

Sierra Nevada Conservancy-Progress Report

**Sierra Nevada Conservancy Grant Program
Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control
River and Coastal Protection Act of 2008 (Proposition 84)**

Grantee Name: Plumas Corporation

Project title: Plumas County Fire Safe Council Education and Firewise Workshops

SNC Reference Number: **SNC** 079104 **Submittal Date:** 2/27/12 _____

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Check one:

_____ **6-Month Progress Report**
 _____ **x** **Final Report**

6-Month Progress Reports should reflect the previous six months. **Final Reports** should reflect the entire grant period.

A. Progress Report Summary: (Please provide a general description of work completed during this reporting period.)

The report covers the period from grant initiation on 3/18/08 until the grant end on 12/31/11. A total of twenty four workshops were conducted during the extended grant period. This exceeds the overall project goal of 8 such workshops during the grant period.

B. Deliverables or Outcomes completed during this Reporting Period or Milestones Achieved: (Include specific information, such as public meetings held, agency participation, partnerships developed, or acres mapped, treated or restored.)

A narrative review of some of the representative public presentations, public meetings and workshops in 2010 and 2011 follows :

Date	Group	PCFSC Role
2/10/10	Wildfire Conference (Sacto)	Participate and Poster Presentation
3/16/10	Plumas Board of Supervisors	Powerpoint presentation
3/30/10	USFS Regional Forester-Sacto	PCFSC representaion
5/12/10	HIZ workshop-	Powerpoint presentation

	Graeagle	
5/25-26/10	Biomass Util Conf. Quincy	Powerpoint presentation
5/24/10	Metropolitan Water District-Sacramento	Powerpoint presentation
7/12/10	Long Valley	Workshop on project development
8/10/10	USFS- Genesee Field Trip	Participation in a meeting and fieldtrip to discuss the importance of protecting Plumas County Watershed from wildfires for California water users. PCFSC presentation of the importance of Hazardous Fuel Reduction (HFR) efforts for the protection of communities, watershed and functioning ecosystems
8/23/11	KQNY radio	PCFSC Coordinator and chair discuss defensible space and Firewise for one hour feature presentation

C. Challenges or Opportunities Encountered: (Please describe what has worked and what hasn't; include any solutions you initiated to resolve problems. If your project is not on schedule, please explain why here.)

The project's workshop goals are all currently exceeded.

D. Unanticipated Successes Achieved: (Please describe any additional successes beyond completing scheduled tasks or meeting scheduled milestones.)

The demand for PCFSC involvement and trainings continues to grow. PCFSC is now the primary entity providing technical assistance and project funding throughout the county.

E. Compare Actual Costs to Budgeted Costs: (Please refer to your grant agreement to list your deliverables/budget categories and budgeted costs compared to actual costs incurred during this reporting period in the table below.)

PROJECT BUDGET CATEGORIES	Budgeted SNC Dollars	Actual Dollars
Conduct workshops	23,000	25,180.56
Website		
Educ. Materials	2,000	612.00
Indirect	2,000	1355.98
GRAND TOTAL	27,000	27,148.54

Explanation: (if needed)

Website expenses and most other educational materials have been paid from other fund sources. The budget was changed to devote at least \$23,000 of the grant to the workshop line item and \$ 2,000 to each of educational material and indirect line items. A Budget modification request was approved by SNC in 5/11.

F. Do you have information to report on the project-specific Performance Measures for your project? (If so, please list the Performance Measures below and describe your progress.)

The grant called for 6-8 workshops. By the end of the project (12/31/11), 24 workshops have been held.

G. Were there any other relevant materials produced under the terms of this Agreement that are not a part of the budgeted deliverables? If so, please attach copies. (Include digital photos, maps, media coverage of project, or other work product.

PCFSC submitted a Powerpoint, created for a April 2011 CA FSC training program at McClellan. This has been put on a disc since its size precludes email transmittal. A similar Powerpoint was created for the Biodiversity conference presentation in October 2011 and is also on the disc.

H. Next Steps: (Work anticipated in the next 6 months, including location and timing of any scheduled events related to the project.)

The primary focus areas will include work with the County within the framework of the County General Plan update, the annual publishing of the new PCFSC 'WUI Map', otherwise funded hazardous fuel project activities, annual and occasional publications as well as continuing website upgrades.

Please Complete this Section for FINAL Report ONLY

Capacity-Building Results and Collaboration and Cooperation with Stakeholders:

(What partnerships did you initiate or strengthen as a result of this project? How did they affect the project outcome? If applicable, how did this grant increase your organization's capacity? What is your plan to sustain this increase?)

The SNC workshop project allowed PCFSC to continue to spread the word to this community through multiple outlets. This resulted in a continuing stream of HFR projects as well as the communities beginning to adopt fire wise and fire safe projects, The county has also modified its general plan and development procedures to emphasize fire safe development practices.

Description of Project Accomplishments:

1. Most Significant Accomplishment

Describe in one concise, well-written paragraph, the most significant accomplishment that resulted from this grant.

The most significant accomplishment is to continue the PCFSC as the primary entity offering fire wise and fire safe projects and program access to jurisdictions and individuals, particularly in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI). Due to the contacts and information generated, the project far succeeded its goals and there is a legacy of printed and on-line materials available to the public.

2. WOW Factor

If applicable, please describe anything that happened as a result of the project or during the project that is particularly impressive.

Continued PCFSC workshops and planning led to revisions in the WUI in Plumas County, allowing the US Forest Service to treat hazardous fuels on dozens of additional acres within their expanded WUI jurisdiction.

3. Design and Implementation

When considering the design and implementation of this project, what lessons did you learn that might help other grantees implement similar work?

Some consideration should have been given to scheduling workshops on a regional basis in order to ensure coverage in each community. Such coverage did occur but better planning would have identified possible gaps.

4. Indirect Impact

Please describe any indirect benefits of the project such as information that has been developed as a result of the project is being used by several other organizations to improve decision-making, or a conservation easement funded by this grant that encouraged other landowners in the area to have conservation easements on their property.

The WUI map described above, developed through workshops, has assisted public and private entities to better plan hazardous fuels treatments over time.

5. Collaboration and Conflict Resolution

If you worked in collaboration or cooperation with other organizations or institutions, describe those arrangements and their importance to the project. Also, describe if you encountered conflict in the project and how you dealt with it, or if there was conflict avoided as a result of the project.

Work with CDF, US Forest Service, Plumas County and Fire Departments were solidified by the workshop series.

6. Capacity-Building

SNC is interested in both the capacity of your organization, as well as local and regional capacity. Please describe the overall health of your organization including areas in need of assistance. SNC is interested in the strength and involvement of your board, significant changes to your staff, size and involvement of membership. In addition, describe how your project improved capabilities of partners, or the larger community.

PCFSC has continued to produce educational materials as well as Hazardous Fuels projects and has continued to increase financial involvement with private partners. Budget issues at the state and federal levels (including SNC) will slow these efforts.

7. Challenges

Did the project face internal or external challenges? How were they addressed? Describe each challenge and any actions that you took to address it. Was there something that SNC did or could have done to assist you? Did you have to change any of your key objectives in response to conditions “on the ground”?

The primary challenge was the bond funding halt in 2009.

8. Photographs

Grantees are strongly encouraged to submit photos, slides or digital images whenever possible. These images will be used for SNC publications such as annual reports or on the website. Please make sure you clearly identify location, activity, and your

project with each submitted image. Images will be credited to the submitting organization, unless specified otherwise.

CDs have been previously submitted.

9. Post Grant Plans

What are the post-grant plans for the project if it does not conclude with the grant? Include a description of the following (if applicable): (1) Changes in operations or scope; (2) Replication or use of findings; (3) Names of other organizations you expect to involve; (4) Plans to support the project financially, and; (5) Communication plans?

No changes are contemplated

10. Post Grant Contact

Who can be contacted a few years from now to follow up on the project? Please provide name and contact information.

PCFSC Coordinator remains as Jerry Hurley (530 832-4705). Fiscal agent will be Greg O'Sullivan, Plumas Corporation (530 283 3739)

SNC-approved Performance Measures: (Please list each Performance Measure for your Project, as identified in your Grant Agreement, and the results/outcomes.)

Sierra Nevada Conservancy Grant Program Project Reporting Guidelines

Progress Reports are required periodically throughout the term of the Grant Agreement (Refer to Exhibit B of the Grant Agreement). These reports will allow you and the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) to see the degree to which the project is on track and achieving your projected outcomes. Your Progress Reports will further provide the SNC with information that will help us to explain your work to the Board Members and various other audiences. Timing of Progress Reports is specified in the Project Schedule included in Exhibit A of the Grant Agreement, but generally every 6 months until completion of the project.

A Progress Reporting Form is provided to Grantees on the SNC Website. **Six-month Progress Reports** should reflect the previous 6-month period; **Final Reports** should address each question for the entire grant period – looking at the project as a whole.

The form specifies the items you will need to report on. For the Six-Month Interim Report these include, but are not limited to: *A Progress Report Summary of work completed, Deliverables or Outcomes Completed, Challenges or Opportunities Encountered, Unanticipated Successes Achieved, Actual Costs compared to Budgeted Costs, Any Additional Relevant Materials Produced, and Next Steps.*

The Final Report will include additional information, such as: *Resources Leveraged, Capacity-Building Results and Collaboration and Cooperation with Stakeholders, a Description of Project Accomplishments, and SNC Approved Performance Measures.*

Please make sure that you submit complete reports by the dates requested in your Grant Agreement.