

## AGENDA ITEM 2

**DRAFT Meeting Summary (Action Minutes) DRAFT**  
**Humboldt County Fire Safe Council**  
**January 8, 2007**

A Humboldt County Fire Safe Council (HCFSC) meeting was held January 8, 2007, from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M., at the BLM Arcata Field office, 1695 Heindon Road, Arcata, California 95521. The FSC was appointed by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors to guide preparation and implementation of the County Master Fire Protection Plan (Fire Plan).

**Fire Safe Council Members Attending:**

Will Harling, Orleans/Somes Bar Fire Safe Council and Orleans Fire & Rescue  
Manny Mello, Northwest Insurance  
Dave White, Retired Arcata Fire Department Chief and Humboldt County Fire Chiefs Association Representative  
Lucy Salazar, USFS, Six Rivers National Forest, Fuels Management Specialist & Air Coordinator  
Dan Larkin, Humboldt County Office of Emergency Services  
Tim Jones, BLM Fire Management Officer  
Ian Sigman, Honeydew Volunteer Fire Company Chief and Lower Mattole Fire Safe Council  
Debra Lake, Fruitland Volunteer Fire Department, Board Chair  
Glenn Ziemer, Humboldt Fire District #1, Fire Chief  
Bob Harris, Fire Chief, Miranda Fire Protection District  
Kirk Gothier, Retired Humboldt County Community Development Services, Assistant Planning Director

**Fire Safe Council Members Absent:**

Duane Sherman, Hoopa Volunteer Fire Department, Fire Chief  
Kevin O'Neil, Cal. Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) Division Chief-Operations, Humboldt-Del Norte Unit

**Public and Agency Representatives Attending:**

Jim Zoellick & Richard Engel, Schatz Energy Research Center  
Yvonne Everett, HSU Natural Resources  
Hugh Scanlon, CDF  
Dustin Jolly, Yurok Tribe  
Yana Valachovic, UC Extension  
BLM Staff Foresters

**Agenda Item 1: Call to Order and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 P.M. by the Fire Safe Council Vice Chair, Will Harling.

**Agenda Item 2. Approval of Minutes from 12/01/05 FSC Meeting**

**Discussion** – Vice Chairman Harling asked if anyone had any corrections or additions in regards to the December action minutes.

**Action** - On a motion from Glenn Ziemer and seconded by Dave White the Council unanimously approved the minutes.

### **Agenda Item 3. Public Comments**

Hugh Scanlon presented a recently prepared draft CDF map of Fire Severity in Humboldt County. The draft will be presented at the Humboldt County Fire Chiefs Association meeting on 1/24/07 for review and comment. Local review of the draft map is important because it will result in changes to building standards in identified areas of severe fire hazard. The State Board of Forestry will make the final decision to approve the map.

### **Agenda Item number 4. Schatz Energy Research Center presentation**

**Presentation** – Jim Zoellick and Richard Engel explained the structure and focus of the Schatz Energy Center. They are committed to the development of clean, sustainable energy and see forest biomass as a significantly potential source. The challenges in developing this energy source are lack of infrastructure, dispersed and varying locations of biomass fuel sources, inconsistent source of biomass, transportation costs and immature technology. They are working with the tribes in assessing viability of establishing a generator on a village level.

**Discussion** – The Council members in attendance discussed the need for research to develop in-situ production of energy sources, and developing methods and programs to coordinate the transportation of biomass to generators. Concerns were expressed about the labor costs associated with operating and maintaining generators on a village level. All present agreed that the involvement of the Schatz Energy research Center was important in developing needed technologies.

**Break: 2:20 -2:30 pm**

### **Agenda Item number 5. Committee Progress Reports & Discussion of Next Steps**

#### **Progress Reports:**

**8.3-1 Fuel Modification/Biomass Utilization** with Lucy Salazar, Tim Jones, Will Harling, and Community Development Services, Economic Development Division staff. This subcommittee is considering scheduling a Biomass Forum to initiate a dialogue among all interested agencies and parties within the County. The purpose of the Forum would be to establish contacts and exchange information

**8.5-1 Develop a Reliable Revenue Source for Fire Protection** with Dave White, Glenn Ziemer, Kirk Gothier, and possibly a consultant. Cybelle, Kirk and Glenn met to discuss developing a tool kit for establishing or expanding assessments for fire protection districts. Planning staff is reviewing information used to establish assessments in Humboldt Fire District 1 and Arcata Fire District with an eye towards developing a step-by-step “cookbook” for local districts interested in establishing assessments.

**8.1-1 Level of Service Standard** with Dave White, Kevin O’Neil, Glenn Ziemer, Bob Harris, CDF support staff & Cybelle Immitt. Two draft tier-based products have been developed by this group. The group is developing LOS standards in formats that would facilitate full disclosure to property buyers. The Humboldt County Fire Chiefs’ Association will be consulted frequently as steps are taken to implement this measure. The information developed by this group will be forwarded to County Planning for consideration of developing regulations to implement the Updated Plan.

**8.1-3 Improve Emergency Dispatch Services** with Dan Larkin, Kevin O’Neil, and Dave White. The draft Communications Study has been completed by Gaines and Associates and will be reviewed by this subcommittee towards the end of January.

**MFPP Policy Recommendation Integration into the GPU** with Kevin O’Neil, Glenn Ziemer, and Cybelle. Planning Staff is focused on drafting General Plan chapters, including the Safety Element. Cybelle will be the primary author of the Safety Element. She will contact Kevin and Glenn as she begins this work.

**Agenda Item 6. Set Next Meeting – Date and Time**

The next Humboldt County Fire Safe Council meeting will be held on **Monday, March 12, 2007 from 1-4 p.m. at the CDF Conference Room.**

**Adjournment** - The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 3:40 P.M.