



Trinity County Fire Safe Council Meeting

Thursday, February 27, 2025, 1:00 pm

Zoom Call or in Person
TCRCD Conference Room
30 Horseshoe Lane
Weaverville, CA



Agenda

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Trinity County Fire Safe Council seeks to improve the cooperation and coordination of all aspects of wildfire management in Trinity County. The Trinity County Fire Safe Council's goal is to reduce the risk of catastrophic fire in Trinity County by establishing priorities for reducing risk of catastrophic fire on a landscape-level scale in order to improve forest health, water quality and quantity, and community well-being.

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Additions or Changes to the Agenda

Early Departure Project Updates

3. Discussions

- a. Consider submitting letter(s) to Trinity County Board of Supervisors regarding homeowners insurance, expediting federal fuels reduction projects, and similar issues

4. Grants

- a. *Request for letter of support:* TCRCD requests a letter of support from the TCFSC for a proposal for Title III funds to support community chipping, community wildfire protection plan project implementation, and Firewise education. Ask: \$74,000

5. Fire Safe Council Coordinator Update

6. Project Updates

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| a. BLM | n. Tehama-Glenn FSC |
| b. CAL FIRE | o. Trinity Center VFD |
| c. Caltrans | p. Trinity County BOS |
| d. Flowra | q. Trinity County Collaborative Group |
| e. Hyampom FSC | r. Trinity County Natural Resources |
| f. Lewiston VFD | s. Trinity County OES |
| g. Lower Trinity PBA | t. Trinity County Planning |
| h. NCUAQMD | u. Trinity County RCD |
| i. Nor-Rel-Muk Wintu | v. Trinity PUD |
| j. NRCS | w. Tsnungwe |
| k. SAFE | x. UC Cooperative Extension |
| l. Southern Trinity FSC | y. USFS Shasta-Trinity NF |
| m. SPI | z. USFS Six-Rivers NF |

Trinity County Fire Safe Council
and Firewise Communities Program

aa. Weaverville VFD
bb. Willow Creek FSC

cc. WRTC

7. **Future Discussion Items**

Next Meeting: March 27, 2024



**Trinity County Fire Safe Council
& Firewise Communities Program**

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February 24, 2025

RE: February 2025 Trinity County Fire Safe Council Meeting Discussion A: Consider submitting letter(s) to Trinity County Board of Supervisors regarding homeowners insurance, expediting federal fuels reduction projects, and similar issues

On February 4, 2025, the Shasta County Board of Supervisors submitted two letters to Governor Newsom and President Trump regarding wildfire impacts on homeowners insurance and a request to expedite federal fuel reduction and vegetation management projects. Both letters were forwarded to the Trinity County Board of Supervisors and are attached to this memo.

The letters were forwarded to the Trinity County Fire Safe Council (Fire Safe Council) with questions:

1. Does the Fire Safe Council support the same or similar correspondence?
2. If the answer to the first question was yes, who would the Fire Safe Council like to see as recipients of the letter?
3. If the answer to the first question was yes, would the Fire Safe Council like to write a letter or letters similar to this to send to the County Board of Supervisors to share out or would the Fire Safe Council prefer to share out the letter(s) on its own?

These questions are being brought before the Fire Safe Council at our February 2025 meeting to discuss and provide guidance to the chair and coordinator on how to proceed on similar requests.

Thank you for your consideration,

Skylar Fisher
Trinity County Fire Safe Council Coordinator

Attachments:

- A. Shasta County Board of Supervisors Letter RE: Action Needed to Address Wildfire Threats and California's Insurance Costs
- B. Shasta County Board of Supervisors Letter RE: Federal Action Needed to Expedite Fire Mitigation on Public Lands



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February 4, 2025

RE: Action Needed to Address Wildfire Threats and California's Insurance Crisis

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of the Shasta County Board of Supervisors, I urge you to take immediate action to stabilize California's residential and commercial property insurance market. The escalating unavailability and unaffordability of insurance is not only jeopardizing the safety and recovery capabilities of communities like ours but is also exacerbating California's housing crisis.

Affordable housing is already out of reach for many lower- and middle-class families across the state. The current insurance crisis—marked by skyrocketing premiums, mass policy cancellations, and a shrinking market—only compounds this issue. Without affordable insurance, housing becomes even more unattainable, leaving families unable to purchase homes, maintain mortgages, or protect their property investments.

Shasta County has worked tirelessly to mitigate fire risk. The CALFIRE Shasta-Trinity Unit consistently ranks among the top-performing units statewide, completing some of the highest numbers of fuel reduction projects annually and maintaining an exceptional ratio of defensible space inspections to inspectable properties. Despite these efforts, wildfire risk remains a constant threat in our region, resulting in unattainable insurance for residents and businesses.

We urge you to implement the following solutions:

1. **Mandate a statewide moratorium on policy cancellations and non-renewals** for properties in counties affected by wildfires for at least one year following a state of emergency.
2. **Enact state income tax deductions for fire insurance premiums** to provide financial relief to families and businesses burdened by rising costs.
3. **Expand and reform the California FAIR Plan** to ensure broader, more affordable coverage options for those in high-risk areas.

California's rural counties are already disproportionately affected by the housing and insurance

crises, we cannot afford further delay addressing these issues. It is imperative that we take bold, immediate action to ensure a more equitable and sustainable future for all Californians.

Sincerely,

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Kevin W. Crye
Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Shasta

cc: California State Association of Counties
Rural County Representatives of California



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February 4, 2025

RE: Federal Action Needed to Expedite Fire Mitigation on Public Lands

Dear President Trump,

On behalf of the Shasta County Board of Supervisors and the residents of Northern California, I write to urge the federal government to take action to expedite fire mitigation efforts on federally managed lands in California. Wildfires have become a year-round threat, and federal regulatory delays have significantly hampered efforts to reduce fire risk on public lands.

In California, where a substantial portion of our land is under federal management, burdensome regulations imposed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Forest Service are slowing critical fire mitigation projects. Lengthy environmental reviews, permitting processes, and other regulatory hurdles delay vegetation management, forest thinning, and fuel reduction efforts. These delays increase the risk of catastrophic wildfires, which grow more dangerous with each passing season.

Shasta County, home to vast tracts of federally managed land, is particularly vulnerable. Despite our proactive efforts to reduce wildfire risk—led by CALFIRE Shasta-Trinity Unit, one of the top-performing units in the state—the inability to address risks on adjacent federal lands undermines our progress. Wildfires have not only destroyed lives and property but have also driven insurance rates to unaffordable levels and left countless families unable to secure coverage.

We respectfully urge the federal government to streamline Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Forest Service regulations to expedite the approval of fuel reduction and vegetation management projects. Additionally, we request increased funding for fire prevention and mitigation programs on federal lands to ensure these projects are properly resourced. Finally, we encourage enhanced collaboration between federal, state, and local agencies to prioritize high-risk areas and execute projects efficiently.

By removing unnecessary barriers, the federal government can help protect California communities and reduce the long-term costs of wildfires. Shasta County stands ready to partner with federal agencies to make this vision a reality.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

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Kevin W. Crye
Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Shasta

cc: Gavin Newsom, Governor of California
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RE: Trinity County Title III 2025 Invitation for Proposals

Dear Trinity County Board of Supervisors:

The Trinity County Fire Safe Council (TCFSC) supports the Trinity County Resource Conservation District (TCRCD) in their request to fund up to \$74,000 towards Firewise education, Trinity County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) project implementation, community chipping, and training.

TCFSC supports TCRCD's implementation work to treat noxious weed populations and hazardous fuels in high priority areas identified in the CWPP. The noxious weeds to be removed are scotch broom located within Junction City. This work will complement ongoing efforts to remove hazardous vegetation in the Junction City area. The proposed Firewise education activities align with the TCFSC's objectives and are critical for maintaining all 14 Firewise Communities in Trinity County. Thanks to the Safer from Wildfires rules passed by the California Department of Insurance in 2022, residents in Firewise Communities are now eligible for insurance discounts, adding to the importance of the Firewise Communities designation. The TCFSC supports the outfitting of the TCRCD's crew personnel with first aid materials and CPR and First Aid training needed to maintain safe operations.

The TCFSC supports TCRCD using these funds to continue offering community chipping services for the community. Community chipping provides an alternative to burning for landowners doing their own defensible space work and debris clearing, and has grown into a month-long, twice-annual event across the county.

The TCFSC would like to express the significance of this work to wildfire mitigation efforts throughout the county. The partnership between the TCFSC, TCRCD, public and private land managers, and fire management agencies is a model for success.

Sincerely,

Philip Simi, Trinity County Emergency Operations Manager
Chair, Trinity County Fire Safe Council