

LASSEN FIRE SAFE COUNCIL, INC.
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
August 19, 2026, 5:30PM

The Lassen Fire Safe Council, Inc. (LFSC) convened in regular session at approximately 5:32 PM on June 17, 2026, at the Susan River Fire Hall, Johnstonville, California. LFSC members present include Board Chair, Laurence Crabtree; Board Members; Deb Bumpus and Chevi Amrein; Managing Director Cade Mohler; and Wildfire Resiliency Coordinator Tonya Smith.

- I. **Opening and Welcome** – Laurence Crabtree called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.
- II. Sign in – A sign in sheet was available for voluntary sign in.

II. Managing Director Report given by Cade Mohler

Active Projects: (See current spreadsheet for additional details): Cade highlighted there has been an abundance of work completed in Lassen, Shasta and Tehama counties this week, including: \$500,000.00 of deliverables through the awarded contracts, including ongoing defensible space grant work in Lake Forest, Spalding, Stones Bendgard and Clear Creek through 2026.

CalFire Grants

North Susanville WUI Fuels Treatments- Finished mastication 500 ft each side of Eagle Lake Rd. LFSC partnered with Gutierrez Land Management for a successful project. An additional 130 acres will be treated in the next few weeks.

South Lassen Wildfire Recovery- Work is active in the Gold Run area partnered with Evans Right of Way. LFSC wants more private landowners interested in fuels reduction work in that area.

LFSC LNF Dixie Fire Hazard Tree Project- This project encompasses areas between Fredonyer Pass and Keddie Ridge. Progress includes the removal of dead hazard trees; extends 28 miles and fuel break work on forest service roads.

Dyer WUI Fuels Phase II- LFSC has been awarded this project in collaboration with PG&E. The subcontractor is monitoring the area awaiting dry conditions.

Lassen County Defensible Space Program- High Sierra Fire, Inc. continues work. Assessments are ongoing as the assigned work crew is following right behind them. Sign-ups open until October 2028. The crews are currently working in Lake Forest area. There are currently 200 landowner sign-ups.

Lyonsville Fuelbreak- Project is in collaboration with TuBit Enterprises Inc. in Tehama County (Mule Creek/Battle Creek Area).

Shingletown Phase 2- Going out to bid in near future; encompasses two grants for additional Hwy 44 maintenance.

SNC Grants

East Side Communities- - There are currently botany and raptor surveys being completed. RFFCP – Hazard Assessment- Lassen County hazardous Fuels Assessment with on-going GIS reviews.

Other

Honey Lake Valley RCD – Nothing currently active except for on-going cone collection.

CFSC – County Coordinator- Tonya Smith gave an update including: a grant extension has been granted through October 2027; Collaboration with local Firewise communities continues for re-certification and CWPP collaboration with Lassen County.

Lassen RAC- Two projects in the Susanville WUI including Archeological surveys. There is approximately \$16,000.00 remaining on the grant for the LFSC team to review and determine the priorities.

- III. **Closed Out Projects: See current spreadsheet for details.**

IV. New Planned/Awarded Projects

See current spreadsheet for details. (Five pending grant applications in the pipeline)

V. Agency Updates –

NRCS-Not present

SIR- Not present

US Wildland Fire Services (formerly BLM)-Not present

CalFire- Adam Mattos- Gave agency staffing updates including 6 crews remain in Lassen County as the agency is responding around the state of California and Washington for wildfire support efforts. Current project updates included the fuel break at Hwy44 and A1 is now complete. Adam recently completed an assignment as Agency Representative for the Bug Fire on the California/Nevada border and provided attendees updates including the utilization of state-of-the-art fire suppression equipment. Adam shared the Board of Forestry new language and explained the current Zone Zero (0-5 feet) defensible space criteria.

SNC-Kristy Hoffman-Gave updates regarding grant evaluations and their expected timeframes. They received eight applications.

USFS –LNF- Agency Representative gave staffing and project updates. The Eagle Lake Summit is scheduled for October 19, 2026 at the Lassen Indian Rancheria Community Center.

Lassen County OES- Not present

SPI- Not present

Honey Lake Power- Not present

Lassen County- Not present

Honey Lake Valley RCD- Not present

American Red Cross- Not present

Golden State Natural Resources- Nothing to report.

Firewise Community Leaders- Not present

Tonya Smith (LFSC-WRC)- Tonya gave defensible space grant updates including, 100 survey assessments completed with approximately 60 completed projects. (The Janesville, Susanville and Doyle Hwy 395 corridors are scheduled for 2027). Sing ups are encouraged on the LFSC website. Lassenfiresafecouncil.org

VI. Other Guest speaker, Dan Weaver, Fire Technologies Director Lassen Community Collège, will attend the next LFSC meeting to discuss the Forestry and Fire Science programs being offered at LCC.

VII. Public Comment/Questions

VIII. Next Meeting – Location / Time

The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2026, at 5:30 PM at Susan River Fire Hall, Johnstonville. California.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:05 PM.

C.R. Amrein

I, Chevi Amrein, Secretary/Treasurer of the Board of Directors, Lassen Fire Safe Council, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a fully true, and correct copy of the minutes.