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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 14th, 2023 - 9:00 am.
50 Church Street, Quincy

Board of Directors

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair , John Reynolds Firewise (23)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vice Chair , Sally McGowan Firewise (23)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secretary/Treasurer Mike Flanigan, Insurance (23)	<input type="checkbox"/> Ron Heinbockel Plumas Fire Chiefs (23)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joe Smailes Firewise (23)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don Gasser RPF (24)	<input type="checkbox"/> Jonathan Pangburn CAL FIRE (24)	<input type="checkbox"/> Trina Cunningham Maidu Summit Consort. (24)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chuck Bowman Firewise (23)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ryan Tompkins UCCE (23)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathy Kogge Firewise (23)	<input type="checkbox"/> Michael Hall Feather River RCD (23)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tracey Ferguson Plumas County Planning (23)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julie Hunter NSAQMD (24)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ryan Bauer USFS PNF (22)

Mission Statement: “To reduce the loss of natural resources and human values caused by wildfire through Firewise community programs and pre-fire activities.”

5-Year Strategic Plan

Program Strategy: Expand existing programs and establish additional projects:

1. Leverage and expand partnerships
2. Sustainably increase staffing
3. Establish robust monitoring systems & metrics
4. Increase public engagement
5. Develop County-wide community fuels and threat mapping assessment

Funding Strategy: Target sustainable annual budget increase of 20%:

1. Continue to produce competitive grant proposals that are based on funder’s objectives.
2. Pursue approaches for non-competitive funding which reduce administration while increasing long term benefits.
3. Leverage charitable donations to increase public outreach, education, and participation.
4. Continue to pursue potential revenue-generating activities utilizing woody material.

Leadership Strategy: Ensure strong and functional systems are in place to facilitate ongoing organizational capacity:

1. Maintain a Board of Directors with strategically recruited membership.
2. Continue partnership with Plumas Corporation as fiscal agent.

9:00am Board Meeting

Roll Call

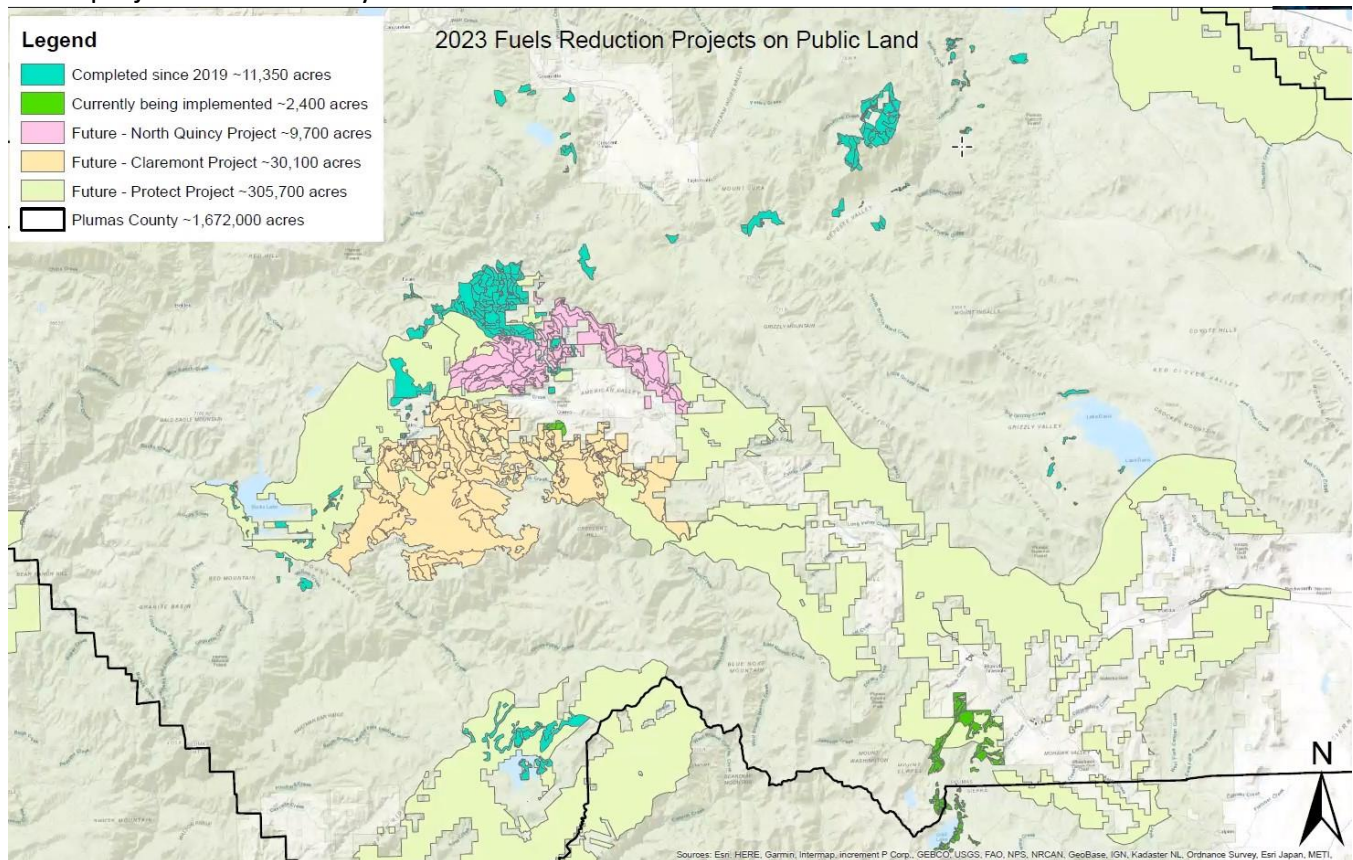
Approve Agenda

Motion: Ryan Tompkins, Second: Chuck Bowman

Program Updates

1. Matt West: Quincy Watershed Improvement Project (QWIP) & USFS Protect Project

Matt West provided an update on the Quincy Watershed Improvement Project, as well as other Public Lands projects in the county.



Mr. West provided some ratios of types of treatments done on public lands. 42% of Public lands projects are handpiled. Another dominant treatment is “biomass” related, where after the removal of larger wood, PCFSC pays to get rid of woody residuals, like smaller pieces of biomass. 12% of treatments are grapple piled. 10% of treatments utilize mastication.

The Lakes Basin project will be done by June 17th, 2024. The end date for QWIP funding is January 2026.

Lakes Basin Updates

- For handwork, 540 acres that have been inspected and complete.
- For handwork, 440 acres have been complete, but have not passed inspection yet.
- For handwork, 220 acres have not been complete.
- The project just added 180 acres from the Forest Service

Julie Hunter asked if PCFSC has considered utilizing goats for hazardous fuels reduction. Hannah Hepner responded, explaining that predation has mostly deterred utilizing goats for fuels reduction. However, Ms. Hepner acknowledged how successful prescribed grazing has been in places like Butte County. Ryan Tompkins added on, saying that he saw prescribed grazing had approximately one year of effectiveness.

Consent Agenda

1. July Financials

Mike Flannigan provided an update. Mr. Flannigan explained that PCFSC is in a healthy place financially. PCFSC recently spend half a million dollars on operations between 8 operators. Mr. Flannigan shared the first Edward Jones Financial Report from PCFSC's 4.75 million-dollar investment. The Edward Jones representative managing PCFSC funds will give 2 presentations a year to review the investment status.

2. Status of Grant Budgets

The PCFSC board analyzed the status of grant budgets form, offered by Hannah Hepner.

3. Status of Potential Projects and Grant Opportunities

Hannah Hepner provided an update. It is likely PCFSC will be applying for the CAL FIRE workforce and business development grant. PCFSC will also be applying for an AIM grant at the end of October.

4. August Board Minutes

Approve Consent Agenda

Motion: Mike Flanigan, Second: Ryan Tompkins

New Business

1. Firewood Processing Equipment Resolution – Don Gasser

Hannah Hepner explained that if the Firewood Processing Equipment was ever sold, funds would go to Plumas Corp. Ms. Hepner expanded, explaining that Plumas Corp is held responsible for ongoing maintenance of the equipment.

The PCFSC raised concerns about PCFSC liability. Overall, the PCFSC board requests that staff work needs to be done to fill in these gaps of understanding.

Roll Call Vote

John Reynolds – aye

Mike Flannigan - aye

Don Gasser – aye

Sally McGowan – aye

Joe Smailes – aye

Chuck Bowman – aye

Kathy Kogge – aye
Ryan Bauer – aye
Ryan Tompkins – aye
Tracey Ferguson – abstain
Julie Hunter – aye
Ron Heinbockel – absent
Jonathan Pangburn – absent
Trina Cunningham – absent

Old Business

1. Board Member Handbook Approval and Adoption

Changes were made to the board member handbook. The updated handbook was able for review before the PCFSC board meeting.

Approve the new board member handbook

Motion: Sally McGowan, Second: Kathy Kogge

Adjourned

Motion: Mike Flannigan, Second: Kathy Kogge