



Members of the Humboldt County Fire Safe Council

A Board of Supervisors Appointed Committee

The Humboldt County Fire Safe Council (HCFSC) is governed by a board resolution that will sunset on October 5, 2026, and currently consists of 23 members and their alternates. The purpose of the HCFSC is to oversee the maintenance and implementation of the [Community Wildfire Protection Plan](#) (CWPP) and, when appropriate, to inform and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

Consistent with its purpose, the mission of the Humboldt County Fire Safe Council is to:

- Serve as a forum for the implementation of the measures outlined in the CWPP
- Share fire-safety related information
- Assess fire risk
- Promote community fire-safe planning and coordination
- Link fire-prevention programs
- Support beneficial fire (prescribed fire, cultural burning, and managed wildfire where appropriate)
- Support the fire service (including local volunteer fire departments and companies) and local Fire Safe Councils/Firewise Communities

The HCFSC is coordinated by the County Coordination Team, comprised of staff from Humboldt County Public Works and the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District. **Contact:** Cybelle Immitt | cimmitt@co.humboldt.ca.us

| Representation | Name | Title | Affiliation |
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| Board of Supervisors Appointed Voting Members (5) | | | |
| Supervisorial District 1 | Ali Freedlund | Coordinator / Working Lands Human Communities Program Director | Lower Mattole Fire Safe Council / Mattole Restoration Council |
| | <i>Alternate</i> Sarah Vroom | Executive Director | Mattole Restoration Council |
| Supervisorial District 2 | Anna Rogers | Education, Development & Administrative Director | Sanctuary Forest |
| Supervisorial District 3 | Chris Emmons | Fire Chief | Arcata Fire Protection District |
| | <i>Alternate</i> Wayne Peabody | Assistant Chief | |
| Supervisorial District 4 | Manny Mello | Certified Insurance Counselor | George Petersen Insurance Agency |
| Supervisorial District 5 | Will Harling | Member / Restoration Director | Orleans-Somes Bar Fire Safe Council, Mid Klamath Watershed Council, Prescribed Fire Training Exchanges (TRES) |
| | <i>Alternate</i> Nancy Bailey | Coordinator / Fire & Forestry Project Coordinator | |
| <i>Alternate</i> | Eric Darragh | Fire & Forestry Director | |
| Agencies and Organization Voting Members (15) | | | |
| Local FSC/Firewise Community | Olivia Lopes | Member | Willow Creek Fire Safe Council |

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| <i>Alternate</i> | Jim Cotton | Member | |
| Local FSC/Firewise Community | Kathy Weber | Member, Education and Outreach Coordinator | Southern Humboldt Fire Safe Council |
| <i>Alternate</i> | Harry Vaughn | Member | |
| Local FSC/Firewise Community | Lyn Javier | Member | Van Duzen Watershed Fire Safe Council |
| <i>Alternate</i> | Mika Cook | Member | |
| Southern Humboldt Fire Chiefs' Association | Nickolas Pape | President / Fire Chief | Southern Humboldt Fire Chiefs' Association / Shelter Cove Fire Department |
| <i>Alternate</i> | Peter Lawsky | Fire Chief Emeritus | Telegraph Ridge Volunteer Fire Department |
| Humboldt County Planning & Building | VACANT | | Humboldt County Planning & Building |
| <i>Alternate</i> | Karen Meynell | Deputy Planning Director | |
| Humboldt County Fire Chiefs' Association | Sean Robertson | Retired Member | College of the Redwoods |
| <i>Alternate</i> | Dale Unea | Fire Chief | Samoa Peninsula Fire Department |
| CAL FIRE | Chris Ramey (HCFSC Vice-Chair) | Assistant Chief | Pre-Fire Planning, CAL FIRE, Community Wildfire Preparedness and Mitigation Division |
| <i>Alternate</i> | Ross Dollarhide | Battalion Chief | Pre-Fire Planning, CAL FIRE, Humboldt – Del Norte Unit |
| <i>Alternate</i> | Jason Butcher | Division Chief | Planning, CAL FIRE, Wood Products and Bioenergy |
| Local Tribal Representative | VACANT | - | - |
| Local Tribal Representative | Rod Mendes | Fire Chief | Yurok Tribe/Yurok Fire Department |
| <i>Alternate</i> | Blaine McKinnon | Division Chief | |
| Office of Emergency Services | Ryan Derby | Assistant Director of Emergency Services | Humboldt County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services |
| UC Cooperative Extension | Lenya Quinn-Davidson (HCFSC Chair) | Director / Director | UC ANR Fire Network / Women-in-Fire Training Exchange (WTREX) |
| <i>Alternate</i> | Yana Valachovic | Forestry Advisor and County Director | University of California Cooperative Extension, Humboldt-Del Norte |
| California State Parks | Ross Mathewson | Forester I | California State Parks, North Coast Redwoods District |

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| Representation | Name | Title | Affiliation |
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| <i>Alternate</i> | Allan Wiegman | Forestry Aid, RA | |
| Humboldt County Prescribed Burn Association | Jeff Stackhouse | President / Livestock and Natural Resource Advisor | Humboldt County Prescribed Burn Assoc. / University of California Cooperative Extension, Humboldt-Del Norte |
| <i>Alternate</i> | Henri Holbrook | Burn Coordinator / SRA II | Humboldt County Prescribed Burn Assoc. / University of California Cooperative Extension, Humboldt-Del Norte |
| <i>Timber</i> | Mike Miles | Director of Forestry Operations / Board Member | Humboldt Redwood Company / North Coast Regional Land Trust |
| <i>Alternate</i> | Reid Cody | Silviculture Superintendent / Member | Green Diamond Resource Company / Buckeye Conservancy, Fire Education Committee |
| Humboldt County Resource Conservation District | Jill Demers | Executive Director | Humboldt County Resource Conservation District |
| <i>Alternate</i> | Katrina Henderson | Forest Health and Wildfire Resilience Program Manager | |
| Non-Voting Agency Liaisons (3) | | | |
| Public Works | Tom Mattson | Director | Humboldt County Public Works |
| Public Works Director Designee and Board of Supervisors Liaison | Cybelle Immitt | Natural Resources Planning Manager | |
| Six Rivers National Forest | Ben Hendricks | Forest Assistant Fire Management Officer / Chief 3 | Six Rivers National Forest |
| <i>Alternate</i> | Brittany Patterson | Coastal Prevention Technician | |
| Bureau of Land Management | Dan Wooden | Assistant Manager | Bureau of Land Management, Arcata Field Office |