



Santa Clara County FireSafe Council Fact Sheet

Santa Clara County Wildfire Prevention Problems and SCFSC Solutions

SCFSC Mission:

Mobilizing the people of Santa Clara County to protect their homes, communities and environment from wildfires

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1. **Santa Clara County residents want and need to know how to prevent wildfires and how to protect their homes and residences**
SCFSC Solutions:
 - **SCFSC Community Outreach and Education Programs**
 - **Living With Fire in Santa Clara County – 20-page pamphlet (used by CAL FIRE, SJFD and other SCFSC participants)**
 - **SCFSC Web site with Fire Safe Information**
 - **SCFSC participation in community events**
 - **SCFSC support for Wildfire Awareness Week in May**
 - **SCFSC Programs for schools with Wildland Urban Interface attendance areas (usually in low income areas)**
 - **SCFSC Programs for Seniors and other groups**

2. **Santa Clara County has ten major fire protection agencies in the County and many volunteer fire departments. However, the County does not have Community Wildfire Protection Plans to identify all the fire prone areas and the prescribed treatments.**
SCFSC Solutions:
 - **Provide organization and funding for fire agencies and other stakeholders to develop Community Wildfire Protection Plans for Communities at Risk from wildfires**
 - **Use Community Wildfire Protection Plans to apply for more federal funding and to organize local fuel reduction projects**

3. **There are fourteen communities in the County on the Federal and California Fire Alliance lists of Communities at Risk* from wildfires. Residents have identified other fire-prone areas. Even though these areas have been identified, no County-wide programs exist to encourage and enable residents to solve these problems.**
SCFSC Solutions:
 - **Continue to seek federal funding for specific Hazardous Fuel Reduction Projects. We have six federal grants for 2010-2011 Chipping Programs.**
 - **Provide structure and funding for homeowners to help themselves based on Nevada County Defensible Space Chipping Program, including assistance for seniors, disabled and low income homeowners and residents**
 - **Work with other organizations in Santa Clara County on specific projects such as the Crothers Road and Lexington Hills fuel reduction projects**

* Cupertino, East Foothills, Gilroy, Lexington Hills, Los Altos Hills, Los Gatos, Milpitas, Monte Sereno, Morgan Hill, Palo Alto, San Jose, San Martin, Saratoga and Stanford