

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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Meeting Notes Meeting May 14, 2003, 9:00 am. Quincy Fire Department

OLD BUSINESS

1. Opening/Introductions- Jim Graham
2. Next meeting: June 11, 2003
3. Review/Approve minutes from 4/9/03 meeting. **John Sheehan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. David Hawks 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) & FTB **We have received conditional status effective 5/2/03 for one year from the IRS as a tax exempt private foundation. The status will be renewed pending next years budget.. CA FTB also gave us tax exempt status once the IRS made the determination.**

A big THANKS to Richard Cox, for working through the minute details with the IRS!.

- 5 Grants Management-
 - A. Landowner Agreements & Liability Insurance – Mike De Lasaux-Plumas County Counsel has the agreements between the County and logger & landowners in the final stages and expects completion by the end of the month. Brian will then be able to move forward.

There is nothing for the Council to do until we secure a liability policy. Council is now covered by

Plumas Corporation liability insurance as additional insured on a project by project basis.

6. Status update of Current Grants. (Refer to Grant Summary Sheet)
 - A. PC FSC 01-1— Homeowner Consultation & Education-Jerry Hurley **Mike has the draft of the final report and will be submitting to the Plumas NF once the consultation data is entered into the database by the FRC student and all claims have been paid.**
 - B. PC FSC 01-2– Fire Safe Council Coordination –Jerry Hurley – **On 5/6/03, the Board of Supervisors extended Jerry’s contract until 6/30/03. Work on the final report and council activities continue to be accomplished.**
 - C. PC FSC 02-1 & 02-2 - 100 Acre HFR Demonstration– Brian Wayland **Brian has completed the NEPA for the projects and provided it to the USFS for review.. He expects signatures by the end of the month. Once the agreements are approved by the County (Item 5. A.) he will begin moving forward and obtain bids from interested Licensed Timber Operators (LTO’s).**
 - D. PC FSC. 02- 3 - Countywide GIS - John Sheehan **On 5/8/03, Vestra successful bidder) met with County employees connected to the project to make the necessary modifications to their proposal to meet grant guidelines.**

The product will initially be available on the County intranet and not the internet for a while.

- E. PC FSC. 02- 4 - Homeowner Consultations – Jerry Hurley **Outreach letters have gone out to most of the targeted homeowners. Portola’s should go out by the end of the month. Some calls for consultations have come in . (Indian Valley – 18; C-Road – 5; Graeagle – 8; Sierra Valley – 2; & Peninsula – 15)**
- F. PC FSC. 02- 5 - HFR Strategy & Assessment – John Sheehan **John wants to meet with Mike (tied up on his research project till 5/30) to discuss the tactic of a specific fuel model validation or preparing a larger scale fire plan that may be needed to qualify for federal pre-fire mitigation funds for future grant request (see April notes) .**
- G. PC FSC. 02- 6 - Council Display Material – Sue McCourt **Posters have been printed and delivered to a number of video stores in the County announcing free loan of the Preventing Wildfire Ignitions” video by Jack Cohen. USFS personnel will continue to get these out to video stores, libraries, and markets in small communities and get posters up. She expects to order more videos, to insure complete County coverage.**

- H. PC FSC. 02- 7 & 8 - Plumas Eureka HFR –John Gay – **John Sheehan & Jerry attended an Beckwourth RD Inter Disciplinary Team (IDT) meeting on 4/30, to introduce the project to team members. The District expects to complete the planning this field season.**
 - I. PC FSC. 02- 9 – NSAQMD Chipping in lieu of burning –John Sheehan – **Awaiting application of funds to demonstration or other large projects to chip in lieu of burn.**
 - J. PC FSC. 03- 1 – Outreach Delleker/Portola HFR 125 acres - John Sheehan-**An add for the position was placed in the help wanted portion in the paper and interviews have begun to select a person for the position. Expect funds from the County after the public comment period on 6/2/03.**
 - K. PC FSC. 03- 2 & 3 - Indian Falls HFR 50 acres - John Sheehan **After the close of the public comment period on 6/2/03 for Title III funds, John Sheehan will put out a Request for Proposals to hire Registered Professional Forester for project coordination.**
 - L. PC FSC. 03- 4 & 5 - Camp Layman HFR 50 acres- John Sheehan **John Sheehan & Jerry attended an Beckwourth RD Inter Disciplinary Team (IDT) meeting on 4/30, to introduce the project to team members. The District expects to complete the planning this field season.**
 - M. PC FSC. 03- 6 & 7 - Cromberg HFR 350 acres - John Sheehan **Expect funds from the County after the public comment period on 6/2/03.**
 - N. PC FSC 03 - 8 Coordination, and Project Development - John Sheehan **After the close of the public comment period on 6/2/03 for Title III funds, John Sheehan will put out a Request for Proposals to hire profession service contractors for project coordination. Hopefully this will coincide with funding from the USFS, (03 FS-2).**
 - O. PC FSC 03 - 9 Graeagle Fuelbreak THP 200 acres – John Sheehan **After the close of the public comment period on 6/2/03 for Title III funds, John Sheehan will work with Graeagle Land & Water and their Registered Professional Forester on project development.**
- 7 Grants Submitted & Planned–Sheehan/ De Lasaux/ Hurley/ Bishop
- A. . 02-RAC-4 - Graeagle Fuelbreak 200 acres- **Rejected by RAC –Dropped for now.**

- B. 02-RAC-8 & 02-BoS -11 – Quincy HFR 17 Acres **The RAC recommended this project to the Plumas NF Forest Supervisor for funding after an increased match from Quincy CSD. After the close of the public comment period on 6/2/03 for Title III funds, John Sheehan will put out a Request for Proposals to hire Registered Professional Forester for project coordination.**
 - C. 02-RAC-9 & 02-BoS -12 - Elderly/Disabled Defensible Space Grant **An add for the position was placed in the help wanted portion in the paper and interviews have begun to select a person for the position. Expect funds from the County after the public comment period on 6/2/03.**
 - D. D. 03-FS-1 - 350 Hazardous Fuel Reduction – FS Community Protection Program **The Plumas National Forest did not advance to the Regional Office. They selected another project on the westside of the Forest.**
 - E. E. 03 FS-2 - FSC Coordination, and Project Development – FS EAP CY03- **The PNF requested this project be reduced in scope and eliminate funding for the FSC coordinator. They agreed to carry a revised package for \$47,500 forward to the Region for HFR project development. We received a verbal commitment of award, but nothing in writing as of yet..**
 - F. F. 03 SRF-1 - FSC Coordination – FS Backup CY03 **Sacramento Regional Foundation (SRF) has acknowledged receiving the application & will let us know when a decision is made. They hopefully will announce at the Summit and letters will follow.**
 - G. G. 03 SRF-2 – Fire Safe IRA **Sacramento Regional Foundation (SRF) has acknowledged receiving the application & will let us know when a decision is made. They hopefully will announce at the Summit and letters will follow.**
 - H. H. 03 SRF-3 - FSC Coordination CY04 **Sacramento Regional Foundation (SRF) has acknowledged receiving the application & will let us know when a decision is made. They hopefully will announce at the Summit and letters will follow.**
8. HFQLG –HFR project overview/relation to communities Opportunities - John Gay. Project mapping integration involving US FS, CDF and Fire Safe Council. **John Wasn't present to discuss.**
9. Plumas County Fair & Picnic – Bruce Livingston **Bruce requested assistance with staffing the display at the County Picnic. AN e-mail message was sent to members requesting their assistance at the picnic. He will not be available for the fair**

10. Wildfire Awareness Week 5/5-9/2003 – Jim Graham **The Banner was up all week, and a press release announcing the event and planned distribution of Cohen’s video was in the paper that Wednesday. Good work Jim!**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Update on PRC 4291 authority for USFS personnel from Plumas County Sheriff – Bruce Livingston **Chief Sager reported that he & Forest Supervisor Peña met with Sheriff Bergstrand 2 months ago. He expects the Sheriff to approach the matter in a positive way. No official word as of yet, but the authority is expected soon.**
2. Response to USFS letter concerning product revenues on Demonstration projects-- (PC FSC 02-1 & 02-2) ; Cromberg (PC FSC 02-RAC-7); & Elderly Disabled (PC FSC 02-RAC-9) - John Sheehan **John presented and discussed a draft letter he prepared in response to an USFS concern of program revenues that may be generated by HFR projects. Richard Cox made a motion to send the letter. Ray Nichol seconded the motion, which carried by acclamation following discussion.**

John Sheehan made a motion to send a similar letter to the RAC discussing how the FSC proposes to deal with potential income from Title II monies for treating HFR. Richard Cox seconded the motion, which carried by acclamation following discussion.

The meeting concluded at 10:50 AM