

LASSEN FIRE SAFE COUNCIL, INC.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

November 16, 2022 5:30PM

The Lassen Fire Safe Council, Inc. (LFSC) convened in regular session at 5:42pm on November 16, 2022 at the Susan River Fire Protection Office located at 705-145 Hwy 395 in Johnstonville. Officers present were Chair Ruth Morentz, Vice Chair Phil Good, Directors Kerri Cobb, Kam Vento, Secretary/Treasurer Sue Cenotti, Managing Director Cade Mohler, and Projects Coordinator Kyle Herron.

- I. **Opening and Welcome** – Ruth Morentz called the meeting to order at 5:42pm
 - A. Sign in – A sign in sheet was passed around for voluntary sign in

- II. **Managing Director Report**

- III. **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.

- IV. **Closed Out Grants**
 - A. Big Valley Mountain Fuel Treatments – summary stats will be on website soon (closed out).

- IV. **Agency Updates**
 - BLM** – Field Manager Alton Pickup reported they are working on burn piles near Bizz Johnson. 50 out of 100 piles burned. Other depts. are handling chipping. They are expanding program & hiring 2 fuels technicians.
 - CalFire** – Not present
 - SNC** – Not present
 - NE CA Fire Prevention** – Not present
 - USFS** – Leland Ratcliff – Hand piles burning near Butte Lake, Bogard, Poison Lake, 150 acres. They will have better access in December.
 - Susan River FPD** – No report
 - OES Lassen County** – Not present
 - SPI** – Mark Pustejovsky reported clean up & salvaging from the Dixie Fire, Shingletown area projects. Peterson Timber is doing the chipping.
 - Honey Lake Power** – Ralph Sanders reported they are receiving fuel-they will be back after outage by December 13th-14th.
 - Beaty** – Not present
 - Lassen County** – Chris Gallagher reported they are working on more protection for area's not burned like the Golf Course area, Richmond Rd., Old Archery Rd. areas and wanted to bring those areas to our attention.
 - Honey Lake Valley RCD** – Catherine Woosher reported their 1st project is a Spring project coming up in Janesville/Milford area. 36 people to contact when things get going. Will Johnson spoke on hiring a PBA Coordinator – a 10-20 hour position.
 - SIR** – Not present
 - Red Cross** – Dwayne Taaffe reported they need volunteers. They offer free programs for adults for disaster preparedness, the “Sound the Alarm” program to install smoke detectors for free, the Preparing with Pedro (children’s class with penguin) for Pre-K – 2nd grade to teach them about more than just house fires, and the Pillowcase Project for 3rd-5th grade. His contact information is Dwayne.taaffe@redcross.org, cell 831-737-9083.

- V. **Other** – Board Chair Ruth Morentz announced that we are changing our regular General Meeting in December to a Meet & Greet Holiday Gathering as a Thank You to our Agency & Public Partners, Contractors and Community. The flyer will be on our website shortly and will be emailed out and on our FB page.

LFSC's new website is up and running.

Several local volunteer fire departments were left out of the PG&E settlement funds. The LFSC is trying to help them out. We are asking these departments to submit written requests for assistance to help where we can. We presented the Little Valley Volunteer Fire Dept. with a check recently, a radio was donated to the Fall River Fire Protection district for the trucks.

We are also working with all of our Firewise Communities to ensure they have the resources to be able to function effectively.

- VI. Public Comment/Questions** – Dan Douglas advised us that the new Westwood Firewise Community Leader is Jackie Cordova and introduced her to the group. He also advised that all the Firewise certification documentation and action plan for Westwood has been submitted for review and approval.
- VII. Next meeting** – December Meet & Greet Holiday Gathering – date & time TBA
- VIII. Adjournment of Meeting** – The meeting was adjourned at 6:20pm