



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

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Representation	Name	Title	Affiliation
Board of Supervisors Appointed Voting Members (5)			
Supervisory District 1	Ali Freedlund	Coordinator / Working Lands Human Communities Program Director	Lower Mattole Fire Safe Council / Mattole Restoration Council
Supervisory District 2 <i>Alternate</i>	Kai Ostrow	Firefighter / Technical Rescue Chief	Briceland Fire Protection District / Southern Humboldt Technical Rescue
	Aurora Studebaker	Fire Chief	
Supervisory District 3 <i>Alternate</i>	Ed Laidlaw	Fire Marshal	Arcata Fire Protection District
	Chris Emmons	Battalion Chief	Humboldt Bay Fire
Supervisory District 4	Manny Mello	Certified Insurance Counselor	North West Insurance
Supervisory District 5 <i>Alternate</i>	Will Harling	Member / Director	Orleans/Somes Bar Fire Safe Council / Mid Klamath Watershed Council
	Nancy Bailey	Coordinator / Staff	
Agencies and Organization Voting Members (15)			
Local FSC/Firewise Community <i>Alternate</i>	Basho Parks	Member	Willow Creek Fire Safe Council
	Blaze Shannon	Member	
Local FSC/Firewise Community <i>Alternate</i>	Bill Eastwood	Project Coordinator	Southern Humboldt Fire Safe Council
	Dave Kahan	Member	
Local FSC/Firewise Community <i>Alternate</i>	Lyn Javier	Member	Van Duzen Watershed Fire Safe Council
	Elliot Brown	Member	

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Representation	Name	Title	Affiliation
Southern Humboldt Fire Chiefs' Association	Nickolas Pape	President / Fire Chief	Southern Humboldt Fire Chiefs' Association / Shelter Cove Fire Department
Humboldt County Planning & Building	John Miller	Senior Planner	Long Range Planning, Humboldt County Planning & Building
Humboldt County Fire Chiefs' Association	Justin McDonald	Member / Fire Chief	Humboldt County Fire Chiefs' Association / Arcata Fire District
<i>Alternate</i>	Dale Unea	President / Fire Chief	Humboldt County Fire Chiefs' Association / Samoa Peninsula Fire Department
CAL FIRE	Chris Ramey	Battalion Chief, Pre-Fire Planning	CAL FIRE, Humboldt – Del Norte Unit
<i>Alternate</i>	Jennifer Renner	Fire Captain, Pre-Fire Planning	
<i>Alternate</i>	Jason Butcher	VMP Forester	
Local Tribal Representative	Greg Moon	Director / Fire Chief	Hoopa Tribe Office of Emergency Services / Hoopa Fire Department
<i>Alternate</i>	Serene White	OES Coordinator / Fire Investigator	
Local Tribal Representative	Rod Mendes	Fire Chief	Yurok Tribe/Yurok Fire Department
<i>Alternate</i>	Blaine McKinnon	Battalion Chief	
Office of Emergency Services	Ryan Derby	Emergency Services Manager	Humboldt County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services
UC Cooperative Extension	Lenya Quinn-Davidson	Fire Advisor / Director	University of California Cooperative Extension, Humboldt-Del Norte / Northern California Prescribed Fire Council
<i>Alternate</i>	Yana Valachovic	Forestry Advisor and County Director	
California State Parks	Allan Wiegman	Forestry Aid, RA	California State Parks, North Coast Redwoods District
Humboldt County Prescribed Burn Association	Elicia Goldsworthy	HCPBA Board Member / Silviculture Investment Manager	Humboldt County Prescribed Burn Assoc. / Green Diamond Resource Company
<i>Alternate</i>	Jeff Stackhouse	HCPBA Board Member / UCCE Livestock and Natural Resource Advisor	Humboldt County Prescribed Burn Assoc. / University of California Cooperative Extension, Humboldt-Del Norte
Timber	Mike Miles	Director of Forestry Operations / Board Member	Humboldt Redwood Company / North Coast Regional Land Trust
<i>Alternate</i>	Brita Goldstein	Community Affairs & Communications Rep / Chair	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>	Julia Sullivan	Forest Health Watershed Coordinator	Humboldt County Resource Conservation District
Non-Voting Agency Liaisons (3)			
Public Works	Tom Mattson	Director	Humboldt County Public Works
Public Works Director Designee and Liaison between the committee (HCFSC) and Board of Supervisors	Cybelle Immitt	Natural Resources Planning Manager	
Six Rivers National Forest	Ben Hendricks	Asst. Fire Management Officer / Chief III	US Forest Service
<i>Alternate</i>	Brittany Patterson	Coastal Prevention Technician	
Bureau of Land Management	Dan Wooden	Assistant Field Manager	Bureau of Land Management