The Lassen County Fire Safe Council (LCFSC) convened in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on July 01, 2019 at the Susan River Fire Protection Office located at 705-145 Hwy 395 in Johnstonville. Officers present were Chair Lloyd Keefer, Vice Chair Bob Andrews, 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 – None

III. Managing Director’s Report – Tom reported on the following:

   Active Projects
   Diamond Mountain SNC Treatment – This is our private land project on Beaty ground. We are getting ready to start with biomass and mastication operations. Should be completed by 12-31-19.
   CCI/FH Diamond Mountain – Full report at the last meeting. Two hand crews have started and a marking crew for a timber sale.
   CCI/FP –
     South Eagle Lake – Lots of mastication going on SPI ground; Holt still chipping. Need to get additional paperwork done with CALFIRE to do handwork north of Lake Forest. Adam with CALFIRE would like the area ribboned off. D. Hansen to ribbon off boundaries for CALFIRE and will be the contact person. Light mastication going on around Lake Forest.
     Big Valley Mountain – Evans, Taylor, White and Peterson working on SPI & Widow Valley. McGarr with two masticators, a Peterson biomass operation is also working in the DLB the community, High Sierra doing hand work in DLB and CALFIRE Intermountain Camp doing hand work expanding a fuel break in DLB and Lookout. Completed emergent brush treatment for last year’s work on PG&E funded ground, about 220 acres. Just completed 1500 acres of emergent brush treatment on Beaty ground up by Lookout on either side of the railroad tracks.
     Clear Creek – Waiting for contractor to sign the contract. SPI & CAL FIRE need to get a pre harvest inspection road work done before we can start the fuel break along Indian Ole Road.
   SNC Diamond Mountain USFS – Two hand crews and a marking crew have started.
   Piute WWUI – Most of the money will be going toward treatments in the Piute/South Eagle Lake project area.
   Milford Title III – Tim Keesey will be working on it, finishing up an evacuation plan.
   BLM South Ash Valley – Nothing to report.

Title III Report
   CWPP – Had our CWPP meeting in April, still in the process of following up, need Plumas & Modoc reporting. Hopeful to finalize this summer.
   Firewise Communities – N. Moroney working with communities on their green waste days and community events. We have ten Firewise communities and we help them get recertified again this year.

Cal Fire GHG
   South Eagle Lake – Evans to do mastication down by the Marina on Beaty ground.
   Black Mountain/PRCD – Still working on Beaty side, getting ready to move back to the USFS ground in Modoc.

2016 Little Valley/PFW – Completed, just waiting on a closeout report from T. Esgate.
   DLB Shasta Title III – Had a great scoping meeting last month, about 70 people attended. Lots of input for the CWPP. Shasta County supplied the funds for the event.
   Thompson Peak Initiative – To develop an initiative similar to the DM where we have a broad coalition of partners pushing to get work done. The area will include Janesville to Milford and up the slope into the Plumas. The primary goal is to get planning done so we can get grant applications completed. Let Susan River know when the meeting will take place.

Applications/New Potential Projects
   SNC
Upper Rush Creek – Still doing a collaborative planning project with the Modoc Fire Safe Council.

PG&E Clear Creek – Applied for grant funds, expect to hear any day now if we will receive.

IV. Agency Updates –
BLM – Per William Johnson received notification today, trying to implement and are investigating major fuel break work across the western United States, should have an impact of the land east of 395 past the state line. Looking to implement up to a 600 ft wide or wider fuel treatment along Class 1 through 5 roads. They will be removing sage, low scrub and all sorts of things, light flashy fuels doing chemical treatments to maintain. They are having a public meeting at 5pm on July 10 for a common smog proposal at the Eagle Lake Field office.

Cal Fire – Per Adam Mattos they went into their peak fire season today. Hired the last 32 firefighters and they will be attending a week long training.

SNC – No report

NE CA Fire Prevention – No report.

USFS – Emily Young reported, per Matt Dutra, the District Ranger, the Cradle Valley timber sale will begin hauling in mid-July thru the Janesville Grade out to 395 and Antelope Lake Road to Taylorsville. All lookouts staffed for fire season. They will have a swing engine in Doyle to cover the 395 corridor. Chris Carlton the new Plumas forest supervisor from Nevada will be arriving in early August.

NRCS - No report.

Susan River FPD – Per Hugh Parker they had a house fire in town. They had so much stuff everywhere, they had to use a backhoe to pull the garbage out. H. Parker would like the Fire Safe Council to put a rental agreement together for the office space on Richmond Road. Getting ready for fire season.

Janesville FPD – No report.

OES – No report.

SPI – Per Mike Aronson starting to maintain and implement fuel breaks on company grounds, working with USFS, BLM and CALFIRE. Mark Pustejovsky reported that Steve DeBonis’ daughter was in a serious accident. Since the reorganization a few years ago he has been able to see the interactions with different groups, Fire Safe Councils and RCD’s. Says that LCFSC has made the mold for everyone else to follow. W. Palmer gave him some information regarding the South Eagle Lake project to forward. About 760 acres of mastication has been completed, Holt has completed 730 acres of biomass, another 300 acres has been cut not chipped. They had a small operations fire last week on one of their operations not on the LCFSC operation, just a reminder it is fire season. Work continuing down on South Eagle Lake and should be starting around Lake Forest. Chipping contractor wrapping up the cutting for the summer. T. Esgate wants SPI to help line up a pest management treatment contractor to do emergent brush next year.

Honey Lake Power – No report.

Beaty – No report.

Lassen County – No report.

Honey Lake Valley RCD – Per William Johnson they’ve completed the transition to the new District Manager Kayla Meyer’s. As soon as funding comes in, they will be starting the Invasives Program through the grant.

SIR – William Johnson reported they have a very functional 4-person conservation crew. They are working on fuel’s treatments and have outperformed and is very impressed with their work. Susanville Ranch Park will have a fuel line across the whole north side of Susanville.

VI. Other – Per Don Hansen there have been lots of lightning strikes in the Day Lassen Bench area, just another reminder that it is fire season.

VII. Next Meeting - The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 05, 2019 at Susan River Fire Protection District office.

VIII. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.