

# Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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## Meeting Notes Meeting – July 10, 2002, 9:00 am. Quincy Fire Department

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Opening/Introductions-
2. Next meeting: August 14, 2002
3. Review/Approve minutes from the 6/12/02 meeting. **No corrections, Chuck Thayer made a motion to approve the minutes. Jim Graham seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
4. Discuss the system for prioritization and allocation of hazardous fuel treatment funds with the FY02 USFS Economic Action Program Grant. Demonstration areas. Review committee work –Warren Grandall -**Jerry Hurley presented the latest "Draft" version. Some discussion on fuel hazard on the incorporation of aerial fuels. After discussion group felt it was best to try and see how it works. Richard Cox made a motion to approve the Demonstration HFR Criteria as written. Warren Grandall seconded and the motion was carried by a majority vote.**
5. Discuss progress of 501 (c) 3 application process. – Richard Cox & Jerry Hurley
  - a. Articles of Incorporation – **Bruce Livingston reminded us that these were approved at the 4/10/02 meeting. Jerry will send to Secretary of State for incorporation.**
  - b. Nominate & Selection of Board members – **Bruce Livingston explained the process as per the By-Laws. The Following members were selected:**  
Andy Anderson Mike De Lasaux John Sheehan  
Bruce Livingston Frank Stewart Richard Cox

David Hawks                      Chuck Thayer      Jim Graham  
FS Rep to be named

**Richard Castaldini made a motion to approve the newly nominated Board.  
Richard Cox seconded and the motion was carried by a majority vote.**

- c. Next Step - **Articles of Incorporation to be sent to Secretary of State for incorporation. Application for non-profit status needs to occur after Incorporation. New Board of Directors to meet at 8:00 AM on 8/14/02, before the regular meeting.**
6. Status update of the two active and newly approved Grants.  
See "Grant Summary" table for further information
- A. FY01 USFS NFP Economic Action Grant –Consultation & Education-Hurley – Community participation remains slow on consultations. Meadow Valley has the highest. QVFD did a door hanging drill on 7/2/02. Jerry & Warren to meet with Bucks Lake homeowners at their annual meeting on 7/13/02. GPS has started by the liaisons. Jerry to complete the quarterly report this month. He & Mike will meet with steering committee or Chiefs of participating communities to discuss opportunities to increase participation.
  - B. FY01 BLM NFP Grant – Fire Safe Council Coordination – Jerry Hurley Progress continues. Council Participation seems to be on the increase. A number of articles have been in the newspaper highlighting Council activities and announcing meetings. Also good progress is being made on displays for community events (see # 9 below) and on the development of a web site.
  - C. FY02 USFS NPF EAP – 125 acres Hazardous Fuels Treatment– Ross/Sheehan – Leslie informed the members that the FS will be awarding \$55,000 instead of the \$75,000 as requested. She also said most FS monies except for HFR are being held back due to the suppression cost of fires this year. The difference was discussed and the application will show a reduction of acres commensurate with reduction of grant monies awarded. Frank Steward also suggested the County Board of Supervisors be contacted to see if they wanted to reduce their in-kind dollar amount to keep it commensurate with their

pledged percentage. John Sheehan will discuss it with the Board.

**David Hawks made a motion to begin outreaching to the public and close applications on 10/1/02. Richard Cox seconded and the motion was carried by a majority vote after discussion. Jerry will work with Leslie on a press release. Outreach will also include mention of the project during visits by consultants in those communities where they are being performed. PSA's displayed on our website and sending an e-mail to County Fire Chiefs.**

**A Committee to screen and manage the selection of parcel process is David Hawks, Steve Windward, and Jim Krantz**

**Frank Stewart also recommended we get a Registered Professional Forester (RPF) on board as soon as possible to assist and get the project moving. John Sheehan will place an add in the local papers and we'll solicit RPF's from a list Frank has. Frank agreed to take the lead on hiring a RPF. Target date is to have interested RPF's apply by 7/30/02, in hopes of making a selection by 8/14/02. John, Mike, Frank & Jerry will work on selecting an RPF. Jim Graham made a motion to hire a RPF by 8/15/02. Jim Krantz seconded and the motion was carried by a majority vote.**

D. CY 02 Title III funds. - John Sheehan  
Plumas FSC 02-III-1, (in-kind support to FS EAG) 2 (HFR Strategy & Assessment) & 3 (Countywide GIS) were recommended for funding by the Board of Supervisors. They are currently pending 45-day public comment period. FSC-02 III-4 (Programmatic HFR EIR) was dropped. John will visit the issue of \$30,000 in-kind match for the FS FY02 EAG. Also with BLM funding of the Hazardous Fuel Assessment & Strategy, there doesn't appear to be a need at this time for the Board to fund FSC 02-III-2.

**Discussion on FSC's award of \$90,000 award by Bard of Supervisors to upgrade County GIS information. (FSC 02-III-3). John Sheehan made a motion to have a coordination committee as this project would cross three County department s and being that the Grant was awarded to the Council. Richard Cox seconded and the motion was carried by a majority vote. The committee is to be Mike De Lasaux, John Sheehan, Chuck Thayer a representative from the Forest Service, and Plumas County's Assessor's Office, Planning, and Information Technology. Departments**

7. Grant & Funding Applications – Leslie Ross, & Jerry Hurley  
See "Grant Summary" table for further information

- A. FY02 BLM NFP (Sacramento Regional Foundation) Grants (3). - Jerry Hurley  
Sacramento Regional Foundation notified us we were selected for award of our three grant requests, pending approval of final work plans. Jerry has prepared the final work plans and reviewed them with Mike De Lasaux & John Sheehan. They were submitted that day.
  - B. CY 02 RAC Title II funds - John Sheehan  
FSC 02-RAC-1 (Plumas Eureka HFR) was recommended by the RAC to the Plumas NF Forest Supervisor for approval. Forest Supervisor Madrid requested additional information. John has worked with Mohawk Ranger Station personnel in refining the Project, and Jerry has also spent time on the project. John will make a revised proposal to RAC on 7/22/02. Additionally a homeowners meeting, to discuss the project, is planned to occur on 8/14/02. Plumas FSC 02-RAC-2 (Quincy CSD HFR) was not recommended by the RAC to the Plumas NF Forest Supervisor.
  - C. FY02 USFS Additional FY02 HFR Funds - Leslie Ross  
**Plumas County FSC was not selected for award for their \$300,000 HFR Community Assistance project of 733 acres. Greenhorn was successful in their request for treatment of 60 acres of HFR within their community. This project was supported but not sponsored by the FSC.**
8. Discuss Plumas County events & display material for events - Warren Grandall
- a. Display board  
Jim Pickering of California State BLM office came to Plumas County to photograph a backdrop picture for the display. Warren has gathered additional photos and is working with Jim to have the project complete for the County Fair. A folding display board is being purchased.
  - b. Homeowner Checklist for distribution - B/W or Color  
Color Homeowner Checklists are available for distribution at business and community events.
9. Plumas County Fair update. - Warren Grandall  
Volunteers to staff our booth at the Fair, can sign up on our website, or by calling Warren. Shirts will be provided to volunteers who staff the booth. Our booth site is outside under the spruce tree west of the Mineral building. Staffing will occur from about 12-9PM daily and until 6PM on Sunday. George Ozanich offered to help staff

and pay half the cost of the booth if he would include air quality information in our handouts . Group agreed

10. Plumas County Fire Safe Logo – Bruce Livingston  
Item was deferred pending Mike getting Bruce's idea scanned. Dave Hawks also passed around an example of Butte County's logo. To be discussed at the next meeting and for new Board to decide.
11. Accessibility – Jerry Hurley  
Item table until next meeting for new Board to decide.
12. Plumas portion of the Butte Ranger Unit Fire Plan – Dave Hawks  
David handed out copies of Plumas County's portion of the Butte Ranger Unit Fire Plan. Jerry has spent a bit of time upgrading what existed in the past. Hopes are to continue the development and eventually have our own County Fire Plan. Frank Stewart wanted to include maps of treated industrial lands. He & David will work to try and include them if they are available in a GIS format.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. PRC 4291 – Bruce Livingston  
Bruce expressed concern about getting the 30 foot clearances enforced in the County. Discussion ensued revisiting the issues of Forest Service personnel having protection responsibility, but not able to go onto private lands to enforce state laws. CDF lacks personnel in the area to accomplish, as does the County Code Compliance Officer. Jerry will write a newspaper article encouraging resident to conform. John Sheehan made a motion that the new Board develop a strategy and make recommendations to enforce 4291. Frank Stewart seconded and the motion was carried by a majority vote.
2. Public Service Announcements (PSA's) –Warren Grandall  
Warren handed out copies of some PSA's he had worked up. He was asking for comment and would begin submitting to local radio stations. All will mention our website in closing.