

Plumas Eureka Community Services District

Board Report

Subject: Fuels Reduction Project

History: The PECSD is responsible for numerous properties and greenbelt within the district. These areas have become a fire danger due to overgrowth of vegetation, downed trees and debris. This has been a concern for the past few years with the increase in wildfires throughout the state and the county.

Background: The District has entered into an agreement with the Feather River Resource Conservation District to address these areas of concern in the district.

Update: PECSD staff has been in contact with Michael Hall from the Feather River Resource Conservation District concerning the status of the project. Michael Hall emailed the following:

“We have hired a crew and they are ready to go. However, there have been some hold ups with the Forest Service; we need to wait until a few avoidance areas get flagged. We can't bring the crew on before the Forest Service portion of the project is ready as they will complete the PECSD land quickly and have nowhere else to work. Julia Sidman is cc'ed here, she is the Project Coordinator and will be putting together a meeting. How soon before the work starts do you think is appropriate to host? Two weeks?”

Staff asked what the timing of the project would be and suggested that the meeting take place during the pancake breakfast on May 28th during Memorial weekend; stating “The focus is support for the Fire Department, there may be an opportunity at that time to explain the project and tie it to an overall message of Firewise.”

Julia Sidman replied, “From our meeting with our Forest Service partner last Thursday, his best estimate was 5-6 weeks out so May 28th would be great timing. We just wanted to hold a meeting for anyone in the area that might see the work being done and take an interest, so a broader meeting to a Firewise Community sounds like a good event to target.”

Submitted by Jamar Tate General Manager