

# Plumas County Fire Safe Council



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## Meeting Notes Meeting – August 14, 2002, 9:00 am. Quincy Fire Department

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Opening/Introductions- Mike De Lasaux
2. Next meeting: September 11, 2002
3. Review/Approve minutes from the 7/10/02 meeting. **No corrections, Dave Hawks made a motion to approve the minutes. Steve Windward seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote**
4. Update progress of 501 (c) 3 application process. –Jerry Hurley
  - a. Articles of Incorporation – Articles were sent to the Secretary of State on 7/19/02
  - b. Next Step – Pending Secretary of State approval, the next step will be application to the IRS for tax-exempt status.

The Board of Directors was approved with the following positions & terms:

Mike De Lasaux, Chair	2 years
Jim Graham, Vice Chair	1 year
Richard Cox, Treasurer	1 year
John Sheehan, Secretary	2 years
Andy Anderson	1 year
Bruce Livingston	1 year
Frank Stewart	2 years
David Hawks	2 years
Chuck Thayer	2 years
John Gay	1 year

5. Status update of active and newly approved Grants.
- A. PC FSC 01- Homeowner Consultation & Education-Hurley-  
Good progress continues. Quarterly report submitted to Project Director. Community participation still down. Still meet with steering committee or Chiefs of participating communities to discuss opportunities to increase participation. Discussion on what other activities can be accomplished with funds if community participation still lacking.
  - B. PC FSC 01- Fire Safe Council Coordination -Jerry Hurley Good progress continues. Quarterly report submitted to Project Director. 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, also see # 8 below.
  - C. PC FSC FS 02-1 & 02-III-1-Hazardous Fuels Demonstration- Ross/Sheehan - FSC is still waiting for final grant award letter from the USFS. FSC members are working with Leslie Ross on final adjustments.

Plumas County Board of Supervisors agreed with providing the full \$30,000 for in-kind match, even though the USFS dropped the final award amount, for this Grant using Title III monies (FSC 02-III-1).

The committee to find a Registered Professional Forester (RPF) recommended hiring Brian Wayland. Richard Cox made a motion to hire Brian Wayland as RPF for this project pending final award from the USFS. John Sheehan seconded and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Outreach for landowners to participate with a number of phone calls received, some applications received and another newspaper article, encouraging landowner participation. Applications will be taken until October 1, 2002.

- D. PC FSC. 02- III-2 - John Sheehan - FSC recommended to BoS to drop this request at this time as we are scheduled to be funded with BLM funds through the Sacramento Regional Foundation.
- E. PC FSC. 02- III-3 - John Sheehan The 45-day public comment period has ended. The GIS committee will be getting together to develop a Request for Proposals (RFP). Larry Williams, FRC, and Mack Bishop, Businessman, were added to the committee due to their

expertise in the area of GIS. The committee now consists of Mike De Lasaux, John Sheehan, Chuck Thayer, a representative from the Forest Service, Plumas County's Assessor's Office, Planning, and Information Technology Departments, Larry Williams, and Mack Bishop.

- F. PC FSC. 02- BLM-1 Homeowner Consultations – Jerry Hurley (See H.)
- G. PC FSC. 02- BLM-2 HFR Strategy & Assessment – Jerry Hurley (See H.)
- H. PC FSC. 02- BLM-3 Display Material – Jerry Hurley Sacramento Regional Foundation (SRF) requested additional information for the final work plan which was submitted on 7/19. Discussion w/SRF on 8/10/02 said all grants, including our three, were still pending final award.

6. Pending Grant & Funding Applications – John Sheehan  
CY 02 RAC Title II funds - John Sheehan - 02-RAC-1 - This project at Plumas Eureka is still moving. John, Mike & Jerry will meet with the homeowners and USFS tonight at a public meeting to insure the USFS that there is support to move forward, by the community members. Costs of required surveys are higher than expected. John met with BoS and discussed this. The BoS pledged \$32,000 of Title III funds to help with the project cost and should be awarded pending the 45-day public comment period. Added to Grant Summary 02-III-5.

John also discussed with the BoS, the non-awarding of a grant by the USFS (02 FS-3) to treat about 730 acres of Hazardous fuels for Community Protection. BoS asked for ideas on funding the work not funded by USFS, and encouraged FSC to make a combined request for Title II & III funds to fund the proposed Community Protection projects that are currently unfunded. Richard Cox made a motion to have John move forward with the proposal. The motion was seconded by Art Buss, and carried by a unanimous vote.

7. Update Plumas County Fair & display material for other events – Warren Grandall  
**A mockup of the demonstration board was presented. some changes still need to be made, but it is a good start toward the display project and will be used at the fair starting today. There were still some holes on the schedule of volunteers and members were solicited. Shirts handed out to those who will be volunteering. We will be co-located with Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District.**
8. Plumas County Fire Safe Logo – Bruce Livingston Item was deferred pending Mike getting Bruce's idea scanned. To be discussed at the next meeting and for Board to decide.

9. Accessibility – Bruce Livingston -Bruce to pursue a facility. Options may be: Plumas Bank, FR Publish, Library, FRC, County Public Works, Mack Bishop's business and Fairgrounds. Jim Hamblin made the motion that a site be selected before moving the meeting site, and have the next meeting at QVFD. The motion was seconded by Richard Cox, and carried by a majority vote.
10. PRC 4291 - Bruce Livingston – Bruce discussed PRC 4291, Residential 30-foot clearance, and his concern with the lack of enforcement. With PNF having protection responsibility, but no ability to enter private lands to enforce the law and no CDF resources, that the County could be at substantial risk of structure loss in a wildfire. He felt something should be done. Chuck Thayer also discussed his concern with no ability to enforce burn ban within his fire district. Richard Cox made a motion that Bruce draft a letter from the FSC to Sheriff Gardner to allow USFS personnel to enforce State fire laws in the County where they have protection responsibilities and Chuck Thayer to contact other County chiefs to co-sign the letter, showing their support. The motion was seconded by Bruce Livingston and carried by a unanimous vote. Andy agreed to deliver the letter to Sheriff Gardner

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. GIS – Mack Bishop - **Mack Bishop of Q GeoSystems Co., made an informational presentation entitled “GIS Hot Spots” that included the concepts in the Title III grant request formalized into a Statement of Work usable in an RFP. Mack also identified the scope of technology needed to interface with the Forest Service, and identified the high expectations of the current Title III grant project stakeholders. Mack also provided an overview of how those problems may be mitigate through formation of a qualified GIS technical advisory committee.**
2. Plumas CO Vision2020 FSC participation – Jerry Hurley - The FSC was requested to participate in Plumas County Vision 2020. Richard Cox thought the Council's participation would be a good thing to further fire prevention and made a motion that FSC join Vision 2020. John Sheehan seconded the motion and it was carried by a unanimous vote. Steve Windward and Chuck Thayer volunteered to be the Council's representative.
3. Lack of USFS funding of Community Assistance Grant 02 FS-3. – Mike De Lasaux Mike discussed his concern of why the Plumas County FSC received no monies for our 730 acre HFR request in light of our role in wildfire hazard mitigation for the County. He drafted some questions, and will re-craft his thought into a letter requesting from the Plumas NF why Plumas County

received nothing, but has been told the Council should be the clearinghouse for countywide HFR Grants to the Plumas NF.

**The meeting concluded at 11:45 am.**