LASSEN FIRE SAFE COUNCIL, INC.
General Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2026

WESTWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER

The Lassen Fire Safe Council, Inc (LFSC) convened in regular session at approximately 5:40 PM on October 21, 2026, at the Westwood Community Center, Westwood, CA located on the corner of 3rd St. & Birch St. LFSC members present include Board Chair, Laurence Crabtree; Board Members: Deb Bumpus, Ruth Morentz, Danny Cluck, and Managing Director Cade Mohler.

I. Opening and Welcome – Laurence Crabtree called the meeting to order at 5:40 PM.

II. Sign In – A sign in sheet was distributed for voluntary sign in.

III. Managing Director Report - Because we had two guest speakers the Director's Report was abbreviated as a Handout and an overview of the Dyer WUI Fuels Phase II and a discussion of the Lassen Countywide Defensible Space program in Westwood. The Dyer WUI Fuels Treatment Project update included a poster sized project map and project highlights including 6,800 acres of treatment to date, updates on operations commencing on PG&E lands in October 2026, priority treatment areas, and the intent to apply for a SNC Wildfire and Forest Resiliency grant that focusses on the untreated areas around Clear Creek and expands fuels reduction treatment to the east of Westwood. The Defensible Space Project update included discussion on accomplishments to date and an update that the project will be available in 2027. Audience had the opportunity to ask questions and make comments, where a few concerns were identified and addressed. The community overwhelmingly supported the defensible space work being done.

IV. Guest Speaker, Katie Quinn, Plumas County Fire Safe Council Forestry Program. Her presentation focused on the East Shore Shaded Fuel Break – Phase I project and included a poster size project map. Her presentation was supported by CalFire LMU's Joe Walton spoke on the strategic location of the East shore project to Lassen Communities as well as a PG&E forest lands manager Khris Rhulon. This project will treat 685 acres along Lake Almanor's eastern shore. It is being designed to protect communities in the Almanor Basin and adjacent Lassen National Forest lands, safeguard key utility and transportation infrastructure, and improve evacuation routes and emergency access. The primary treatment will be mastication and may be started this year. Funding for this project is provided by CalFire's Wildfire Prevention Grants Program as part of the California Climate Investments Program.

V. Guest Speaker, Glen Schall, LMU Unit Forester. Chief Schall presented the general CalFire Update as well as a discussion of their efforts in the Westwood surrounding area to introduce fire into forest ecosystems with the intention that their work, combined with LFSC and PCFSC's two projects would provide a zone of protection for the Westwood area. He stressed their efforts in minimize smoke in communities and to minimize damage to residual trees.

VI. Agency Updates -

NRCS – No Report
SIR – No Report
US Wildland Fire Services (formerly BLM) - No Report
SNC - No Report
USFS – LNF - No Report

USFS – PNF - No Report

Lassen County OES - No Report

SPI – Area Forester Steve DeBonis made brief comments regarding their support for fuel treatment projects as he noted “connecting the dots” (fuel treatment projects).

Honey Lake Power – No Report

Lassen County - No Report

Honey Lake Valley RCD - No Report

Red Cross – Brief report from Deb Bumpus. Noted availability of free smoke alarms and that Red Cross could install as well as provide these alarms.

Golden State Natural Resources – Laurence Crabtree, forestry consultant for Golden State Natural Resources gave a brief update on their activities. Notably that they intend to award a contract to move several thousand tons of logs and slash from the Dixie Fire currently piled on the west side of Lake Almanor on the Lassen National Forest.

Firewise Community Leaders – Jacquie Cordova introduced her Westwood Team and made encouraging and supportive comments about the LFSC defensible space contractor. Ruth Morentz reminded everyone that they needed to document and report their volunteer hours by mid-November to ensure Firewise communities can renew their certifications.

VII. Public Comment/Questions

Specific accolades for CalFire firefighters in saving the community of Westwood during the Dixie Fire.

VIII. Next Meeting – Location / Time

The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2026, at Susan River Fire Hall.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:25 PM.