

LASSEN FIRE SAFE COUNCIL, INC.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

May 17, 2023 5:30PM

The Lassen Fire Safe Council, Inc. (LFSC) convened in regular session at 5:40pm on May 17, 2023 at the Susan River Fire Protection Office located at 705-145 Hwy 395 in Johnstonville. Officers present were Chair Ruth Morentz, Board Member Kam Vento, Secretary/Treasurer Sue Cenotti, Managing Director Cade Mohler and Projects Coordinator Kyle Herron.

I. Opening and Welcome – Chair Ruth Morentz called the meeting to order at 5:40pm
Sign in – A sign in sheet was passed around for voluntary sign in

II. Managing Director Report
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.

III. Closed Out Grants – See spreadsheet overview

IV. New Planned/Awarded Projects – see spreadsheet overview

V. Agency Updates

BLM – Alton Pickup reported that Forest Lake project is out for solicitation for contracting, staff up at Devils Garden, 2 crews – 2 at Antelope Camp and 2 at Devils Garden. Dozer & helicopter training is being done. They may try and burn at Bald Mountain if the weather stays wet.

CalFire – Adam Mattos reported that as of June 29th, they should be fully staffed. They are required by the State to burn 2500 black acres and will be burning soon. Clear Creek mastication is underway and adding a burn component. Burn permits may be obtained online for general burning & Ag burning. They are working out the kinks in the program. CFMA agreement being rewritten currently for how we protect each other's lands.

SNC – Not present

NE CA Fire Prevention – Not present

USFS – Stephaney Cox, Partnership Coordinator reported that Smokey Bear has been requested for several events recently and can be reserved for your event. Stephaney reported that she learned that his name is actually Smokey Bear rather than Smokey the Bear.

Susan River FPD – Not present

OES Lassen County – Not present

SPI – Not present.

Honey Lake Power – Not present

Beaty – Not present

Lassen County – Tom Neeley reported that the free trees had been planted.

Honey Lake Valley RCD – Catherine Wooster reported that they are treating 244 acres on Doyle Grade. They have reforested 140 acres in Janesville and will do herbicide.

SIR – Not present

Red Cross – Not present

Firewise Communities – Jacquie Cordova reported that Westwood had their Wildfire Community Preparedness Day Event and it went well. They have scheduled a Clean Up Westwood Day on June 3rd and will have large bins for disposal.

VI. Other – Ruth Morentz reminded everyone of the upcoming board elections and application period.
The location for the June meeting will be Bieber, CA.

Guest Speaker Katelyn Bosse' gave a presentation on Insurance ISO ratings, Protection Class, California Fair Plan, explained that CalFire maps are not used for insurance ratings/their actual process, non renewals and why, Dept. of Insurance regulations; Q&A at the end.

VII. Public Comment/Questions

VIII. Next meeting – June 14, 2023

IX. Adjournment of Meeting – The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm

I, Sue Cenotti, Secretary/Treasurer of the Board of Directors, Lassen Fire Safe Council, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full true and correct copy of the minutes.

SPI - James Hynes-Petty emailed his report as he was not able to attend.

Loggers are starting to ramp up in the basin and a few sales have been completed. Mastication efforts along Pole Springs road and a section of Highway 44 are taking place.

Reforestation has been completed in the Claremont fire down in Quincy excepting Monitor Flat. Crews planted open ground in the basin just last week, about 3,000 acres. Next year, the bulk of our reforestation efforts will be in the basin.