

**LASSEN FIRE SAFE COUNCIL, INC.**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 15, 2025, 5:30PM**

The Lassen Fire Safe Council, Inc. (LFSC) convened in regular session at 5:35 PM on October 15, 2025, at the Susan River Fire Hall, Johnstonville, California. LFSC members present were Chairperson, Ruth Morentz; Vice Chairperson, Laurence Crabtree; Board Members, Kam Vento/Chevi Amrein/Deb Bumpus; Managing Director Cade Mohler; Project Manager Kyle Herron; Wildfire Resiliency Coordinator, Tonya Smith and Project Support Specialist, Chastity Arnett.

**Opening and Welcome** – Ruth Morentz called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM. Introductions of the board members and our featured guest speaker were announced.

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

**I. Managing Director Report given by Cade Mohler**

**Active Projects**

**A. Cade Mohler** provided the LFSC Projects Overview to the attendees. The spreadsheet documents the active projects, and the planned and proposed projects status updated October 15, 2025. Cade highlighted the Bootsle Project, wherein the project is nearing full completion after 3 years of work and is proudly marked with a project sign up on Janesville Grade.

**II. New Planned/Awarded Projects/Closed Projects – Spreadsheet Attached.** Cade indicated there are currently six grant applications pending final review with the Cal Fire Analyst teams.

**III. Agency Updates**

**NRCS- Not Present.**

**SIR – Scott Dixon** gave personnel updates including the hiring of a Tribal Historian Prevention Officer. No current projects to report. There are now accessible locks installed in access areas on the upper reservation.

**BLM – Not Present**

**CalFire – Adam Mattos, Deputy Chief Lassen/Modoc** stated effective Monday, October 13, 2025, Burn Permits are Required. Adam stated the agency is currently in the process of grant application review. Cal Fire is working on fuel reduction projects around the Bootsle starting next week. Currently Cal Fire is working in collaboration with Collins Pine on a project West of Westwood (21 acres completed under story burn). The project will continue next week, contingent on weather with the goal of treating 160 acres total. Adam stated they are proud to be partnering with Collins Pine, Sierra Pacific industries and W. M. Beatty as they continue to build trusting relationships. Cal Fire tries to get adequate press releases out to the community prior to scheduled burn projects. The weather is always a determining factor for scheduling.

**SNC – Not Present**

**USFS – LNF Bobette Jones, Eagle Lake District Ranger** updated on current staffing levels based on the government shutdown. The active forest management is poised to keep working for disciplines associated with timber fuels management, reforestation and recreation. The LNF current projects include pile burning on the Almanor District and Eagle Lake. Other projects in the works include; Headwaters, Post Dixie Fire Recovery Efforts, active timber sales through October and November 2025. Recreation remains open until the snow falls. The docks at Eagle Lake are scheduled to remain until December 1, 2025, as permitted by weather.

**OES Lassen County – Not Present**

**SPI – Not Present**

**Honey Lake Power – Not Present.**

**Lassen County – Not Present**

**Honey Lake Valley RCD – Catherine Wooster, Post Fire Recovery Coordinator** updated they are working with non-industrial private landowners. Current projects include 70 acres around Doyle, seed collection and grant applications for 2026 projects. Catherine stated there is still a need for seed collection and they would like to collaborate with private landowners who have an abundant amount to collect on their property.

**American Red Cross – Not Present**

**Firewise Communities –Ruth Morentz** of Day Lassen Bench Firewise stated the deadline to turn in the Firewise community hours report is November 21, 2025. LFSC has been working diligently and loudly via social media to get information to the Firewise communities. Many volunteers have been identified, including Spalding, Doyle, Clear Creek, Day Lassen. Ruth acknowledged the hard work and dedication of the volunteers in these communities. LFSC is a resource for the Firewise volunteers.

**Golden State Natural Resources – Laurence Crabtree, GSNR Consultant** gave project updates. Laurence stated the organization has funding and is looking in all California counties for projects to move existing log decks and fuels from our forests to processing plants.

**Guest Speakers: Nate Daly, Planning Manager, Deer Creek Resources** gave a presentation on Lassen County Wide Hazardous Fuels Assessment Updates. **Eric McPherson, Geospatial Analyst** shared a power point presentation on community assets within the WUI and how they are designated. There were technical difficulties with poor internet connection. Sample mappings were on display.

**V. Other – None Noted**

**VI. Public Comment/Questions – None noted.**

**VII. Next meeting – November 19, 2025.**

**VII. Adjournment of Meeting – The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM**

*Chevi 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.