

Plumas County Coordinating Council
(PCCC)

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF
February 3, 2012**

1. Call to Order / Roll Call - 1:00 p.m.

Present: Robert Perreault (Vice Chair/Acting Chair), Supervisor Sherrie Thrall, Supervisor Terry Swofford, Frank Stewart

Absent: Randy Wilson

2. Public Comment Opportunity

Public Attendees: *(per sign-in sheet and/or by verbal introduction)* - **Corky Lazzarino** (Sierra Access Coalition), **Terri Simon-Jackson**, Planning Staff Officer (Plumas National Forest), **Earl Ford**, Forest Supervisor, (Plumas National Forest), **Al Vazquez**, District Ranger (Almanor Ranger District- Lassen National Forest), **Deb Bumpus**, District Ranger (Beckwourth Ranger District - Plumas National Forest), **Mike Donald**, District Ranger (Mt. Hough Ranger District - Plumas National Forest), **Diane Uchytel** (High Mountain Riders), **Mike De Lasaux**, Fire Safe Council.

Chair Bob Perreault opens the Public Comment Opportunity.

Mr. Perreault explains that PCCC functions as a forum for discussion and coordination of specific projects; but not as a venue for appeals, which would be more appropriately handled by the lead agency for the project.

Deb Bumpus, District Ranger – Beckwourth RD – PNF, shares a summary she has prepared with the following headings:

- IDTEAM Successes/Accomplishments since the last Project Scheduling Meeting;
- On going Projects (discussed at previous scheduling meetings)
 - * Range * Timber * Silviculture * Watershed * Fire & Fuels
 - * Recreation * Lands * Minerals * Wildlife

A discussion ensues regarding production of this type of list for other Ranger Districts on a continuing basis (i.e., quarterly) with an identifier used (*) to indicate which projects are on the SOPA and a code indicating status.

Mr. Perreault asks if there are any other public comments. Hearing none, Mr. Perreault closes the Public Comment Opportunity.

3. Review and Acceptance of Agenda by the PCCC

A motion is made by Supervisor Thrall and seconded by Supervisor Swofford to adopt the meeting agenda of February 3, 2012. Motion is passed.

Discussion ensues regarding whether *Firewise Communities / Community Wildfire Protection Plan / Quincy Library Group Pilot Project* (Item 13 of this agenda) should be a standing agenda item, and the consensus is affirmative.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion is made by Supervisor Thrall and seconded by Mr. Stewart to adopt the meeting minutes of January 6, 2012. Motion is passed.

5. Coordinating Council Organization

Mr. Perreault states that the matter of Coordinating Council's composition will be discussed at the February 7th Board of Supervisors meeting. Mr. Perreault adds that County Counsel, Craig Settlemire, has indicated that it is best that County Counsel not serve as a member of Coordinating Council, but he is willing to assist with reports on the legislation and litigation portions of the meetings.

6. Plumas National Forest Possibly Seeking Green Sticker Funds for Dispersed Campsite Study

Ms. Bumpus, reports that funds have been provided to do a study and that they have just started identifying the sites. Ms. Bumpus adds that they will work with Sierra Access Coalition and others as the process continues.

7. Lake Davis OHV Trails and Jackson Creek Campground

Ms. Bumpus reports that the first public meeting took place last week to kick off the NEPA process. Brief discussion ensues regarding winter use and possible problems with snowmobiles on the dam, plus the need to make parking arrangements for snowmobiles. Ms. Bumpus adds that there will be another meeting March 7th regarding this matter, and other meetings to follow.

8. Taylor Lake Land Exchange

Corky Lazzarino states that her primary concern is that there would be a seamless transition in the land exchange process. Mike Donald, District Ranger – PNF, explains that comments are being reviewed now in the NEPA process. Mr. Donald continues that more information regarding the land exchange will come out in the spring and the environmental document will be final by the end of 2012. Mr. Ford contributes that there is no intent to deny access to the campsites. Diane Uchytel of High Mountain Riders suggests that a letter of intent from the Forest Service would be helpful. Mr. Donald states he will look into that suggestion.

9. Status of the Implementation of Subpart A of the Travel Management Rule

Terri Simon-Jackson, Planning Staff Officer – PNF, reports that there is no funding for the Lassen and Plumas National Forests to do anything at this point in reference to Subpart A.

10. National Report on Sustainable Forests 2010

Ms. Simon-Jackson reviews the executive summary and the forest ownership map for the nation that she has handed out. Ms. Simon-Jackson adds that she will discuss with Randy Wilson points covered in this report in relation to the General Plan update.

11. Forest Service Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program

Ms Simon-Jackson reviews a collection of material she has provided pertaining to the *Forest Service Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program*, and a brief discussion follows.

12. Forest Service Planning Rule

Mr. Perreault states that the Board of Supervisors will have on their February 7th agenda the topic of the proposed Federal Advisory Committee on the implementation of the new USFS Planning Rule. Frank Stewart provides an update that the EIS is now in the 30 day review period. Ms. Simon-Jackson reviews several handouts pertaining to the Planning Rule.

13. Fire Wise Communities / Community Wildfire Protection Plan / Quincy Library Group Pilot Project

Mike De Lasaux, Fire Safe Council, states that Title 3 has changed the focus to Fire Wise, and that this topic will be discussed more at the Fire Safe Council meeting next week.

Ms. Simon-Jackson hands out an item titled; *Status Report to Congress Fiscal Year 2010 Herger-Feinstein Quincy Library Group Forest Recovery Act Pilot Project*. Favorable comments are shared regarding the report. Earl Ford, Forest Supervisor - PNF, adds that public encouragement at the Washington level would be advantageous.

14. Legislative Update

- A. H.R. 3685 (Herger) – *To amend the Herger-Feinstein Quincy Library Group Forest Recovery Act to extend and expand the scope of the pilot forest management project required by that Act – Introduced on December 15, 2011***

Mr. Stewart states that Mike Wood, representing Quincy Library Group, and Jonathan Kusel, representing the opposition, testified at the House of Representatives hearing in Washington this morning regarding this bill.

- B. H.R. 1581 (McCarthy) – *Return inventoried roadless areas to multiple use if not recommended for wilderness designation - No Report***

- C. H.R. 242 (Herger) – *Suspend implementation of Travel Management Rule - No Report***

- D. H.R. 1458 (Herger) – *Catastrophic Wildfire Community Protection Act report- No Report***

- E. H.R. 1837 (Nunes) – *San Joaquin Valley Water Reliability Act - No Report***

F. Stewardship Contracting

Mr. Stewart briefly mentions Congressman Wally Herger (California) and Congressman Ben Lujan (New Mexico) have both been working on Stewardship Contracting legislation.

G. Secure Rural Schools Reauthorization

Ms. Simon-Jackson reviews a handout regarding the February 3, 2012, Forest Service report on the Secure Rural Schools Legislation. Ms. Simon-Jackson particularly focuses on the following issues covered in the report:

- o The 5% funding rampdown each year for five more years;
- o Funds allocated to the Plumas RAC have been approved for projects by the Forest Supervisor.

- H. **Other bills**
No Report

15. **Litigation Update**

A. **Travel Management**

1. **Center for Sierra Nevada Conservation v. U.S.F.S. (Eldorado National Forest) - No Report**
2. **Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center v. U.S.F.S. (Stanislaus National Forest) - No Report**

- B. **Center for Biological Diversity, et al. v. California Department of Parks and Recreation, et al. - Challenging EIR and funding for over-snow vehicle program - No Report**

C. **Sierra Nevada Framework and Basin Project**

Mr. Ford explains that the Basin Project decision has been withdrawn but there are possibly ways to revisit that decision in the future.

16. **Meetings and Other Activities** – *Reports on past and identification of future meetings*

Mr. Perreault mentions that the next Sierra Cascade Dialog Session will be March 1st (*handout provided*)

Ms. Simon-Jackson provides the following two handouts:

- o *Grant proposal: National Forest Foundation Barrett Foundation Prize: Innovation in Forest Management Business Plan Challenge;*
- o *US Forest Service highlights expansion of restoration of national forests and funding for Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration projects.*

Ms. Bumpus states that there is a possibility that the Red Clover Pond & Plug meeting in Taylorsville on February 8th may be cancelled and re-scheduled.

17. **Date and Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

- A. **Confirm next meeting for:** March 2, 2012

B. **Future Agenda Items.**

- o Mercury studies and TMDLs
- o Randy Wilson - discusses how the different sections of the General Plan might reinforce the PCCC position on coordination.

18. **Adjournment**

Hearing no further comments, Bob Perreault adjourns the meeting of February 3, 2012, at 2:43 p.m.


Robert Perreault, PCCC Vice-Chair