

LASSEN FIRE SAFE COUNCIL, INC.
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
June 17, 2026, 5:30PM

The Lassen Fire Safe Council, Inc. (LFSC) convened in regular session at approximately 5:35 PM on June 17, 2026, at the Susan River Fire Hall, Johnstonville, California. LFSC members present include Board Chair, Ruth Morentz; Vice Chair, Laurence Crabtree; Board Members; Deb Bumpus and Danny Cluck; Managing Director Cade Mohler; and Wildfire Resiliency Coordinator Tonya Smith.

- I. **Opening and Welcome** – Ruth Morentz called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM. Cade announced there would be a presentation on the extension of the County Coordinator grant later.
- 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)

CalFire Grants

North Susanville WUI Fuels Treatments- Finished mastication 500 ft each side of Eagle Lake Rd. The project has completed approximately 2000 acres of treatments.

South Lassen Wildfire Recovery- Work is active off near HWY 395, Diamond Mountain area; 20 landowners signed up and LFSC teams are out completing land surveys.

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 & Plumas Fire Safe Council site tour of the 1500 acres site. The tour was attended by 30 local contractors and encompassed areas of Westwood to Canyon Dam.

Lassen County Defensible Space Program- High Sierra Fire, Inc. started work. Assessments are ongoing & work crew is following right behind them. Program implementation weekly; sign-ups open until October 2028.

Lyonsville Fuelbreak- Going out to bid in July

Shingletown Phase 2- Going out to bid in near future

SNC Grants

East Side Communities

RFFCP – Hazard Assessment- Lassen County hazardous Fuels Assessment is almost ready and will be published online.

Other

Honey Lake Valley RCD – SPA

CFSC – County Coordinator- Tonya Smith gave a presentation on the new focus of the County Coordinator grant in building resiliency into our volunteer response agencies and supporting efforts to recruit new graduates into forestry and fire careers.

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

IV. New Planned/Awarded Projects

LFSC has submitted three new grant applications for Cal Fire Forest health projects and 1 for Wildfire protection: Cow Creek Forest Restoration Project (between Shingletown and Whitmore), Eastside Community Protection, TPT Lone Spring Phase I (Milford/Janesville), Acer Cross Boundary Forest Restoration Project (Eagle Lake), and Shingletown Phase 2 – Manton Project. **See current spreadsheet for details.**

V. Agency Updates –

NRCS-Not present

SIR- Not present

US Wildland Fire Services (formerly BLM)-**Kyle Heller**- Lava Unit Applegate Klamath Basin Stewardship service contract- Chester Portola, then Cheney Creek (Susan River Canyon), Juniper cutting. no major updates, getting ready for fire season; start stagger schedules 5/31

CalFire- Adam Mattos- Burn permits stopped effective 6/17. They are prepping sites. **Robbie Whitchurch** was introduced as the new Alturas Battalion Chief. **Casey Urrutia** was present and gave updates on CalFire grants.

USFS – LNF- Bobette Jones, District Ranger, Eagle Lake- staffing updates including. LNF has good staffing & discussed assets. Discussed staffing changes and fire readiness. Forest management- Dixie fire post recovery decision signed. Gallatin boat ramp decision signed and implements next year. Dixie roadside hazard Cone Crater/SPI secondary any discussed active work. New acting District Ranger for Hat Creek is Tammy Taylor.

USFS – PNF- Not present

Lassen County OES- Not present

SPI- Not present

Honey Lake Power- Not present

Lassen County- Not present

Honey Lake Valley RCD- Catherine Wooster- 40 acres of biomass from Devil's Corral area. Milford III mastication machine broke interrupting work. Landowner plan in Janesville. Cone collection is ongoing. Received more funding for Prescribed Burn Assoc (PBA)- applying for grants to burn. If anyone is interested in PBA or to burn, call her. HLVRCD has moved to new office on Sunnyside Road.

American Red Cross- Dwayne Taffee- Has sheltering teams in place. Doing outreach to children on fire safety and hands only CPR for older children. Gave update on support at Wendell Fire.

Golden State Natural Resources- Laurence Crabtree reported that Nubieber plant for chips is in CEQA process. Received \$3M in funding. Finished project on El Dorado. There are a couple of projects from Lassen, Modoc, and Mendocino- sorting through to see where to spend funds.

Firewise Community Leaders- Ruth, DLBFSC- discussed 6/6 Community Wildfire Preparedness Event on Day Lassen Bench, McArthur; thanked agency participants for their support. **Jacquie**

Cordova, Westwood FSC- green waste clean-up day on June 27th and also that Westwood Firewise has a presence at the Friday Farmer's Market from 3:30 to 7 pm.

Tonya Smith (LFSC-WRC)- Gave slide presentation on updates to County Coordinator grant.

VI. Other

VII. Public Comment/Questions

VIII. Next Meeting – Location / Time

The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2026 at 5:30 PM at Susan River Fire Hall, Johnstonville. California. **No July 2026 General Meeting due to scheduling conflicts with the Lassen County Fair.**

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:40 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.