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Member Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 10th, 2026

50 Church Street, Quincy

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Board of Directors

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

9:00am Membership Meeting

1. Welcome & Introductions – McGowan
2. Review Agenda – McGowan
3. Approve Membership Minutes (07/09) ***Action Item*** - McGowan - *edit/correct "Bradfield" under Katie Quinn update. Motion to approve Kathy Kogge, second by Jake Blaufuss, all in favor, none opposed*
4. Certificate of Recognition - Barbara MacArthur - *will move for next month*

5. Public Comment - *Josh Hart of Feather River Action provided public comment via Zoom. Jeff Greef also provided a comment. Marty Walters of VOAD provided public comment via Zoom.*
6. Board Comment - *none*

New Business

1. History and Future of Timber Harvesting around Quincy - Don Gasser - *slideshow and videos presented in regard to historical and current forest management practices.*

Old Business

1. None

Updates

1. Status of PCFSC Programs
 - Katie Quinn – Private Lands HFR- *East Shore shaded fuel break project, 685-acres of mastication, joint community meeting Wed Oct 21st in Westwood to discuss the project. Eastern Plumas project phase 2 ~1,000-acres total, ~200-acres completed so far. South Portola area project 499-acres set to begin this Fall. 12.8-acres of the project is PHS property and will have an educational component introduced to the high schoolers.*
 - Darrell Webster – Chipping Program- *completed for 2026. Low numbers this year may be related to asking for a cost-share. BDO Rating Report was published. CA Fire Foundation grant awarded \$16,000 for Chipping in 2027. 710 cubic yards YTD have been chipped under this program.*
 - Amber Hughes – County Coordinator- *youth forest and fire, conceptualizing how to work with PUSD to educate children. Firewise seventh inning stretch to complete data collection for certifications in 2026.*
 - Dale Ready – Community Risk Reduction Coordinator- *Sound the Alarm program is moving along. CAD working group collaborating to develop a program that opens up dispatch to expand beyond radio. Upcoming classes in October are available on the PCFSC website*
 - Johnnie Bruce – Plumas Underburn Cooperative- *September 17th at Sierra Institute is the next PUC meeting, they (SI) are now an organizational PUC member. Johnnie completed 14 site visits since the last meeting as well as various outreach events with Congressmen, Quincy Rotary, and Firewise. Johnnie is also a member of Butte Trex IMT.*
 - Matthew West – PCFSC Updates - *RAC Committee accepting applications.*

2. Standing Reports and Discussion:

- Watershed Research and Training Center- *Ryan Baur- Plumas Cal-TREX planning, burn plan writing, and ready to support PUC. Several projects around the county are being planned for this fall.*
- USFS- *Marty Senter- Still critical fire weather, USFS staffing accordingly. 50 fires YTD in PNF responsibility area, last year was around 120 fires. Fire Prevention and Forest Health grants are the typical grant funding streams. Comments about the structure fire that burned into the forest in Quincy recently.*
- UC Cooperative Extension- *Kane Russell- presented with Valley Ranch and Graeagle Firewise in July. Kane provided a quick presentation with the Firewise Lead group led by Amber Hughes earlier this week.*
- Tribal Representatives- *none*
- Terra Fuego- *none*
- Sierra Nevada Conservancy- *none*
- Sierra Institute- *none*

- Plumas Wood Fiber- *Update from Jeff Grief, unsuccessful attempt at grant funding. Seeking private investments. Considering whether Quincy is the best location for production.*
- Plumas County Office of Emergency Services (OES)- *none*
- Plumas Corp- *none*
- PG&E- *none*
- NRCS- *none*
- Northern Sierra AQMD- *Rule 231 is in effect, any questions, comments, or concerns can be heard by Julie Hunter APCO for the District.*
- Industry-Timber- *projects along highway 70, in eastern plumas*
- Industry- Insurance - *none*
- Firewise Communities- *newsletters go out monthly and can feature any recent or upcoming events or meetings or community successes. Reach out to Amber for a feature in the PCFSC newsletter.*
- Feather River Resource Conservation District (FR RCD)- *In May, 10 students graduated with new bachelor programs and are all currently placed in jobs in their field. There are 12 student employees currently. Students were involved in the NFF 200 acre program above campus.*
- CAL FIRE- *updates provided on permitting and upcoming projects on Sierra Nevada Journeys property.*
- Other Organizations

3. Updates & Upcoming Events

Adjourn - Next meeting – October 8th, 2026 *Ryan Bauer motioned, second by Jake Blaufuss, All in favor, none opposed. Adjourned at 1133*