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Member Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 09th, 2026

50 Church Street, Quincy

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Board of Directors

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☐ 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 - 9:04
2. Review Agenda – McGowan
3. Approve Membership Minutes (06/11) ***Action Item*** - McGowan - **Motion to approve John R. Seconded Lori P. Motion passes**
4. Certificate of Recognition - *none this month*
5. Public Comment - *none*

6. Board Comment - *see Old Business 1.*

New Business

1. County Coordinator Grant - Amber Hughes- *presented slideshow, county coordinator grant purpose, funding, wildfire education strategies, and website showcasing state and local collaboration. Website shared: <https://cafiresafecouncil.org/wildfire-county-coordinator-program/>*
2. CA Wildfire and Landscape Resilience Action Plan 2026-2031 - Matthew West - *Matt shared the state's Action Plan and the webinar information available to anyone interested, there is one later today 7/9 at 2:00PM and encourages folks to review the document.*
 - a. <https://wildfiretaskforce.org/action-plan/>

Old Business

1. Forest Landowners of CA, Seneca Field Day- *Board members attended a field tour in Seneca organized by Joe Smailes. He owns 600-acres that were severely burned in the Dixie Fire that he is actively working to restore. Issues identified: cheat grass suppressing new tree growth. Potential solutions were discussed.*

Updates

1. Status of PCFSC Programs
 - Katie Quinn – Private Lands HFR Projects- *East Shore Shade Fuel Break project was awarded to Lepage Eastern Plumas Phase 2 project had a bid tour with 20 operators, Sierra Land Management received the reward and the Delleker portion will begin near the end of the month. Daniel Bradford is the project Forester.*
 - Darrell Webster – Chipping Program- *Spring signups were delayed but Fall signups began early and it is expected to be a larger event. Darrell presented the BDO report to the Board of Supervisors last Tuesday which was well received. Chipping costs are just under \$2,000 per day. Most participants are cost sharing, there is a minimum pile size to qualify for chipping.*
 - Amber Hughes – County Coordinator- *presented earlier.*
 - Dale Ready – Plumas County Fire Chief Association- *Dale has been working on grants*
 - Johnnie Bruce – Plumas Underburn Cooperative- *the PUC meeting on June 18th was a successful event. Bill Jacks commented suggesting that lifetime PUC membership should be given for free to indigenous people and PUC should be tracking successes, influence, occurrences, or burns that the coordinator may not be a part of directly. Johnnie is working on a tracking survey system for this purpose. Utilizing Firewise self reported projects to help document was discussed.*
 - Matthew West – PCFSC Updates - *grant writing, 3 submitted in the last week and a half. All state grants. One more SNC grant due at the end of the month.*

2. Standing Reports and Discussion:

- CAL FIRE - not present
- Feather River Resource Conservation District (FR RCD) - *Michael updated that FRRCD will be finishing Williams Valley soon, they are prepping for Fall Planting, and are planning Fall burning with newly received NFF funds*
- Firewise Communities - *fire evacuation drills commencing in Nakoma, Gold Mt., and Iron Horse*
- Industry-Timber - not present
- Industry-Insurance - no update
- Northern Sierra AQMD - *Mikki- 2024 NAAQS appears to be upheld by the US EPA moving the NAAQS standard from 12ugm3 to 9ugm3. The District will keep the FSC informed as the standard and area designations are established.*

- NRCS - no update
- PG&E - *Public Safety Specialist, David Hawks, talked about setting the EPSS device to open only once during wildfire season (instead of attempting to close) for extra fire safety. The setting went into effect in May. Plumas County has improved meteorology and forecasting and technology to minimize widespread outages. David asked Dale to spread the word to other fire departments in the county offering free PGE training on electrical and gas hazards.*
- Plumas Corp - Scott -*Submitted a large grant request to CalFires forest health prop 4 funds to begin implementation on the Tributaries forest recovery project, grant awards are expected to be announced in NOV/DEC. Awaiting word on the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Healthy forest initiative grant, should hear something in Sept. Planning to submit a concept proposal to SNC's Wildfire resilience program for fuels reduction above lake Davis as matching funds to the NFWF proposal. Participated in two tours with the Department of Water Resources recently to share the Thompsons Meadow Restoration project (2022) and the Red Clover/MCReynolds Restoration Project (2026), one in late June with the outgoing DWR Director and the second earlier this week with State Water Contractors. Have a virtual meeting with Senator Schiff's field rep, Wesley Fink, next week on Friday July 17th.*
- Plumas County Office of Emergency Services (OES) - Lori- *shelter and hazmat training recently. Evacuation drills with Forest Craig taking place next week in Portola, Iron Horse, and Nakoma.*
- Plumas Wood Fiber - not present
- Sierra Institute - not present
- Sierra Nevada Conservancy - not present
- Terra Fuego - *Bill Jacks - crews in the area cutting north of Quincy Junction Road, approx 80-acres. Terra Fuego received a private donation to fund prescribed fire and support Terra Fuego, PUC, and the community.*
- Tribal Representatives - not present
- UC Cooperative Extension - *Kane Russell - reforestation tour on FRRD coming up next Thursday, reach out to Kane for more information. July 30th forest health conversation in Mohawk Vista Firewise. Webinar August 4th 6-7:30pm. More details on the website.*
- USFS - *Marty S. - 32 fires this year so far in PNF. Many lightning starts but most were human caused, resources in place for forecasted lightning this weekend. 4th of July was pretty slow, one down strike. Local agreements in process to help cover stations and reimburse local departments for their response. A new station in Chico will be completed this fall. Berry Creek station is next to be built/rebuilt.*
- Watershed Research and Training Center - not present
- Other Organizations - none

3. Updates & Upcoming Events

Adjourn - 11:03AM **Motioned by Lori Pini, seconded John Reynolds, all in favor.**