LASSEN FIRE SAFE COUNCIL, INC.
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
September 16, 2026, 5:30PM

The Lassen Fire Safe Council, Inc. (LFSC) convened in regular session at approximately 5:30 PM on September 16, 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 5:30 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 gave a verbal overview of active, and proposed projects in Lassen Plumas and Tehama counties, noting the Lassenfiresafecouncil.org website is updated monthly and is a good resource to all. Cade thanked the attendees and noted the importance of our meetings as an opportunity to update the public on active projects and a resource to network and explore additional projects for future partnerships with LFSC.

CalFire Grants

North Susanville WUI Fuels Treatments- Hand crews are making significant progress on the upper ranch park near Paiute Lane. There will be signage and press release forthcoming.

South Lassen Wildfire Recovery- This work encompasses non-industrial landowners and is active in the Gold Run/Old Archery Road areas. 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. The project is fifty percent completed.

Dyer WUI Fuels Phase II- LFSC and the surcontracter are monitoring the area. Mastication and hand-thinning will begin, once the wildfire dangers subside.

Lassen County Defensible Space Program- High Sierra Fire, Inc. is currently working in the Westwood/Pine Creek area. The crew are scheduled to complete work in Westwood and Pine Creek neighborhoods, then move on to the Eagle Lake communities. Bieber and McArthur areas will follow. There are currently 240 landowner sign-ups.

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

Shingletown Phase 2- Residential signups are on-going. (RFP) Going out to bid in near future.

SNC Grants

East Side Communities- - There are currently botany and raptor surveys in the works encompassing 11,000 acres.

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)-**James Hamilton & Kyle Heller** gave project updates including a 300 are burn North of Eagle Lake. UWFS will be hosting the sixth-grade Eagle Lake Botanical Fire Prevention camp with 600 students scheduled to attend. Their teams will also be present at the Susanville Safe and Sane Halloween event on October 30, 2026, in uptown Susanville.

CalFire - **Adam Mattos**- Gave agency and Lassen County staffing updates. CalFire in the North state has strike teams on the Floriston Fire on off Hwy 80 and the Lucas fire in Mendocino county. Current project updates included the collaborative efforts with LFSC in upper ranch park near Paiute Lane; 450 acre burn near Wemple's Pumpkin Patch and fuels reduction work in

Bieber and Ash Creek wildlife area. This is critical work for the habitat.

SNC - Not present

USFS – LNF - **Dan Patterson** gave staffing and project updates. Dan stated his teams remain fully staffed and postured on the Lassen to combat potential wildfire. Fuels reduction projects remain a priority and prescribed burns are on-going on Hwy 44 near Poison Lake.

Lassen County OES - Not present

SPI - Steve DeBonis stated that there is on-going fuels reduction work in collaboration with USFS on Hwy 44, west of McCoy Flat. The SPI crews will wrap up after completion of 400 acres of biomass fuels reduction. SPI has additional work scheduled for Hwy 36 near Eagle Lake road to begin in 2027.

Honey Lake Power - Not present

Lassen County - Not present

Honey Lake Valley RCD - **Catherine Wooster** gave project updates including the on-going cone collection efforts. The cone production is limited this year. She requested homeowners to contact her agency, if your property has an abundance on pinecones. HLVRCD is also participating in the 6th grade education summit at Eagle Lake.

American Red Cross- **Dwayne Taaffe** stated they have fire prevention assistance in Lassen County including 10-year smoke detectors, free to homeowners. Dwayne gave updates to capacity at fire shelter locations and stated ARC is always in need of volunteers.

Golden State Natural Resources- Laurence Crabtree gave an agency update. Laurence stated GSNR has five projects they are moving forward on to move biomass from the forests in El Dorado, Mendocino, Shasta, Trinity and Modoc counties. They can move both logs and chips.

Firewise Community Leaders- Jacquie Cordova, Westwood stated the defensible space crews in Westwood are making a good impact and she is grateful. **Tonya Smith** provided Firewise updates including a new Lassen Firewise community in the works. Janesville, Lake Forest, Stones Bengard and Little Valley are looking for interested residences to assist with their areas.

Tonya Smith (LFSC-WRC) - Tonya gave updates and explanation on the Lassen County Coordinator program. Tonya is currently working on the Lassen PREPARES countywide outreach and education collaborative. It is a training and reciprocity program to improve collaborative training for all local fire departments. CWPP remains a major priority. Tonya announced she will be attending the Susanville Fire Departments Open House on 10/10/2026.

VI. Other Guest speaker, Dan Weaver, Fire Technologies Director, Lassen Community College, gave an awesome power point presentation about the Lassen Community College's Foresty and Fire Science programs.

VII. Public Comment/Questions

VIII. Next Meeting – Location / Time

The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2026, at 5:30 PM at the **Westwood Community Center** in Westwood, California.

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.