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# Member Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 08<sup>th</sup>, 2026

50 Church Street, Quincy

Join Zoom Meeting:

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

## Board of Directors

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Chair</b> Sally McGowan Firewise (25)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Vice Chair</b> Jake Blaufuss AFRC (25)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Secretary/Treasurer</b> Mike Flanigan <i>Finance Committee</i> Insurance (25)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathy Kogge Firewise (25)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lori Pini Office of Emergency Services (25)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Reynolds <i>Finance Committee</i> Firewise (25)	<input type="checkbox"/> Joe Smailes <i>Finance Committee</i> Firewise (25)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mikki Battaglia NSAQMD (26)	<input checked="" 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)	<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.

## Membership Meeting 10:03

1. Welcome & Introductions – McGowan
2. Review Agenda – McGowan **Kevin Danaher moved to approve, Jake Blaufuss 2nd, None opposed**
3. Approve Membership Minutes (12/11) **Mike Flanigan moved to approve, Jake Blaufuss 2nd, None opposed**
4. Certificate of Recognition: None
5. Public Comment: None

6. Board Comment: Sally McGowan let the membership know that Joe Smailes has decided to not renew his term as a PCFSC Board member and thanked him for his time and service to the PCFSC. Sally then introduced David Hawks, public safety specialist with PG&E who covers Butte, Lassen, and Plumas Counties, and Johann Lockard, Senior Project Manager with PG&E's Wildfire Resilience Partnership.

### **New Business**

1. PCFSC Board Member Voting - Sally McGowan: *Michael Hall of the Nominating Committee nominated all current returning board members as well as Johnny Mansell and Marty Senter to join the board. Marty Walters suggested that the bylaws don't seem to say you need to re-vote in current members, only new members. Scott Corey suggested voting anyways on all returning members as a group so that there is something on the record that shows that everyone approves.*
  - a. *Michael Hall listed all returning board members, Sally, Jake, Mike, Kathy, Lori, and John and Sally asked for a vote, **all in favor, none opposed.***
  - b. *Michael then nominated Johnny Mansell, realtor and commissioner of the Quincy FPD. **John Sheehan moved to approve the nomination of Johnny Mansell, Paul Mrowzynski seconded, all in favor, none opposed.***
  - c. *Michael then nominated Marty Senter, Fire Management Officer for the PNF. **Michael Hall moved to approve the nomination of Marty Senter, Don Gasser seconded, all in favor, none opposed. Mike F. 1, Jake B. 2, none opposed***
2. Election of Board Officers - Sally McGowan then started the board vote for board officers.
  - a. ***Sally McGowan made a motion to nominate Mike Flanagan as Treasurer, Don Gasser seconded, all approved, none opposed.***
  - b. ***Mike Flanagan made a motion to nominate Jake Blaufus as Vice Chair, Ron Heinbockel seconded, all in favor, none opposed.***
  - c. ***Don Gasser made a motion to nominate Sally McGowan as Chair, Mike Flanagan seconded, all in favor, none opposed.***
  - d. ***Mike Flanagan made a motion to nominate Mikki Battaglia as Secretary, Kathy Kogge seconded, all in favor, none opposed.** Mikki added that she can commit to Board Member minutes but may not be able to fulfill all the tasks of Board Secretary, but will do what she can.*
  - e. *Mike Flanagan replaced Joe Smailes with Johnny Mansell on the Board Finance Committee*
3. PUC Year in review presentation - Logan Krahenbuhl: *Logan presented a year in review for the Plumas Underburn Cooperative, highlighting its focus on engaging landowners in prescribed fire activities and providing support. The program has assisted 48 different landowners in burning 249.9 acres, has had 96 burn days, and 271 unique participants since 2019. For 2025, PUC had 23 burn days, assisted 18 landowners, and reported 3526 person hours worked. Logan also discussed the program's financial structure, including a \$50 lifetime membership fee and per-acre donations which go to fuel and tool repair costs.*

### **Old Business**

1. Call for Quincy Firewise Community Leads - Sally McGowan: *Emphasized the need for volunteer leadership in maintaining Firewise communities, particularly in Quincy and other areas like Taylorsville and Greenhorn.*
2. Hazardous Fuels Assessment - Matt West: *Provided an update on the hazardous fuels assessment report, which is expected to be finalized soon, with a presentation planned for March.*
3. RAC Committee Updates - Sally McGowan: *The group discussed the importance of engaging with the Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) to secure funding for fire safe projects and the need to reconstitute this committee to effectively manage and distribute available funds.*

## Updates

### 1. Status of PCFSC Programs

- Amber Hughes – Outreach and Firewise Coordination: *FireWise has a new state representative, most FWC are looking strong with the exception of Taylorsville, Greenhorn Ranch, and Quincy that will need new FWC Leads to be able to continue. The Children's Fair is coming up in May and the next FWC meeting will be Wednesday, 01/14, 5pm at the PCFSC office.*
- Marty Walters – County Coordination: *Marty discussed ongoing interviews for a strategic plan and shared that the Plumas Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) will be submitted to the state next week.*
- Katie Quinn – Private Lands HFR Projects: *Katie discussed the award of a CAL FIRE Wildfire Prevention Grant for the East Shore Shaded Fuel Break Project, which will treat 750-acres. Almanor Peninsula Project work continues in Hamilton Branch as weather allows, Terra Fuego has completed about half of the burn pile units in the PDC project around American Valley, and East Quincy Project bids came back high and beyond our budget for 2 of the units. The grapple pile unit was within budget and awarded, but staff are looking into what can be done to award the other 2 units within budget*
- Tommy Brenzovich – Senior Disabled Defensible Space: *Tommy provided an update on the defensible space program, noting they have 55 applications but are facing a funding gap. The group explored potential solutions for continuing the program, including possible support from the insurance industry.*
- Darrell Webster – Chipping and 0-zone Program: *Darrell provided updates on chipping programs and the Zero Zone initiative, noting they are working on strategies to continue these programs despite funding gaps.*
- Logan Krahenbuhl – Plumas Underburn Cooperative: *(See Logan's presentation above)*
- Dale Ready – Plumas County Fire Chief Association: *Hazmat training Jan 24. Next PCFCA meeting is Jan 31st, 9am at the Quincy Firehall, Supporting Dispatch with a grant to update the dispatch maps.*

### 2. Standing Reports and Discussion:

- USFS: *Marty Senter reported that Brian Crawford will replace Richard Pasquale, Rx fire will start back up next week between Meadow Valley and Snake Lake about 500-acres of pile burning, Approximately 1000-2000-acres of Rx Fire so far this season.*
- UC Cooperative Extension: *Reforestation Camp May 18-20 in Meadow Valley, and working with Sierra County Firewise*
- Tribal Representatives - Not Present
- Terra Fuego: *1,504-acres Rx Fire treatment in 2025*
- Sierra Nevada Conservancy: *Kristy shared that a recommendation for a grant award for the Plumas Community Resilience Project (FRSC Application) would be presented at the next SNC Board Meeting.*
- Sierra Institute - Not present
- Plumas Wood Fiber: *Jeff provided an update on the development of his biomass processing facility, highlighting potential international market opportunities.*
- Plumas County Office of Emergency Services (OES) - Not Present
- Plumas Corp: *McReynolds contract was extended, McKenzie planning final report, NEPA was signed for the TRIBs project, Looking at funds to implement work on monitoring Sequoia, revisiting Poplar Meadows*
- NRCS - Not Present
- Northern Sierra AQMD: *Mikki announced that the Portal Area has reached attainment! Ryan Bauer asked if that means the attainment area will go away, Mikki answered no and that they will now go into a 10 year maintenance plan. More to come on what that will look like.*

- Industry-Timber: Jake Blaufuss - *Lumber prices are still down due to low demand. First quarter, PNF is sitting at 27% of their annual timber target.*
- Industry-Insurance - No Report
- Firewise Communities: *Needs leads in Taylorsville and Greenhorn*
- Feather River Resource Conservation District (RCD) - Chainsaw crew working in South Park area (North Quincy Project) and 3 projects coming up in Indian Valley area
- CAL FIRE: *Unit Chief Eric Ewing has retired, New Unit Chief is Josh Kern, 3-4 engines staffed daily, seasonal staff is laid off and will look to rehire them in March. Lots of training happening through the winter. Joe is excited for the East Shore Project and PCFSC working with the Lassen FSC.*
- Other Organizations: *Watershed Research and Training Center (WRTC) was the burnboss on the Valley Ranch Underburn. Attended Butte Cal-TREX hosted by the Berry Creek Rancheria and they are starting planning for Plumas TREX soon.*

### 3. Updates & Upcoming Events

No Report

Adjourn - Next meeting – February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 **12:15pm Jake Blaufuss moved to approve, Kathy Kogge 2nd, none opposed**