

# Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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## Notes

**Meeting August 13, 2003, 9:00 am.**

***Quincy Fire Department***

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Opening/Introductions- Mike De Lasaux
2. Next meeting: **September 10, 2003**
3. Review/Approve minutes from 7/9/03 meeting - **Frank Stewart pointed out the date for comments on USFS stewardship contracts are due is 9/10/03 not 7/28/03. John Gay made a motion to approve with corrections. John Sheehan seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
4. Status update of Current Grants. (Refer to Grant Summary Sheet)
  - A. PC FSC 01-1— Homeowner Consultation & Education-Mike De Lasaux – **Mike is finalizing the project report including the financial summary. Mike will make a presentation of the consultation summary data at the next meeting.**
  - B. PC FSC 02-1 & 02-2 - 100 Acre HFR Demonstration– Brian Wayland
    1. Project update – **Layout, contracts and THP's (where needed) are complete. Brian is sending prospectus out to bidders. Currently there are 53 acres identified. Bruce Livingston expressed some property owners are concerned with the landowner agreement. Brian will meet with landowners to review it.**
    2. Support letter for Assemblyman Firebaugh's bill to streamline HFR efforts – **Brian has completed a draft letter. He will bring copies to the next meeting for final approval.**
  - C. PC FSC. 02- 3 - Countywide GIS - John Sheehan – **Nothing new to report**
  - D. PC FSC. 02- 4 - Homeowner Consultations – Jerry Hurley – **Consultations are continuing, with some departments going door to door to encourage homeowners. Evacuation plans are planned for printing & mailing at the end of the month.**
  - E. PC FSC. 02- 5 - HFR Strategy & Assessment – John Sheehan- **The RFP has been developed. Some Council members to meet with PNF personnel on 8/10 to reviews and receive comments. There was discussion on whether to convert the project to a**

**County Fire Plan format using a CA FSC template. This would meet the needs for requesting FEMA funds in the future. To date Plumas County has not received FEMA funds for wildfire activities. The cost would probably also be more than the available project funds. We will continue to move forward with the original plan. Frank Stewart recommended getting a committee together on this and agenda item #6, before putting the RFP out to bid.**

- F. PC FSC. 02- 6 - Council Display Material – Sue McCourt – Jim Pickering will be having the final PC FSC display delivered this week, it is currently at the printer. Dave Shaw is building models of a good house/bad house for use at community events. Residents are still viewing videos. Sue has met with Feather Publishing and begun placing ¼ page ads in countywide papers. Each week will feature a different Firewise message.**
- G. PC FSC. 02- 7 & 8 - Plumas Eureka HFR –John Gay – There was a public meeting on 8/6 with about 25 residents in attendance. They want the project to move forward. PNF personnel reported that the environmental documentation should be done by the end of the month and work to begin in September of October.**
- H. PC FSC. 02- 9 –NSAQMD Chipping in lieu of burning –John Sheehan – Ron Cross has been authorized to move forward with Toppers Tree Service for chipping after a second quote was received.**
- I. PC FSC. 03- 1 – Outreach Delleker/Portola HFR 125 acres - John Sheehan- A Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Registered Professional Forester (RPF), to develop the project, closes on Friday 8/15/03.**
- J. PC FSC. 03- 2 & 3 - Indian Falls HFR 50 acres - John Sheehan - A Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Registered Professional Forester (RPF), to develop the project, closes on Friday 8/15/03.**
- K. PC FSC. 03- 4 & 5 - Camp Layman HFR 50 acres- John Sheehan - The project is on track to have a completed decision by the end of summer, so work can start in the fall.**
- L. PC FSC. 03- 6 & 7 - Cromberg HFR 350 acres - John Sheehan - A Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Registered Professional Forester (RPF), to develop the project, closes on Friday 8/15/03.**
- M. PC FSC 03 – 8 & 14 - Project Development, and Coordination - John Sheehan - A Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Registered Professional Forester (RPF), to assist in developing projects, closes on Friday 8/15/03. There have been one USFS and two RAC proposals for HFR projects developed to date with these funds. The USFS one was approved for funding by PNF and we are awaiting word on the RAC projects.**
- N. PC FSC 03 – 9 - Graeagle Fuelbreak THP 200 acres – John Sheehan - A Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Registered Professional Forester (RPF), to develop the project, closes on Friday 8/15/03.**
- O. PC FSC 03- 10 & 11 - Quincy CSD HFR 17 acres – John Sheehan - A Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Registered Professional Forester (RPF), to develop the project, closes on Friday 8/15/03.**

- P. PCFSC 03 – 12 & 13 - Elderly/Disabled Defensible Space – John Sheehan – **Dick Kielhorn is following up on the 50+ requests. He will be at the County Fair, staffing the PC FSC space, on senior citizen day to visit with seniors and discuss the defensible space project. We are finalizing the criteria (economic & locational) with the PNF. PNF Forest Supervisor approval of the funding is expected soon.**
- Q. FSC Coordination – SRF- CY03 – John Sheehan- **Sacramento Regional Foundation sent a letter planning to fund pending letters of support. Letters were submitted from PCFSC & CDF Butte Ranger Unit by 7/30/03. Awaiting final word.**
5. Grants Submitted & Planned–Sheehan/ De Lasaux/ Hurley
- A. 03 SRF-3 - FSC Coordination CY04 – John Sheehan – **No word yet. CA FSC will make funding recommendations for 2004 projects. CA FSC will discuss how to best facilitate local FSC coordination at their 8/21/03 meeting.**
- B. 03-RAC-10 HFR RAC Cycle 3 C Road – John Sheehan – **Application submitted on 7/10/03. RAC met on 8/1/03 to discuss proposals. Proponent community and FSC members were present to answer questions. Word on acceptance of the concept papers should come by mid August.**
- C. 03-RAC-11 HFR RAC Cycle 3 Gold Mountain – John Sheehan - **Application submitted on 7/10/03. RAC met on 8/1/03 to discuss proposals. Proponent community and FSC members were present to answer questions. Word on acceptance of the concept papers should come by mid August. There was discussion on adding public lands to the south & east of the community to the original proposal to show more benefit to public lands.**
- D. 03-FS-3 – 50 acres Hazardous Fuel Reduction –Delleker North - Community Protection Program – John Sheehan – **We received a contract for this project from the PNF. A Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Registered Professional Forester (RPF) will be going out for this project.**
6. HFQLG –HFR project overview/relation to communities Opportunities - Project mapping integration involving US FS, CDF and Fire Safe Council - John Gay. **Final product is close to completion.**
7. Update on PRC 4291 authority for USFS personnel from Plumas County Sheriff – Bruce Livingston – **USFS PNF Law Enforcement Level IV personnel are now authorized by the County Sheriff to enforce State laws on private land in the County. The Forest now has the ability to deal with hazardous situations on private lands. The Forest is working with the Sheriff to move the delegation for limited authority into the fire preventions organization. There was also discussion on a structured inspection program, but the Forest has schedule nothing at this time.**
8. Board Member Replacement Nominations and Elections – Mike De Lasaux – **Outgoing board members were pooled to see if they would be interested in serving up to two full terms. The following agreed to continue: Jim Graham, Andy Anderson, John Gay and Richard Cox. A motion was made by David Hawks for these members to continue until January 2005. Bruce Livingston seconded, and**

the motion carried by a unanimous vote. The committee will look for a replacement for Bruce Livingston and look at expanding the size of the Board.

9. Approve Project Addendums with Plumas Corp - John Sheehan - **John & Jerry will develop project addendums for approval at the next meeting.**
10. PC FSC comments on the Sierra Nevada Framework – Frank Stewart – **Frank will have a draft letter for the 9/10/03 meeting supporting the preferred alternative S2.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Presentation of the Sierra Nevada Framework (SNF) as it relates to QLG & community threat/defense zones. –Jim Peña or Rob McWhorter – **Jim Peña made a presentation of the Framework including it's history, review processes, preferred alternative, and how it incorporates the QLG act. Jim encouraged comments during the comment period that ends 9/12/03. A final decision is expected in October or November.**
2. PNF's fuel reduction out year program of work - Louann Charbonnier – **Rob McWhorter and Dave Stone presented a discussion on the Forest's vegetation strategy, with emphasis on how the PC FSC can assist in developing a community strategy. There was discussion on the role of the process and Council. A committee of interested persons, (Frank Stewart, John Sheehan, Brian West, Jerry Hurley and Mike De Lasaux) to work with the PNF on this. One desired outcome is a map across land ownerships that show past, present, and future HFR projects.**
3. C-Road Tax base issue – Richard Cox- **Richard handed out a letter to County Supervisor Olie Olsen of the Council's support for an application by C Road Service District to secure the allocation of funds authorized under the Board of Supervisors resolution no. 01-6354. Richard Cox made a motion to approve the PCFSC sending the letter. John Gay seconded, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.**
4. Review Guiding Principals for cost sharing in light of our response to USFS in May – DeLasaux/Sheehan - **No action taken**
5. Methods to insure PC FSC fuel treatment standards met on timber-harvested lands adjacent to communities – De Lasaux/Sheehan - **No action taken.**

**Meeting Concluded At: 12:05 PM**