

LASSEN FIRE SAFE COUNCIL, INC.
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
September 18, 2024, 5:45 PM

The Lassen Fire Safe Council, Inc. (LFSC) convened in regular session at 5:45 pm on September 18, 2024, at the Susan River Fire Hall, Johnstonville. LFSC members present were Board Chair Ruth Morentz; Projects Coordinator Kyle Herron; Wildfire Resiliency Coordinator Hailey Park and Board Members Kam Vento, Laurence Crabtree and Chevi Amrein.

- I. **OPENING AND WELCOME** – Chair Ruth Morentz called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm
Sign in – A sign in sheet was passed around for voluntary sign in.
- II. **MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT GIVEN BY KYLE HERRON**
ACTIVE PROJECTS
 - A. **Kyle Herron** provided the LFSC Projects Overview to the attendees (please see attachments with the minutes). The overview included a spreadsheet and LFSC Active Project Overview and Mapping for reference.
- III. **CLOSED OUT GRANTS** – Refer to spreadsheet for detailed overview. Kyle noted the near completion of the Hog and Sheep Fire Forest Restoration Project and the Shingletown WUI Fuels Treatments Projects.
- IV. **NEW PLANNED/AWARDED PROJECTS** – Refer to spreadsheet for detailed overview. Kyle noted the South Lassen Wildfire Recovery Project, North Susanville WUI Fuels Treatments and the LFSC Dixie Fire Hazard Tree Projects and awaiting final agreements with our CALFire partners.
- V. **AGENCY UPDATES**
 - BLM** – Not Present
 - CalFire** – Not present
 - SNC** – Not present
 - NE CA Fire Prevention** – Not present
 - USFS** – Not Present
 - Susan River FPD** – Not present
 - OES Lassen County** – Not present
 - SPI** – Not Present
 - Honey Lake Power** – Not present
 - Beaty** – Not present
 - Lassen County** – Not Present
 - Honey Lake Valley RCD** – Not Present
 - Susanville Fire Department- Tom Hernandez**, Fire Chief SFD introduced himself to the attendees.
 - SIR** – Not present
 - American Red Cross** – **Duane Taaffe** stated his organization has been busy with the Park Fire in Butte County. His team has also, recently assisted with six residential fires in El Dorado County. ARC is currently working with the SIR for potential shelter locations in Lassen County. Duane stated he is collaborating with outside agencies in an effort to build bridges and relationships with an emphasis on fire prevention education and public safety.
 - Golden State Natural Resources** – **Laurence Crabtree** updated the attendees about the proposed wood pellet project to build a biomass wood pellet plant near Burney. He stated the CEQA assessments are still on-going.
 - Firewise Communities** – **Ruth Morentz** represented Day-Lassen Bench.
- VI. **OTHER** – **Hailey Park** stated the Lassen County-Wide Defensible Space Program has completed 242 treatments throughout Lassen County. There are currently 400 property owners signed up. She wants the public to know LFSC is still accepting sign up for the program. There continues to be a need for defensible space assistance around Lassen County. The LFSC website is a great option to learn more.
- VII. **PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS** – None noted.
- VIII. **NEXT MEETING** – October 16, 2024
- IX. **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING** – The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm

Chevi R. Amrein

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