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# Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - 10:00 am.  
50 Church Street, Quincy

## Board of Directors

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Chair</b> , John Reynolds Firewise (23)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Vice Chair</b> , Sally McGowan Firewise (23)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Secretary/Treasurer</b> Mike Flanigan, Insurance (23)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Heinbockel Plumas Fire Chiefs (23)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joe Smailes Firewise (23)
<input type="checkbox"/> Don Gasser RPF (24)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trina Cunningham Maidu Summit Consort. (24)	<input type="checkbox"/> Jake Blaufuss AFRC (26)	<input type="checkbox"/> Ryan Tompkins UCCE (23)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathy Kogge Firewise (23)	<input type="checkbox"/> Michael Hall Feather River RCD (23)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lori Pini Office of Emergency Services (26)	<input type="checkbox"/> Julie Hunter NSAQMD (24)	<input type="checkbox"/> Ryan Bauer USFS PNF (24)

**Mission Statement:** “To reduce the loss of natural resources and human values caused by wildfire through Firewise community programs and pre-fire activities.”

### 5-Year Strategic Plan –

Program Strategy: Expand existing programs and establish additional projects:

1. Leverage and expand partnerships
2. Sustainably increase staffing
3. Establish robust monitoring systems & metrics
4. Increase public engagement
5. Develop County-wide community fuels and threat mapping assessment

Funding Strategy: Target sustainable annual budget increase of 20%:

1. Continue to produce competitive grant proposals that are based on funder’s objectives.
2. Pursue approaches for non-competitive funding which reduce administration while increasing long term benefits.
3. Leverage charitable donations to increase public outreach, education, and participation.
4. Continue to pursue potential revenue-generating activities utilizing woody material.

Leadership Strategy: Ensure strong and functional systems are in place to facilitate ongoing organizational capacity:

1. Maintain a Board of Directors with strategically recruited membership.
2. Continue partnership with Plumas Corporation as fiscal agent.

## 10:00am Membership Meeting

1. Welcome & Introductions – John Reynolds
2. Review Agenda – Reynolds
3. Approve February Meeting Minutes  
**Motion: Kathy Kogge, Second: Mike Flanigan**  
**Approved: All yes, none opposed**
4. Presentation of Certificate of Recognition to: None
5. Public Comment:

Jeff Greef spoke on behalf of Plumas Wood Fiber. There are efforts though the state to create biomass aggregation facilities – reach out to Mr. Greef for more information on this development.

6. Board Comment: None

**New Business** – Discuss CWPP update (last revised July 2019) – Rachel Wehrman

PCFSC is initiating the facilitation of the CWPP update. The Hazardous Fuels Assessment conducted by Deer Creek Resources will be a valuable addition to this update.

**Old Business** – None

### Updates

- Public Lands Projects – Not present.
- Private Lands Projects – Katie Quinn & Rachel Wehrman:
  - Plumas Disadvantaged communities
    - 886 acres
  - Eastern Plumas Project
    - 5,000 acres total
    - Actively working landowner agreements for the commercial components of these projects
    - Implementing on C Road in May
  - EForT
    - Herbicide has been sprayed on projects and will continue to be monitored
  - Mohawk
    - PCFSC will be finding a new operator to complete the work
    - About 85% is complete
    - Not operating currently because of weather
    - PCFSC has replaced the forester who was previously on the project
  - Almanor Peninsula
    - Two parcels need archeological surveys
    - Getting in touch with Collins pine and Mason Bruce to come up with an agreement – we need to understand their THP since their projects run adjacent to ours
- County Coordination – Liam Galleher:
  - The first Feather River Stewardship Coalition meeting will take place on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm – 50 Church St, Quincy CA.
  - Fire Safe Home Visit program up and running – if you're community is interested in a FSHV, contact Liam.
  - Scheduling multiple community-wide defensible space / home hardening presentations and community tours.
- Senior Disabled Defensible Space – Not present.
- Plumas Underburn Cooperative – Logan Krahenbuhl:
  - TREX – April 29<sup>th</sup> – May 4<sup>th</sup>

- Since the burn ban has lifted, PUC has been helping facilitate the use of fire on private lands. If you're interested in volunteering on a PUC burn, reach out to Logan.
- Firewood Processing Facility – Darrel Webster
  - The proposed 2.4 acre site for the facility ended up nonviable for storage capacity.
  - The CEO of Air Curtain Burner came to Plumas County to present on implementation options.
  - CAL FIRE workforce development grant has been submitted – 1.7 million ask.
  - We are currently looking at \$492,000 costs with an income of \$497,000.
  - Site development and review is currently being written up
  - On March 26<sup>th</sup>, the CEO of Airburner will be coming to Plumas County, and giving a run down of how their products will operate on PCFSC's landscape.
- Outreach Coordination – Amber Hughes
  - Wildfire Preparedness month is this May – Wildfire Preparedness Fair is May 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - Recipients of round-up at the register at the Feather River Food Co-Op's Portola location.
  - Firewise communities are starting to utilize the PCFSC tool trailer more, and Ms. Hughes is hoping to maintain that momentum.
- Chipping – Gary Parque
  - The program is officially active for the season, and is fully funded for the next two years
  - There was technical difficulty with enrolling in the program, but it has been fixed

## 2. Standing Reports and Discussion

- CAL FIRE: Alan Thornhill and Dustin Osborne provided an update.
  - In the middle of hiring new positions and training employees
    - Hired 4/6 positions
  - Concentrating on inspecting the communities that have never been inspected
  - DSI will begin in May or June
- Feather River College: Not present.
- Feather River Resource Conservation District (RCD): Not present.
- Feather River Stewardship Coalition: Liam Galleher provided an update.
  - Initial meeting – May 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm – 50 Church St, Quincy CA.
- Firewise Communities: No update.
- Industry – Timber: Not present.
- Industry – Insurance: Mike Flanigan provided an update.
  - The commissioner is holding a workshop to enact legislation to encourage insurance companies to write more business in rural areas, while allowing them to use “catastrophic models” when curating their rates.
- Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS): Not present
- Northern Sierra AQMD: Mikki Brown provided an update.
  - Ms. Brown shared graphics depicting the curtailment season thus far.
- Plumas Corp: No update.
- Plumas County Office of Emergency Services (OES): No update.
- Plumas County Planning Department: No update.

- Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship: Not present.
- Sierra Nevada Conservancy: Trinity Sterling provided an update.
  - Released a 20-year impact report (in celebration of the 20-year anniversary).
- Tree Mortality Update: No update.
- Plumas department of agriculture: Not present.
- Tribal Representatives: Trina Cunningham provided an update.
  - Spoke for the United Nations, speaking on the inequities for standard services in rural communities.
  - Tribal participation in projects has grown. Ms. Cunningham is grateful for their contribution to protect natural resources.
  - Actively contributing to the statewide conversation on water with the Water Solutions Network.
- University of California, Cooperative Extension: Not present.
- USFS Hazardous Fuels Reduction: Not present.
- Terra Fuego – Not present.
- Plumas County Fire Chiefs Association – Ron Heinbockel provided an update.
  - Frank Carey will be the new representative for the 17 fire districts.
- Sierra Institute – Zach Browning provided an update.
  - The EA for the North Fork project should be complete later in May.
  - Taylorsville Community Defense Zone – RFP’s coming out sometime in May.
- State Parks
  - There is a 48-acre project that will be implemented this Summer in Plumas Eureka.
    - Pile burning, ladder fuels reduction, standard HFR
  - There is an open comment period on the project.
  - Planning a programmatic prescribed fire project for Plumas Eureka – they hope to have a 20 year plan soon.
- Mule Deer Foundation: Not present.

### 3. Other Updates & Upcoming Events –

Wildfire Preparedness Fair, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 10 am – 2 pm (Plumas County Fairgrounds Quincy CA)

Adjourn - Next meeting May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024