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Feather River Coordinated Resource Management Group
Management Committee Meeting

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Date: Monday, July 6, 2009

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: Plumas Corporation Office

Members: Chair- Joe Hoffman, *absent*

Vice Chair- John Kolb

Project & Design Chair – Ryan Nupen, *absent*

Finance Chair– Dennis Heiman

Monitoring Chair– Kevin Pond

Education Chair- Rob Wade and Kristy Hoffman, *absent*

Others-Dan Martynn (*absent*), John Kolb, Holly George, Mark Steffek

Staff: Jim Wilcox, Terry Benoit, Leslie Mink, Gia Martynn, Kara Rockett

Others present: John Hafen, Mike DeLasaux, Brian Morris, Terri Rust

1. Review/Approve minutes from May 2009 meeting
Review/Approve July 2009 Agenda
Minutes and agenda approved – with addl agenda item: Fish & Game filing fee issue
2. Committee Reports
Finance- Dennis Heiman
 CRM Program and Staff Update
Prop 50- Has been signed but not authorized to spend money, Plumas Corp can now borrow money from bank against funding promised in contract; Prop 40- ARRA fed stimulus funded; RAC- Eastside Mdws and Greenhorn Crk CEQA/NEPA and design; DOC- Partial reauthorization of funds through Dec. 2009, old invoices paid; Forum- Spanish Crk, Meadow and American Valleys design; NFWF- LC II, if approved won't be available until November, another round due Sept. 1st, need to include a technical component for range in next proposal; Truckee River Watershed- ARRA funded for Perazzo Meadow, Leslie and Jim full time in fall; Red Clover-Poco- grant approved, but funds frozen, no contract; AmeriCorps- Kara and monitoring
3. Project Updates- **ACTION ITEMS**
 - a. Plumas County Noxious Weed Group MOU- CRM signatory?- *Postponed, no copy of MOU*
 - b. Project Prioritization/ PNF Project Coordination Checklist (see attachments)- *See discussion on next page*
 - c. Set Date for Red Clover-Poco TAC meeting- *Thurs, July 9, 2009, 0830 @ Chase Bridge IDT Mtg.*
 - d. Set Date for Middle Fork Complex projects TAC review- *Review projects with over 1% slope, not necessarily only Middle Fork projects, meet in Spring 2010, May??*
4. Monitoring- Kevin Pond
 - a. E-shocking assistance from CDFG/Science collecting permit
Kevin will talk with Dave Grant; Leslie will contact Amber Rossi about coming to meetings.
5. Education- Rob Wade/Kristy Hoffman
 See June 2009 Update

Stewardship Council, July 22nd; storm drain stenciling in Greenville; SNC money frozen

6. *Other Agency / Organization Updates –None*
7. *Fish and Game: Filing fees for environmental review now required (\$1800/project). New policy implemented in 2007; CRM looked at F&G Code and found clause that non-profits were exempt from fee. Stated this exemption clause directly on Mitigated Neg Dec when filed with County Clerk. Now F&G says we misinterpreted the code (only applied to projects being implemented through the Department by non-profits) and must pay the fees on all projects filed in the last two years (5 projects for a total of \$9000). If we do not pay the fees they will put a lien on the properties. ACTION: appeal the letters up the ladder in the Department. Brian suggested go back to County Clerk. Also are consulting with Michael Jackson for legal advice.*

Project Prioritization Discussion:

- *Point System?*
- *The Feather River Watershed Management Strategy priority system was created by SVRCD, FRCRM, etc. for the Plumas Watershed Forum. It wasn't used much because there was sufficient funds for all projects. If the Forum gets a second round of funding they will get back together to review priorities, strategies, and hard wire money for the CRM so they don't have to keep applying for money.*
- *Agreed Strategy looks good but need more people from the Committee to discuss (i.e. Dan, Joe, Holly)*
- *Climate change is going to affect prioritization; need forward thinking.*
- *Dennis feels document needs updating, but agrees with the priorities.*

Other discussion centered around grazing and upland veg management; upland/meadow interface priorities??- Forest Plan and watershed plans/strategies need to be consistent.

Next Mgt. Committee Meeting: September or October??- November Steering Committee Mtg, Gia will contact to set up meeting.