

**LASSEN COUNTY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
March 02, 2020**

The Lassen County Fire Safe Council (LCFSC) convened in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on March 02, 2020 at the Susan River Fire Protection Office located at 705-145 Hwy 395 in Johnstonville. Officers present were Chair Lloyd Keefer, Managing Director Tom Esgate and Secretary/Treasurer Nicki Moroney.

- I. **Opening and Welcome:** Lloyd Keefer welcomed everyone and asked everyone to sign-in. He also asked that everyone introduce themselves. N. Moroney gave the Treasurer's Report.
- II. **Public Comment –**
- III. **Managing Director's Report –** Tom reported on the following:

**Active Projects**

**1065 SNC Diamond Mountain USFS (pile burning)** – This is primarily for pile burning and a couple hundred acres of hand treatment and mastication. We are still snowed out but getting prepared for pile burning. Possibly working Calfire into the pile burning.

**605 CCI/FH Diamond Mountain USFS** – Awarded the timber sale on February 19, 2020 it's the second half of it, bringing it up to close to 20 million board feet. We get to capture the proceeds, excess revenue at the end of the project and use on other projects anywhere on the Lassen National Forest. Hand crew work ready to go, another 900 acres this year. Right now, there is no access but we should be able to get in early this year.

**CCI/FP –**

**151 South Eagle Lake** – Holt Logging working down by the Marina about 900 acres. Stoy about ready to start up, they will have about 1,600 acres to do.

**7152 Big Valley Mountain** – Lots of contractors working, Evans doing mastication on Beaty ground, McGarr doing mastication on USFS ground on the DLB quarter. Dusty White doing biomass thinning on Jimmerson Mountain, Zane Peterson working on Jimmerson Mountain and Kurt Dowell doing biomass on Jimmerson Mountain. Usually this time of year they are not working, fire risk low right now. 450 – 490 acres of USFS ground we will be thinning. The annual BOD meeting will be touring DLB, all partners will also be invited.

**153 Clear Creek** – Pretty much done, one or two treatments left to do.

**100 Piute WWUI** – Within the South Eagle Lake footprint. Almost all treatments are done, working with Dan Douglas to implement Firewise in the School which is scheduled to be done before May.

**Milford Title III** – Going to ask if they will use their money towards the TPI.

**Title III Report** – There is no Title III money this year. At the last meeting we discussed this with the County, they thought there was a window where we might get some but right now, we don't have any. We delayed the CWPP annual meeting because we don't have the funds to support it. The CWPP Plan was published in December and is now available on the website. A. Mattos wanted a synopsis of what Title III money T. Esgate explained it is County money that comes from the USFS, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Act, that's been renewed for years. It replaced the timber receipts the USFS gave counties.

**DLB Shasta Title III** – They are funding a community assessment & action plan, with the help of Dan Douglas.

IV. **Applications/New Potential Projects**

**NFWF SNC Diamond Mountain USFS** – This is money for paper for pile burning on the Diamond Mountain project.

**SNC Capacity (TPI and Others)** – SNC allocated \$60,000 to help support this. The money should come from the Modoc RCD, we will be a subgrantee.

**CCI/FP**

**Thompson Peak Initiative (TPI)** – Per T. Esgate it was highly ranked at the unit level here, sounds like it was also supported on the regional level. He went on the Calfire site and looked at the list of applications, there was \$200 million (in applications) for \$45 million available. There will be a TPI meeting at the Janesville Fire Department next Monday night at 6:30pm.

**RAC** – Resource Advisory Committee for the USFS. T. Esgate believes there is \$400,000 to be dedicated to RAC projects. M. Shaffer thinks it is in April when it becomes available. At this point T. Esgate directed his comments to residents of Pinetown, said for them to go on the LCFSC website to the CWPP and look up the Clear Creek chapter, this is a project they gave to Calfire for an opportunity to get it allocated as a governor’s project and the scope of work should include Pinetown.

**V. BLM** – No report.

**Cal Fire** – A. Mattos reported they are in their winter mode as far as staffing levels. There have been fires popping up all over. We recently had a VMP (vegetation management program) meeting where we were mandated to have an x amount of acres treated, x amount of black acres (burned) treated and x amount of defensible space inspections and those numbers keep going up. We are to inspect 1/3 of all habitable structures in Lassen County, that’s going to be pretty tough with our limited staffing. Our field battalions are checking with homeowners trying to figure out where firebreaks should be. Putting together a large evacuation plan for Janesville, looking for funding. Per Isaac, Plumas County Fire Safe Council reserves funds from different grants to assist the elderly with their clearances, they also have a chip program. J. Kern reported, Butte Creek and Little Valley need maintenance, Lookout and Foothill are on their radar also.

**SNC** – No report.

**NE CA Fire Prevention** – No report.

**USFS** – No report.

**NRCS** - No report.

**Susan River FPD** – Per H. Parker they are getting ready for summer. They were supposed to do a controlled burn but conditions changed and were not good. T. Esgate let H. Parker know they should have Wi-Fi shortly at the Richmond Road office.

**Janesville FPD** – No report.

**OES** – No report.

**SPI** – P. Fullerton reported SEL biomass chipping of 914 acres was started last week, have about 114 acres cut. They have three chip trucks and started hauling chips out last week. Putting a fuel break along Hwy 44 from the Goat Fire to the intersection of Hwy 36, approximately 96 acres, 2.3 miles long and 250-300 feet on both sides of the road. Continuing with the biomass chipping north of Hwy 44 towards Lake Forest. Stoy Logging completed 497 acres last year and will continue where he left off.

**Beaty** – No report.

**Lassen County** – No report.

**Honey Lake Valley RCD** – No report.

**SIR** – No report.

**Honey Lake Power** - Steve Kozlowski reported the plant running well, bringing in more fuel then they are consuming which is rare this time of year.

**VI. Other** –

**VII. Next Meeting** - The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 06, 2020 at Susan River Fire Protection District office.

**VIII. Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.