

LASSEN FIRE SAFE COUNCIL, INC.
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
May 21, 2026, 5:30PM

The Lassen Fire Safe Council, Inc. (LFSC) convened in regular session at 5:35 PM on May 20, 2026, at the Susan River Fire Hall, Johnstonville, California. LFSC members present were Board Chair, Ruth Morentz; 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. Introductions of the Board members and staff were announced. Attendees also made verbal introductions.

Sign in – A sign in sheet was available for voluntary sign in.

II. Managing Director Report given by Cade Mohler
Active Projects

CalFire Grants

North Susanville WUI Fuels Treatments- Work is ongoing with additional work being done in the Susanville Park and Eagle Lake Rd. areas

South Lassen Wildfire Recovery- Work is active west of 395

LFSC LNF Dixie Fire Hazard Tree Project- Shipping material this month, work area is hazardous. Working Fredonia Pass to Ketty Ridge

Dyer WUI Fuels Phase II- RFP soon(?)

Lassen County Defensible Space Program- Contract awarded to High Sierra Fire, anticipated start date June 1st. Program implementation weekly; sign-ups open until October 2028.

Lyonsville Fuelbreak (?)

Shingletown Phase 2 (?)

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- Grant opened for another 15 months. Applied and waiting to hear from California Fire Safe Council. Focus on collaboration with Board of Supervisors and training. Discussed reciprocity programs, purpose of training to effect ISO ratings. Developing plans to encourage high school youth into Forestry and Fire careers. Cade presenting to Board of Supervisors in June to update.

Lassen RAC (?)

III. Closed Out Projects

IV. New Planned/Awarded Projects

Shingletown Phase 2 – Manton

Cow Creek Forest and Watershed Restoration

South Susanville WUI Fuels

Eastside Communities Lone Spring-Phase 1

Big Valley Mountain Phase 2

Dyer/Eastshore

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Thompson Peak Initiative Phase 2

Acer Vegetation Management – ELP

South Lassen WF Recovery – Dixie Public Lands – ELP

LNF / PNF – Cross Boundary – Diamond Mountains – ELP

V. Agency Updates –

NRCS-absent

SIR- absent

US Wildland Fire Services (formerly BLM)-no major updates, getting ready for fire season; start stagger schedules 5/31

CalFire- fully staffed; have been supporting So. CA fires; prepping for and doing prescribed burns

SNC- absent

USFS – LNF- Stephaney Cox- partnership information- internal and external outreach for fire hiring; RAC program will be up and going and they are looking for applications; also looking for RAC members for 2027 funding, approx. \$500,000 with focused outreach this Fall

USFS – PNF- RAC of \$1.8 million- looking for applications and members. Mike (District Ranger)- few small fires but no lightning; 85% staffed, 7 day staffing, 24hrs over weekend for the wind event. Post fire recovery East Side Project- LFSC done, 192 acres reforested under contract. 5 years 4100 acres prescribed fire mostly Beckworth, done for now, move to suppression (??fragments needing help- Beckwourth 250 anniversary 6/27 10-1 event. Timber sales NFF “T” parcel near elementary school; June Little Rascal rec update-concessionaire boat ramps are all out ???)

Lassen County OES- absent

SPI- Steve- Fuel break Eagle Lake Rd and Highway 44; fuel break north side of summit 380 acres; Palamino fuel break 3/4 done south side of summit, mastication and under burning in follow-up. Working on Highway 44 junction east on Highway 36 next year

Honey Lake Power-absent

Lassen County-absent

Honey Lake Valley RCD- Cathryn- working with BLM on 300 acres near Chester Lake Almanor, 111 acres Milford, Janesville forest management plan (??)

Red Cross- Dwayne- Explained how large the Red Cross region is covering Lassen, Modoc, Shasta and Siskiyou counties. Discussed sheltering program and secondary response and how **agencies** can best directly reach them when an emergency arises- 1-844-236-0153. Their focus these days is educating young people on wildfires, home safety hands only CPR for older youth. Program to provide free smoke detectors 2nd Saturday in June in Susanville.

Golden State Natural Resources- absent

Firewise Community Leaders- Ruth, discussed DLBFSC holding 6/6 Community Wildfire Preparedness Event on Day Lassen Bench, McArthur; thanked Cal Fire- Bieber for their support

Tonya (WRC) Identified possible Firewise leaders for Susanville, Janesville, and Lake Forest

VI. Other

VII. Public Comment/Questions

VIII. Next Meeting – Location / Time

The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2026 at 5:30 PM at Susan River Fire Hall, Johnstonville. CA

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 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.