

**LASSEN FIRE SAFE COUNCIL, INC.**

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**April 19, 2023 5:30PM**

The Lassen Fire Safe Council, Inc. (LFSC) convened in regular session at 5:32pm on March 15, 2023 at the Susan River Fire Protection Office located at 705-145 Hwy 395 in Johnstonville. Officers present were Vice Chair Phil Good, Kerri Cobb, Kam Vento, Bob Andrews, Secretary/Treasurer Sue Cenotti, Managing Director Cade Mohler.

- I. **Opening and Welcome** – Vice Chair Phil Good called the meeting to order at 5:32pm  
Sign in – A sign in sheet was passed around for voluntary sign in
  
- II. **Managing Director Report**  
**Active Projects**  
A. CalFire Grants - Managing Director Cade Mohler provided the LFSC 2022/2023 Large Projects Overview to the attendees (please see attachment with the Minutes) of all project updates.
- III. **Closed Out Grants** – See spreadsheet overview
- IV. **New Planned/Awarded Projects** – see spreadsheet overview
  
- V. **Agency Updates**  
**BLM** – Alton Pickup reported they have 3 engines fully staffed, 3 applicants for helicopter pilot. They are still in waiting mode for it to warm up.  
**CalFire** – Ivan Houser reported their project work at the old SPI Mill site and doing cleanup, Elysian Valley & Wingfield Rd. area – partnering with landowners to help with cleanup, coordinating on the prescribed burns. Can partner with other entities to do thinning projects. They do some mastication.  
**SNC** – Not present  
**NE CA Fire Prevention** – Not present  
**USFS** – Martin Gutierrez reported that they will work on the Diamond piles when the weather warms up. He introduced a new Partnership Coordinator, Stephanie Cox. She reported that they are finalizing the scope of her job description. She will be a liaison to connect partners.  
**Susan River FPD** – Not present  
**OES Lassen County** – Not present  
**SPI** – James Hynes-Petty reported that they are ramping up logging and will finish planting trees by late fall.  
**Honey Lake Power** – John VanDuyn reported that they are ready to purchase chips & logs. They will have a spring shutdown for 19 days for maintenance.  
**Beaty** – Not present  
**Lassen County** – Gary Bridges reported that the environmentalists are trying to put a stop to the new plant in NuBieber. Tom Neeley reported that Janesville will be holding their Firewise Community Event at Janesville Park on June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11-2pm.  
**Honey Lake Valley RCD** – Not present  
**SIR** – Not present  
**Red Cross** – Dwayne Taaffe reported that they have a National Sound the Alarm Event (free smoke detectors), shelter places are being solidified and training for CPR (for children also). They have a new Herlong volunteer Brad Harris.  
**Firewise Communities** – Jackie Cordova reported that Westwood will be having a Wildfire Community Preparedness Day Event on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 12 pm at the Community Center. It is a potluck.  
Kam Vento reported that Janesville will be having a Wildfire Community Preparedness Day Event on June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10am-2pm at the Janesville Park. Hotdogs and soda for \$1.00.
  
- VI. **Other** – Kerri Cobb reminded everyone of the upcoming board elections and application period.  
The locations for the next meetings will be in Susanville in May and Bieber in June.  
  
Guest Speaker Kyle Herron, Projects Coordinator LFSC gave a presentation on hazard tree removal (prior to the agency updates).  
Guest Speaker Ivan Houser, CALFIRE and Danny Cluck, USFS gave presentations on the Bark Beetle Management with Q&A at the end.
  
- VII. **Public Comment/Questions**
  
- VIII. **Next meeting** – May 17, 2023
  
- IX. **Adjournment of Meeting** – The meeting was adjourned at 6:48pm

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I, Sue Cenotti, 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.