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Member Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 11th, 2026

50 Church Street, Quincy

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<input checked="" 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)	<input 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 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 (05/14) - **Mike Flanigan moved to approve, John Reynolds seconded, none opposed**
4. Certificate of Recognition - *none*
5. Public Comment - *none*

6. Board Comment - none

New Business

1. BDO Zone, Initial Findings and Draft Report - *Darrell Webster presented the BDO Zone Report. Our county received an "A Grade" Bioeconomic Development Opportunity Zone rating which will be used as an economic development tool for Plumas County.*
 - a. *Clarification was sought for the relationship between Plumas Corp, employees/staff and the MOU in place with the Fire Safe Council. Sally mentioned the history and explanation exists in our board binders.*

Old Business

1. None

Updates

1. Status of PCFSC Programs
 - Katie Quinn – Private Lands HFR Projects- *Matt provided an update. East Quincy grapple pile unit is complete and the commercial project hasn't happened yet due to contractor delays. Eastern Plumas RFP is out, the area being proposed is south of Portola and near the Delleker T. East Shore Almanor project bid tour is occurring this Friday.*
 - Darrell Webster – Chipping Program- *Mountain Craft is this year's contractor again. Chipping will happen next week and will accommodate all clients signed up for the program. September will be a chipping month utilizing existing funding. Sign ups were delayed due to a lack of funding. There are 25 people signed up compared to 100+/- last year.*
 - Amber Hughes – Outreach and Firewise Coordination- *provided by Matt- the Children's Fair was a success. QE training- led by Cal Fire- starts tomorrow and the signups are full. There is a certification awarded for attending.*
 - Dale Ready – Plumas County Fire Chief Association- *Working on a regional FEMA grant, seven departments are working collectively for new structure fire turnouts. BPPFD is the host. There is a 5% match for the potential FEMA grant. Dale is taking on more responsibilities, getting into defensible space and home hardiness assessment work as well.*
 - Johnnie Bruce – Plumas Underburn Cooperative- *getting familiar with processes. Johnnie joined Cal Trex in Santa Rosa recently for a burn. Discusses acquiring equipment in the future. Old Highway Road underburning project discussed which will be the location of next week's PUC meeting.*
 - Matthew West – PCFSC Updates- *several grants are open now. Grant funding was received to fund Johnnie's position for another year.*

2. Standing Reports and Discussion:

- Watershed Research and Training Center - *No Present*
- USFS- *follow up with partners on removing piles left over from projects. Terra Fuego is partnering with USFS, Plumas Corp, and PCFSC in applying for a Forest Health Grant to help remove those. Mt. Hough masticators working out of Quincy.*
- UC Cooperative Extension- *reforestation camp hosted last month out of meadow valley. Successful collaboration. Hoping to host another camp in the Sierras this fall. Kane mentioned firewise plus, references an Action Plan document found on the wildfire and forest resilience task force web page.*
- Tribal Representatives- *Maidu consortium hosted the annual Big time Jamboree. June 19 event in Greenville from 11:00-4:00PM.*

- Terra Fuego- *600-acres burned to date this year. Proposing to burn over 7,000-acres over 4-years in a collaborative Forest Health grant being applied for now.*
- Sierra Nevada Conservancy- *no update*
- Sierra Institute- *no update*
- Plumas Wood Fiber- *Jeff Greef- West Biofuels- Venture Capital Conference in Silicon Valley. Jeff is awaiting to hear back from West BioFuels which in turn is awaiting to hear from PGE on the interconnective study.*
- Plumas County Office of Emergency Services (OES)- *no update*
- Plumas Corp- *no update*
- PG&E- *California Fire Foundation Grant opened up*
- NRCS- *no update*
- Northern Sierra AQMD- *no update*
- Industry-Timber- *no update*
- Industry-Insurance- *Mike F. in 5 years 20% increases across the state.*
- Firewise Communities- *Paul M. updated the leadership meeting hosts are looking for presenters. Comments on smaller programs like gravel in the first 5ft of the home. Darrell comments that PCFSC is looking into funding for this.*
- Feather River Resource Conservation District (FR RCD)- *Michael- Focusing on the Williams project outside of Greenville. There are two active crews, one doing wildlife surveying and the other on the FSC La Porte project. Looking into ACI/biochar unit. The goal is to get rid of large log decks that are too big to burn. Dead trees from the burn released so much carbon already they're not ideal for bio char.*
- CAL FIRE- *Glen Shawl introduced the new forester Wesley Genselman, who will spend a lot of time in Plumas County. Fire season conditions are developing rapidly. The burn ban will likely go into effect in the next few weeks. Debris burns, lightning, roadside starts, and structure fires that spread are some examples of unintentional fire starts.*
- Other Organizations

3. Updates & Upcoming Events-

Adjourn - Next meeting – July 9th, 2026 Trina motioned to adjourn, John R seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Adjourned at 10:50.