sheehan – **The Request for Proposals for a Registered Professional Forester closes 5/21/04. A field visit with project proponents occurred on 5/3/04.**
6. Grants Submitted & Planned–
- A. 04 CA FSC – C Road HFR - John Sheehan – **Selected by USFS Region 5 for funding with a Community Protection Grant. No other word or communication received yet.**

- B. 04 RAC-01 – Graeagle HFR - John Sheehan - **Final project proposals are due on 6/5/04. Jerry, John & Mike are working on them along with RPF Pete Thill, and the project proponents.**
  - C. 04 RAC-02– Gold Mountain HFR - John Sheehan - **Final project proposals are due on 6/5/04. Jerry, John & Mike are working on them along with RPF Pete Thill, and the project proponents.**
  - D. 04 RAC-03 – Red Clover Ck. Estates (Genesee) - John Sheehan- **Final project proposals are due on 6/5/04. Jerry, John & Mike are working on them along with RPF Brian Wayland, and the project proponents.**
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. – **Discussion on how to keep this in the forefront. Mike suggested that a map of the QLG program of work be brought to each meeting on the PC FSC laptop in a PowerPoint for display purposes, and to include PC FSC projects.**
8. CDF Exemption for Fuelbreaks, HFR & THP extensions – Frank Stewart –**Frank and Mike discussed the special meeting in Redding with the Board of Forestry representatives. There is still a number of kinks work out. At this time it looks like it may be an emergency exemption, which would allow work to begin as early as July. If it’s an emergency exemption, it will require a RPF. IT will probably be limited to 500 feet from houses, roads or ridges. The prescriptions will probably be a crown to base height of 8 feet; canopy openings of 30-40%; and diameter limits of 16, 22, or 30 inches were still being heavily debated.**
9. Discussion of content of the Plumas County Community Wildland Fire Plan. – Jerry Hurley- **The core committee will meet after the PC FSC meeting to agree on an outline and steps to take.**

**Frank Stewart made a motion that a letter be drafted and sent from the PC FSC to the Forest Supervisors of the Plumas, and Lassen National Forests on their plans to treat the public lands within the designated Wildland Urban Interface (WUI), outside of QLG project proposals. John Sheehan seconded, and the motion was carried by a majority vote, with one opposed.**

**The meeting concluded at 11:30AM**

