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Member Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 12th, 2026

50 Church Street, Quincy

Join Zoom Meeting:

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

Board of Directors

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair Sally McGowan Firewise (27)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vice Chair Jake Blaufuss AFRC (27)	<input checked="" 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 Firewise (27)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Johnny Mansell <i>Finance Committee</i> Realtor (27)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lori Pini Office of Emergency Services (27)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Reynolds <i>Finance Committee</i> Firewise (27)	<input type="checkbox"/> Marty Senter PNF Fire Mgmt. Officer (27)	<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 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

1. Welcome & Introductions – McGowan
2. Review Agenda – McGowan *Mike F. approved Kathy K. seconded. All in favor, motion carried*
3. Approve Membership Minutes (01/08)- *John R moved to approve. John seconded. All in favor, motion carries. Mentions of kudos to Matt and Darrell for minutes.*

4. Certificate of Recognition - Joe Smailes- *A past board member. Michael shares accomplishments since 2021, reads a letter of gratitude for service to the community and the FSC. Compliments forest restoration contributions including his role in a project where 150,000 seedlings were planted in Seneca. Joe states how important community is in working together to overcome adversity in wildfire recovery. Members join in moments of gratitude and appreciation for Joe Smailes contributions past, present, and future.*
5. Public Comment - *none*
6. Board Comment - *none*

New Business

1. No Report

Old Business

1. Call for Firewise Community Leads - Sally McGowan- *States appreciation for Dan in Quincy Firewise. Taylorsville may have a new lead, updates to come.*
2. Hazardous Fuels Assessment - Matt West- *Deer Creek Resources came back with a final version he received this week. Under review to go out to the board. Next meeting DCR will present on the report.*
3. RAC Committee Updates - John Sheehan: *Washington is currently reorganizing how RAC charters are being structured.*

Updates

1. Status of PCFSC Programs
 - Matthew West – PCFSC Updates- *RCD and Plumas Corp discussing funding moving forward.*
 - Amber Hughes – Rural Outreach Coordinator and Regional Firewise Coordinator- *Trying to update the CWPP, CFSC may have funds for grants in the near future to accomplish this, FW leads meeting went well, looking at a defensible space assessment program to get FW leads involved in assessments, may try a pilot program in Graeagle*
 - Marty Walters – County Coordination - *working with Amber to finalize and launch the new FSC website*
 - Katie Quinn – Private Lands HFR Projects- *discussed funding approach to thinning projects utilizing grants.*
 - Tommy Brenzovich – Senior Disabled Defensible Space: *Tommy will be leaving the Council on Feb 28*
 - Darrell Webster – Chipping and 0-zone Program- *Currently no normal chipping operations are planned due to a funding gap, awaiting word on PGE grant mid march, developing 2-3 community drop off Chipping days with RAC funds.*
 - Logan Krahenbuhl – Plumas Underburn Cooperative- *Flanigan burns today at 4:30 this evening. Saturday 14th 9:00am behind the dorms at FRC is the next burn. 28th pile burning Heart K ranch FRLT property. Later in March hoping to burn in collaboration with Meadow Valley and RCD. Last month a grant was applied for, Logan will find out tomorrow if they got it. PUC programmatic funds need to be signed with FRRCD. The last 2 weekends of May training to be announced. Logan accepted a job with PNF, last working day around May 3rd. Hoping to overlap with new hire. Sally restates appreciation and well wishes for Logan in future. Trex training April 27th all levels welcome.*
 - Dale Ready – Plumas County Fire Chief Association- *Jan 31 was the last quarterly meeting of association, approved strategic work plan at that time. Hazmat had 25 people sign up in January. There will be a class for the Firefighter Peer Support group, orientation in March. Dale is a volunteer with the American Red Cross. The association is funding 10% of wildland assistant position with other districts funding the remaining 90%.*
2. Standing Reports and Discussion:
 - USFS- *Brian- all three districts are actively burning. Representative, Brian is in week 4 filling in with PNF. Averaging 400 acres burned per week. Underburning operations in Jan/Feb, hoping the next round of*

storms will relieve concerns to allow underburning. USFS shares concerns with grant funding delays, patience is key with new direction. Upper management asked for reporting quarterly accomplishments and obstacles to department leads rather than annual updates. Brian is asking to know what the FSC wants to hear reported out during these meetings. He has maybe 5 more meetings scheduled to attend. Ryan B. retired in June, hiring periods were in a freeze at times in 2025. Hiring for his position will be around May when Brian's detail ends. Brian lives in Portola since 2008 even though he works on the Tahoe NF. Wants to point out the community spirit in western communities is vital to maintain.

- UC Cooperative Extension- n/a
- Tribal Representatives- n/a
- Terra Fuego- *update by Terri S. J., they have concerns with keeping a trained work force due to gaps in funding (work). Sally asks how to streamline Terra Fuego's work with contracts to allow streamlining between Butte County (FSC) and PCFSC, but those documents have not been received. Katie suggests that this isn't the only contractor wanting to burn, Felix Fire for example, is willing to work. Comments about "Sole source agreements" occurring in Butte county, PCFSC would like to see the Butte county example of a sole source agreement.*
- Sierra Nevada Conservancy- n/a MAtt- next board meeting in March
- Sierra Institute- n/a
- Plumas Wood Fiber- n/a
- Plumas County Office of Emergency Services (OES)- n/a
- Plumas Corp- Scott- *tributaries grant extended to November 2027 a little over \$300,000 in funding. A large tree fell over Spanish Creek shifting the creek bank. A contractor was hired within a week and completed the work within a week successfully. Q: Where on Spanish Creek? Near the processing facility and Gansner Park threatening the sewage ponds potentially.*
- PG&E- n/a
- NRCS- *2026 funding cycle preparation, 4 csp applications, 32 equip applications ranging from forest practices to high tunnels and other conservation projects on forest, pasture, etc. 2025 had a reduction in staff force, folks in 2 year probation were let go. Capacity reduction examples, half the engineers, a third of the cultural resource staff remain. Continuing to work with less capacity.*
- Northern Sierra AQMD- *Mikki updated that the NSAQMD board adopted a new rule that restricts open burning on curtailment days in the nonattainment area outside of Portola. The District plans to enforce the rule next season (September 2026) spreading awareness in the meantime.*
- Industry-Timber- n/a
- Industry-Insurance- n/a
- Firewise Communities- *Paul update- 238 responses in survey Mimi Hall helped put out. Another survey will come out in February. He wants to get the word out with Firewise communities to complete the survey.*
- Feather River Resource Conservation District (RCD)- n/a
- CAL FIRE- *May 1 burn permits will be required again. Cal Fire is ramping up staff, bringing 150 FF1s back mid March. Pile burning happening prepping for underburning. Reports they had to use an airtanker in February from an escaped burn pile (North of Susanville) limited 18 acres of impacted, rugged terrain. No significant damage to structures. Excited for the funded Almanor project for interagency collaboration, states it's a good location for that project. Sierra Nevada Journeys in contract to do some underburning. Reports out that the ACI at IMD costs a lot to run, wet fuels add complications, but overall going well. Refers the public to acquire air quality burn permits as well as Cal Fire coming up 5-1. Some clarifications were offered on the ACI at IMD, that it is owned by Cal Fire, operated by IMD, processing green waste from Portola residents. New Forester 1 hired and going through training.*
- Other Organizations

3. Updates & Upcoming Events- Sally- *Special meeting next Tuesday, lunch at 12:00pm, staff is invited for lunch. The meeting starts at 12:45. Scott and Gia will be joining the meeting. The agenda will be coming out soon. Opened the floor to questions, none.*
Matt announces Tommy's leaving the FSC at the end of February.
Terri suggesting some interpretation of the forest service project off of highway 70

Next meeting – March 12th, 2026

Adjourn - 11:54 am

Motioned: John

Seconded: Kathy

All in favor, motion carried.