



# 2026 Wildfire Leadership Summit

## Schedule at a Glance

*When Crisis Hits, Community Leads: Building What Comes Next, Together*

The Hanna Center • 17000 Arnold Drive, Sonoma, CA 95476

**Tuesday, September 15, 2026**

11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

*What Matters First: People, Trust, and Leadership in Crisis*

**11:00 AM** Registration Opens + Light Lunch

**12:00 PM**

### Welcome, Day One

#### The People in Front of You: Leadership, Trust, and Service Under Pressure

KEYNOTE

**Mike Wink**, Staff Chief, Wildfire Risk Reduction, CAL FIRE - OSFM

#### From Survivor Voice to Collective Power

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**Kyle Ellison**, Executive Director, Mālama Kula

**Deana Freres**, President, Board of Directors, Santiam Canyon Long Term Recovery Group

**Tony Hocking**, Volunteer Organizer, Team Palisades

**Jane Lawton Potelle**, Founder & Executive Director, Eaton Fire Residents United

**Brad Sherwood**, Block Captain, 2017 Tubbs Fire/Assistant GM, Sonoma Water (*Moderator*)

**2:00 PM** Break

#### Say the True Thing: Communications That Build Trust

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**Laksmi Abraham**, Director of Communications, County of Maui

**Bree Jensen**, Founder & CEO, The Social Impact Firm

**Kim Marshall**, Co-Founder, S'Well The Agency

**Lorez Bailey**, Founder, Lorez Bailey Consulting (*Moderator*)

#### Called to Show Up: Faith Communities and the Long Work of Recovery

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**Rabbi Amy Bernstein**, Senior Rabbi, Kehillat Israel, Pacific Palisades

**Heavenly Hughes**, Co-Founder, My Tribe Rise

**Pastor Amara Ononiwu**, Pastor, Clergy Community Coalition

**The Reverend Dr. Grace Park**, Associate Pastor, Pacific Palisades Presbyterian Church

**Pastor Adam Peacocke**, Senior Pastor, City Life Fellowship (*Moderator*)

### Sponsor Spotlight

### Conclusion Day One

**5:30 PM** Evening Reception at Obsidian Wine Co. Tasting Room

**Wednesday, September 16, 2026**

9:00 AM - 5:30 PM

*The Work Is Local, the Lift Is Shared*

**9:00 AM** *Networking + Coffee on the Patio*

## Morning Welcome, Day 2

### Anchor Institutions, Real Communities, and the Long Arc of Recovery

**KEYNOTE**

**Edmund Chan**, President, Hawaii Market, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan & Hospitals

### Maui at Three Years: Recovery Rooted in Kuleana

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**Edmund Chan**, President, Hawaii Market, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan & Hospitals

**Kukui Keahi**, Associate Director, Kāko'o Maui Programs, Hawaiian Council

**Kapono'ai Molitau**, Director, Department of Oihi Resources, County of Maui

**Erin Wade**, Deputy Managing Director, County of Maui

**Michaela Hrbacek**, Community Impact Partnerships Manager, United Airlines *(Moderator)*

### Keynote

**KEYNOTE**

**Robert J. Fenton**, Senior Official Performing the Duties of Administrator, FEMA

### When You've Seen One Fire, You've Seen One Fire

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**Robert J. Fenton**, Senior Official Performing the Duties of Administrator, FEMA

**Paul Lowenthal**, Division Chief Fire Marshal, Santa Rosa Fire Department

**David Reid**, Director, Office of Response, Recovery & Resilience, County of Santa Cruz

**Reva Feldman**, Strategic Advisor, After the Fire USA *(Moderator)*

### Volunteer of the Year Award Presentation

**12:30 PM** *Lunch Break*

### Coalitions That Hold When Recovery Gets Crunchy

**KEYNOTE**

**Sarah Ali**, Chief Operating Officer, R&S Kayne Foundation

### Showing Up Fast: Care and Stability When Families Need It Most

**PANEL**

**Shawn Brown**, Founder and Executive Director, Pasadena Rosebud Academy Charter School

**Mikey Latner**, Founder & Executive Director, Project:Camp

**Lauren Sandidge**, Founder and President, Altadena Girls

**Casey Taylor**, Superintendent, Achieve Charter Schools *(Moderator)*

### The Long Road Within: Trauma, Resilience, and the Work of Healing

**PANEL**

**Jonathan Chia**, Co-Founder, Reality Center

**Susan Farren**, Founder & Executive Director, First Responders Resiliency

**Dr. Adrienne Heinz, PhD**, Clinical Research Psychologist, Stanford School of Medicine; Co-Founder, The After Collective

**Staci Richard**, Sr. Manager, US Emergency Response, Direct Relief

**Clara Bergen**, Program Development Manager, Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services *(Moderator)*

**3:00 PM** *Networking Break*

### The Land Remembers: Water, Fire, and the Systems Beneath Recovery

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**Ralph Bloemers**, Director, Fire Safe People Productions

**Algeo Che Casul**, Rancher, The Ranch at Bodega

**Sara Tekula**, Executive Director, Kula Community Watershed Alliance

**Steven Lee**, Senior Scientist and Research Program Manager, Sonoma Ecology Center *(Moderator)*

## The Relationships That Hold Recovery Together

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**Daniel Aldrich**, Dean's Professor of Resilience, Northeastern University  
**Renae Hanvin**, CEO, Resilient Ready

## When Main Street Burns: Business Recovery as Community Recovery

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**Anders Corey**, CEO, Altadena Recovery and Rebuild Corporation  
**Leann Hackman-Carty**, CEO, Economic Developers Alberta  
**Lynn Knight**, Chief Knowledge Officer, Institute for Sustainable Development  
**Valerie Brown**, California Wildfires Fellow, After the Fire USA *(Moderator)*

## Conclusion Day Two

**Thursday, September 17, 2026**

8:00 AM - 1:30 PM

*What We Build Has to Last*

**8:00 AM** *Networking + Coffee on the Patio*

## Morning Welcome, Day 3

## Build Back Better Is Not Enough: Infrastructure for the Fires Ahead

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**Laura Blaul**, Sr. Wildfire Fellow, Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS)  
**Jenni Goodlin**, Community Resilience Manager, Mercury Insurance  
**Angela Grant**, Chief Legal Officer, Palomar Holdings, Inc.  
**Maureen Parish**, Head, Consumer Insights, CSAA Insurance Group  
**Valerie Brown**, California Wildfires Fellow, After the Fire USA *(Moderator)*

## From Forest to Future: Materials, Markets, and Fire-Adapted Rebuilding

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**Tyler Freres**, Vice President of Sales, Freres Engineered Wood

## The Ground Game: Ownership, Legacy, and the Fight to Come Home

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**Lori Gay**, President & CEO, Neighborhood Housing Services of LA

## Money That Moves: Capital, Loans, and the Speed of Recovery

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**Manny Abascal**, Partner, Latham & Watkins LLP  
**Dustin Bramell**, Co-Founder & CEO, Pillar  
**Abby Ross**, CEO, Resiliency Company  
**Kate Bulger**, Vice President, Money Management International (MMI) *(Moderator)*

## Closing Keynote

KEYNOTE

**Richard Bissen**, Mayor, County of Maui

## Closing Remarks

**12:30 - 1:30 PM** *Lunch and Networking*