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Member Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 09th, 2026
505 Lawrence Street, Quincy

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83771016244>

Board of Directors

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair Sally McGowan Firewise (27)	<input type="checkbox"/> Vice Chair Jake Blaufuss AFRC (27)	<input type="checkbox"/> Secretary Mikki Battaglia NSAQMD (26)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Treasurer Mike Flanigan <i>Finance Committee</i> Insurance (27)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathy Kogge Retired Publishing Industry, Firewise (27) O
<input type="checkbox"/> Johnny Mansell <i>Finance Committee</i> Realtor (27)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lori Pini Office of Emergency Services (27) O	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Reynolds <i>Finance Committee</i> Firewise (27)	<input type="checkbox"/> Marty Senter PNF Fire Mgmt. Officer (27)	<input type="checkbox"/> Ryan Bauer Retired PNF Fuels Manager (26)
<input type="checkbox"/> Trina Cunningham (26)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don Gasser <i>Finance Committee</i> RPF (26)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Hall Feather River RCD (26) O	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Heinbockel Retired Wildfire Battalion Chief (26)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terri Simon Jackson Retired District Ranger (26)

Mission Statement:

To reduce the loss of natural resources and human values caused by wildfire through Firewise community programs and pre-fire activities.

Five-Year Strategic Plan (2022-2027)

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 10:25 am

1. Welcome & Introductions – McGowan
2. Review Agenda – McGowan
3. Approve Membership Minutes (03/12) **John Reynolds moved to approve, Terri Simon Jackson 2nd, None Opposed**
4. Certificate of Recognition - None

5. Public Comment - Jeff Greef informed folks that the Argentine Lookout Project has been funded. Josh Hart from Feather River Action discussed alternative wildfire management approaches and let folks know that Chad Hanson will be visiting Quincy on the evening of 04/23/2026 at the Quincy Library.
6. Board Comment - None

New Business

1. New Website - Matt West *talked about the new website. A lengthy discussion ensued on the importance of project tracking and sharing through shapefiles and online maps. CalFire (Ben Rogers) mentioned that the state has a database for just this and shared that it exists through the Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force website (<https://interagencytrackingsystem.org/>).*

Old Business

1. Hazardous Fuel Assessment update- Matt West: *The discussion concluded with consideration of a proactive approach to treating large land areas rather than focusing on small, piecemeal projects, though concerns were raised about landowner buy-in and the effectiveness of non-contiguous fuel breaks. John would like to have a discussion with the board and experts regarding prioritization of projects.*

Updates

1. Status of PCFSC Programs
 - Logan Krahenbuhl – Plumas Underburn Cooperative : *Logan reported on recent burning activities with the land trust, noting dry conditions and successful collaboration on burn plans*
2. Standing Reports and Discussion:
 - CAL FIRE: *LMU Fully Staffed, permits are expected to be required again starting May 1st.*
 - Feather River Resource Conservation District (FR RCD): *No Report*
 - Firewise Communities : *Updates from various Firewise communities and ongoing projects. Paul let everyone know that Plumas County will be releasing a wildfire safety survey soon, and to keep on the lookout for that.*
 - Industry-Timber: *No Report*
 - Industry-Insurance: *Mendocino County pulled all fire districts into one to save rates on insurance. Mike Flanigan plans to have a meeting with Dale to discuss the feasibility of doing the same for VFDs around Plumas County*
 - Northern Sierra AQMD: *Logan Created a Permit fact sheet working with both NSAQMD and CAL FIRE.*
 - NRCS: *Tomorrow is the deadline for EQIP.*
 - PG&E: *No Report*
 - Plumas Corp: *Scott Reported out on Plumas Corps ongoing projects.*
 - Plumas County Office of Emergency Services (OES): *No Report*
 - Plumas Wood Fiber: *Performing Research and applying for grants*
 - Sierra Institute: *No Report*
 - Sierra Nevada Conservancy : *Kristy from SNC presented information on upcoming grant opportunities, noting that funds cannot be used in the 100-foot defensible space around homes required by law*
 - Terra Fuego: *No Report*
 - Tribal Representatives: *No Report*
 - UC Cooperative Extension: *No Report*
 - USFS: *No Report*

- Other Organizations: *Volunteers needed to help organize and pursue grants for the Argentine lookout project, focusing on organizational development and grant writing*

3. Updates & Upcoming Events

1. Wildfire Preparedness Month Activities - May: *Sally asked board members to support the Wildfire Preparedness Month as she will be out the month of May.*

Adjourn - Next meeting – May 14th, 2026

12:04 *Mike F. moved to approve, John R. seconded, None Opposed*