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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 8th, 2023 - 10:00 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jonathan Pangburn CAL FIRE (24)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trina Cunningham Maidu Summit Consort. (24)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chuck Bowman Firewise (23)	<input type="checkbox"/> Ryan Tompkins UCCE (23)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathy Kogge Firewise (23)	<input checked="" 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.

10:00am Membership Meeting

1. Welcome & Introductions – John Reynolds
2. Review Agenda – no changes
3. Approve May Meeting Minutes

Motion: Jonathan Pangburn, Second: Joe Smailes

4. Presentation of Certificate of Recognition to: None

5. Public Comment: Kevin Danaher mentioned an increase in white fir mortality. Jonathan Pangburn validated that sentiment and said the rate of white fir mortality between 4,000-6,000 elevations is substantial.

6. Board Comment: None

New Business – None

Old Business – None

Updates

1. Standing Reports and Discussion

- CAL FIRE: Jonathan Pangburn announced that CAL FIRE is staffing all their engines by June 19th. There have been several lightning events and lightning caused fires, but the rain has mitigated most damage. Landowners can visit Burnpermit.fire.ca.gov to get burn permits for their property; physical permits are no longer available.
- Feather River College: Not present.
- Feather River Resource Conservation District (RCD): Michael Hall said that FRRCD has concluded tree planting for the season.
- Feather River Stewardship Coalition: Michael Hall said the next meeting will be sometime in early July.
- Firewise Communities: Bill Davies said Hamilton ES had a Firewise event where Tommy Brenzovich spoke on home hardening. Joe Smailes met with the Sierra Institute, who has been putting on public meetings for the Recovery Project in multiple communities. The next meeting with the Sierra Institute is July 19th.
- Industry – Timber: Not present.
- Industry – Insurance: Not present. Two insurance companies are withdrawing from the state – State Farm and Allstate. That includes all new insurance plans, but existing insurance plans will be honored.
- Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS): Not present.
- Northern Sierra AQMD: Julie Hunter announced that NSAQMD is hiring a new position. Information is on their website.
- Plumas Corp: Scott Corey said Plumas Corp employees are actively doing field work on multiple projects. There was a field tour last week in partnership with Sierra Nevada Conservancy.
- Plumas County Fire Chiefs Association: Not present.
- Plumas County Office of Emergency Services (OES): Not Present.
- Plumas County Planning Department: Tracey Ferguson said there have been two community workshop meetings for Plumas Wildfire Recovery. They have put out community meeting report summaries that share community discussions, current projects, and plan implementation and maintenance.
- Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship: Not present.
- Sierra Nevada Conservancy: Kristy Hoffman thanked those who attended the SNC board tour. SNC awarded 24 projects at their June board meeting.
- Tree Mortality Update: No update.

- Tribal Representatives: Trina Cunningham is working on inter-tribal collaboration, focused on Traditional Ecological Knowledge education.
- UC Cooperative Extension: Not present.
- USFS Hazardous Fuels Reduction: Ryan Bauer reported that prescribed fire has been slower than usual this year as the Forest Service navigates the new system to implement prescribed fire. The forest service is planning on releasing an Environmental Assessment for the Central and West Slope Protect Project for public review soon.
- Mule Deer Foundation: Chris Daunt is working on a second project south of Moonlight Peak; about 800 acres of reforestation. Mr. Daunt is also finalizing an agreement with the Forest Service to treat a couple thousand acres on the Claremont Project.

2. Status of PCFSC Programs

- Public Lands Projects –Matt is currently at the Plumas CSD meeting presenting on the QWIP project.
- Private Lands Projects - Rachel Wehrman:
 - Eastern Plumas project has ongoing layout.
 - Plumas Disadvantaged communities – archeology is ongoing.
 - Hamilton branch & clear creek – 12 acres of hand thin has been contracted to the CDF Antelope Crew.
 - Mohawk valley – operations in Greenhorn are wrapping up.
 - C Road – bid tour was last month but yielded minimal bids. PCFSC is currently exploring options.
- County Coordination – Liam Galleher:
 - Has been giving presentations for Firewise communities throughout the county.
 - The Fire Safe Home Visit program is up and running for the season.
- Senior Disabled Defensible Space – Tommy Brenzovich:
 - Awarded the contract to High Sierra Fire in Janesville.
 - PCFSC is exceeding the projected number of clients for this program, but High Sierra Fire has expanded their capacity to meet PCFSC needs.
- Plumas Underburn Cooperative – Logan Krahenbuhl: Not present. There are a few PUC burns in the works that will be implemented once conditions are optimal.
- Chipping: The chipping program is live and is about to finish up the first group of clients.

3. Other Updates & Upcoming Events

PCFSC is officially hiring a new wood-processing facility manager.

Adjourn - Next meeting July 13th, 2023