

PLACER COUNTY FIRE SAFE ALLIANCE

Placer County

Community Development Resource Agency

3091 County Center Dr

Cypress Room

Thursday December 9th, 2010, 10:00 A.M.

Minutes

1. Call to Order:

- A) Attendees: Joanne Drummond, Fire Safe Council of Nevada County; Brian Mulhollen, BLM; Ryan Bellanca, Contractor; Karina Silvas, PSFSC; Jane La Boa, NorCal Soc. Am. Foresters; Dominic Panno, USFS; Luana Dowling, FHFSC; Pat Malberg, PCBOS; Chris Fisher, USFS; Tyler Harkness, FHFSC; Rich Gruen, PCRCO; Walter Clevenger, USBR; Liron Galliano, Ca FSC; Brett Storey, PC Planning; Dick Simmons, PC OES; Ed Crans, CAL FIRE; George Alves PC FMC.
- B) Self-Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes were approved without change

3. Approval of Agenda: Agenda was approved without change

4. Public Comment:

- There was no public comment

5. Information / Non Action Items:

- A) Biomass project update , Brett Storey: Brett provided the following detailed update on the proposed Biomass Facility in the Tahoe Basin
 - 1. There are two viable technologies being reviewed. Preliminary data will be available in the next two months
 - 2. Calpeco is the new private partner. A press release is attached.
 - 3. ASCENT has been chosen to do the EIR
 - a. The preliminary EIR will be completed in May
 - 4. Placer County has received a grant from the California Energy Commission. An email is attached
- B) Chipper program update, Rick Gruen/Rui Cunha. - Rick Gruen provided an update on the status of the chipper program.
 - 1. The cost share program is in effect and set at \$40 per hour
 - 2. In the past, most jobs were very small. Now multiple homeowners have consolidated their projects to reduce the individual jobs and increase the programs efficiency
 - 3. Since the start of the cost sharing process there have been 371 invoices collecting \$18K in share revenue. 44 people have requested waivers. There has also been \$2,000 in donations
 - 4. Luana mentioned that there has been a significant reduction in calls to the Foresthill FPD for service. Rick said that there is still activity in the area so he thinks people are now calling RCD direct
- C) Grant organizations update - Loran gave the following update on the CFSC Clearinghouse grant process
 - 1. 2011 funds have been received and will be distributed soon
 - 2. The 2012 cycle has moved from Nov 29th to Jan 5th. They are waiting for funding information
 - 3. The workshop schedule is being developed
 - 4. Bruce Turbeville (Executive Director) is retiring on Dec 31st
 - 5.

6. Action Items:

- A) None

7. Core Team Organization Updates

A) BLM

1. Funding changes may result in three Fuel's Crew's being unfunded
2. Americorp crews will be available from January through July
3. CCC is working with Brian on projects. He may not be able to provide funding but may be able to provide project work labor
- 4.

B) BOR

1. Still working with the Greater Auburn Area FSC on the Auburn Shaded Fuel Break project
2. Walters replacement will be announced at the next Alliance meeting

C) CAL FIRE

1. Continuing to work with Cal Trans and should be starting up on the I-80 project soon
2. Still working with the Crews on the Auburn Shaded Fuel Break
3. Funding is still being developed
4. Crews are available to help on qualified projects

D) USFS

1. Commented on the use of the funding under the American Reinvestment Recovery Act
2. In the planning stages for a future fuel breaks and understory burns in the Foresthill area
3. USFS has to do studies on any fire that makes it into (or starts in) any of the past burning projects. Even if it is on private property. The objective is to evaluate the effectiveness of the previous work done

E) Placer County OES

1. The HVA ordinance will go to the BOS next Tuesday for approval to be added to the western slope fire department areas. There are some exclusions

8. Fire Safe Council Updates (**Focus on current projects and discussions on how the Alliance can help**)

A. Foresthill/Iowa Hill Fire Safe Council

1. Continuing work on three large fuel breaks in the FH area
 - i. Luana passed out maps and plans for the projects
2. There wont be a Fall Festival next year

B. Placer Sierra Fire Safe Council

1. Their next meeting is on the 16th
2. Their plan is to focus on community based programs

C. Greater Auburn Area Fire Safe Council

1. No report

D. Fire Safe Council of Nevada County

1. FSCNC is working on two CWPP fuel breaks
2. Title III funding was received and will be used to fund CWPP updates
3. A 5th community has received their Firewise certification
4. Two RAC grants have been approved, including a Scotch Broome grant shared with the Placer Sierra FSC

E. Greater Lincoln Fire Safe Council

1. Continuing to take applications with plans to go to the BOS for approval in January

9. Agency and Stakeholder Reports:

Time permitting

- Jane La Boa reported that the NorCal Soc. Am. Foresters has completed a successful series of workshops and are planning for 2011 programs.
- Contact Jane if you have any questions on "Community Forests"