

**LASSEN FIRE SAFE COUNCIL, INC.**

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**February 19, 2025, 5:40PM**

The Lassen Fire Safe Council, Inc. (LFSC) convened in regular session at 5:40 pm on February 19, 2025, at the Susan River Fire Hall, Johnstonville, California. LFSC members present were Board Vice Chair Laurence Crabtree; Managing Director Cade Mohler; Projects Coordinator Kyle Herron and Board Members, Kam Vento and Chevi Amrein.

- I. **Opening and Welcome** – Laurence Crabtree called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm  
Sign in – A sign in sheet was available for voluntary sign in.
- II. **Managing Director Report given by Cade Mohler**  
**Active Projects**  
**A. Cade Mohler** provided the LFSC Projects Overview to the attendees (please see attachments with the minutes). The overview included a spreadsheet and LFSC, Inc Project Implementation and Accomplishments for 2024. Active Project Overview and Mapping were also included for reference. Cade concluded 2024 was a remarkably successful and record-breaking year, highlighting over 15 thousand total acres treated (at an approximate cost of \$670 per acre) and 425 total landowners received treatments in Lassen County.
- III. **Closed Out Grants** – Refer to spreadsheet for detailed overview.
- IV. **New Planned/Awarded Projects** – Refer to spreadsheet for detailed overview. Cade noted there are a few projects on hold pending federal funding. However, moving forward, 2025 is focused on 360 degrees of post fire recovery projects surrounding Susanville and more.
- V. **Agency Updates**  
**NRCS- Garth McCabe** updated the attendees on the impact on staffing based on current administration and legislative actions. The previous contracts agreed upon, as a result of the “inflation Reduction Act” are on hold pending future direction. There are currently private landowner sign-ups for the Joint Chiefs Program and explained the eligibility and application criteria.  
**SIR – Scott Dixon** stated his crew members will be re-instated in Spring. They currently have a crew of four firefighters on the books. Scott said they are looking forward to joint ventures with the Lassen National Forest personnel for training opportunities and to gain experience for their fire crew.  
**BLM** – Not Present  
**CalFire – Adam Mattos** introduced his team members: **Robbie Whitchurch; Nick Garcia; Glen Schall; Joe Walton and Erik Hanson**. Adam stated they are incredibly happy with the collaboration with LFSC on the previously awarded grant progress. CalFire has recently hired 40 additional firefighters and will reach full peak staffing levels by March 17, 2025. With their current, approved funding, CalFire will have the capacity to staff 8 full-time engines in the North State. **Glenn Schall** gave current project updates including the completed pile burning along HWY 36, Old Mill Fire Mitigation Project, 2025 plans for Westwood and Clear Creek and the Butterfly Valley under burn progress.  
**SNC** – Not present  
**USFS – Mike Rahe** of the Plumas updated the attendees on the current staffing levels and gave updates on the prescribed burning projects North of Frenchman Lake. **Bobette Jones** of the Eagle Lake Fire District gave updates of the prescribed burning projects occurring on the Lassen and active timber sales.  
**OES Lassen County** – Not present  
**SPI – Steve DeBonis** of SPI Almanor District stated SPI is serious about fuels reduction. He gave updates regarding fuel break projects West of Bogard and stated he is working with LFSC on the North WUI fuels treatment projects.  
**Honey Lake Power** – Cade Mohler read a prepared update by Mark Shaffer regarding the power plant status. The plant is up and running well, with some reported fuel shortages. LFSC will begin to supply more fuels beginning in March 2025.  
**Lassen County** – Not Present  
**Honey Lake Valley RCD – Odessa Amaryllis** introduced herself and stated she is new to the agency. Working on project planning for 2025.  
**American Red Cross** – Not Present  
**Firewise Communities – Jacquie Cordova** of Westwood gave thanks to the board for the progress around Westwood in 2024.  
**Golden State Natural Resources – Laurence Crabtree** updated the attendees about the proposed wood pellet projects to build a biomass wood pellet plant in Bieber, Jamestown, and a shipping port in Stockton California. He stated the draft EIR has been released and received several thousand comments. Laurence reiterated the overview and mission of GSNR.
- VI. **Other – Nolen Colgrove**, Acting Supervisor, Lassen National Forest gave a brief overview of current staffing and anticipated projects for 2025.
- VII. **Public Comment/Questions** – None noted.
- VIII. **Next meeting** – March 19, 2025
- IX. **Adjournment of Meeting** – The meeting adjourned at 6:55 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 full true, and correct copy of the minutes.