

NSSHA Planning Meeting
2026 Annual Meeting
June 10, 2026
Via Zoom

Call to Order: Tony Franks called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. All board members and super tract representatives were present: Tony Franks, Paul Hugo, Nancy Allen, Mike Blote, Jen Huntley, Meredith Randall, Linden Beck, Caroline Peterson, Lisa Long, Dawn Johnson, Mary Clarke Ver Hoef, Stephanie Holson, and Julie Newlin.

Agenda: Plan the format of the 2026 annual meeting at Camp Sacramento on June 27 at 10:30 a.m.

Tony and Paul reported that David Fournier, Forest Supervisor for the El Dorado National Forest, will be the keynote speaker. District rangers and permit administrators from the Amador, Pacific, and Placerville districts were also invited. Linda Babcock is expected to attend after returning to the area on June 21.

Tony and Paul met two weeks earlier to draft the agenda and initial schedule, using last year's agenda as a template. Their goal is to keep the meeting to two hours or less.

Discussion of the meeting format and timing: The group outlined a draft agenda: Presentation of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance by the Boy Scouts (5 minutes), welcome remarks from Tony Franks (10 minutes), introductions of board and area representatives (5 minutes), and a business meeting (10 minutes).

The business meeting will not include a reading of the minutes; they, along with the agenda and treasurer's report, will be available on the back table and may also be linked by QR code. During the area representative introductions, attendees may be asked to identify their tract so representatives can connect with cabin owners. Nancy will provide rosters on the back table.

Website: A 5-minute website walkthrough is planned. Meredith suggested recording it to share later with members.

Assorted subjects: A 10-minute segment will cover trees, hazard trees, RCD efforts, GBI, replanting, tree marking colors, reporting PGE trees, roads, and related topics.

Tree Q&A: The group questioned whether this 10-minute section is needed. Concerns about tree-related issues, including damage to Lisa's septic system, may be better addressed by Forest Service staff or folded into David Fournier's presentation.

David's keynote will move earlier in the agenda, immediately after the website walkthrough, with questions to follow. Dawn suggested including signage as part of the website presentation.

David is expected to give a broad Forest Service update, including possible reorganization and fire prevention topics. The group also raised glyphosate concerns, discussed water testing costs, and suggested adding related information to the website.

Tony reported that the Forest Service has approval to use seven chemicals and plans to backpack-spray 1,000 acres in the El Dorado this summer, with no aerial spraying. The group noted that the main exposure risk is to the applicators, and Lisa requested a map for the presentation.

The group also discussed the new 30-year lease term for new permittees. Tony wants the issue addressed, and Meredith plans to speak with David on behalf of NSSHA and NFH about a possible 10-year extension for members whose permits were renewed in 2024 for 20 years.

Jen asked whether key topics from the April NFH conference should be shared during the meeting, in an e-blast, or on the website. Meredith noted that NFH focuses on national issues while NSSHA's concerns are mostly local, highlighted Chief Schultz's well-received address, and said NSSHA donated \$5,000 to support NFH's CPRA work. Stephanie added that conference videos were later shared with paid attendees.

Linden noted that too many important topics may be difficult to cover fully in a two-hour meeting. Tony said attendees can raise remaining questions with Forest Service staff during office hours after the meeting.

Tony said the agenda is largely set. He and Paul will follow up with Forest Service staff about topics for David and a possible second presenter.

General items: The group reviewed meeting logistics, including signage to Camp Sacramento and parking, seating setup, event insurance, AV support from Camp Sacramento, a plan for the board to arrive one hour early, Boy Scout coordination, and refreshments.

Meredith suggested a Zoom session on forming a Fire Wise/Fire Safe Council. Paul proposed an NSSHA subcommittee on the topic, with a board member potentially leading it.

Jen said the newsletter has gone out and asked for feedback. She would like to rely less on paper and more on e-blasts and the website, while gathering members input on preferred communication channels and topics.

Meredith asked how many tracts are organized and suggested a webinar on tract organization. Paul proposed a Zoom meeting with leaders from organized tracts.

Tony wants to include information on Fire Wise, Fire Safe, and NSSHA's role in organizing tracts.

Tony adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Afterward, he, Lisa, and Paul briefly discussed revising the Huckleberry map to make it easier to read.

Nancy Allen, Secretary

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