COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN

Public Meeting

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Agenda

District Supervisor message

Office of Emergency Management Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan
Speaker: Dana Reed, Office of Emergency Management Director

CWPP history and CWPP update project background
Speaker: Ed Orre, CAL FIRE Division Chief – Santa Clara Unit

CWPP update schedule and story map
Speaker: Seth Schalet, Santa Clara FireSafe Council CEO

Q&A

Resource tables
House Keeping

- Emergency exits
- Meeting is being broadcast through Zoom
- Meeting is being recorded and will be available on the FireSafe Council website at sccfiresafe.org
- Zoom audio is turned off
- Questions from participants joining us through Zoom were received ahead of time and will try to be answered live
- Please silence cell phones
- Surveys (paper and online options)
- Hold questions for Q&A after the presentations
- Please visit resource tables at the end of the Q&A session
Supervisor Message

- District 1 - Supervisor Mike Wasserman
- District 2 - Supervisor Cindy Chavez
- District 3 - Supervisor Otto Lee
- District 4 - Supervisor Susan Ellenberg
- District 5 - Supervisor Joe Simitian

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The Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP) is used to understand risks from natural hazards and develop long-term strategies that will reduce the impacts of future events on people, property, and the environment.

**Purpose:** Access mitigation funding

Under the 2017 plan, Santa Clara County, including several jurisdictions have applied for approximately $100 million in mitigation funding for projects ranging from seismic retrofits, hazardous fuels reduction, and microgrids.

Currently $32 million of those projects are under review by the state and federal agencies.

The 2017 plan is due for an update, and we are looking for input from diverse interests, and would like to promote discussion about creating a safer, more disaster-resilient community.
The relationship of the MJHMP to the Safety Element is described under Assembly Bill 2140. The integration of the MJHMP into the Safety Element will allow Santa Clara County to be eligible for a reduction in the local cost-share after a major disaster declaration.

The relationships of the MJHMP to the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) is that they both focus on reducing wildfire risk and identifying mitigation projects.

The 2023 plan update is estimated to take approximately 12 months to complete.

Throughout the plan update, there will be opportunities to engage with the County and provide information and feedback on what concerns you in your community when you think about natural hazards.

We will be holding virtual workshops and sessions and encourage you to participate and bring your concerns and ideas forward.
Thank You to our Funder

The Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) project grant is part of California Climate Investments, a statewide initiative that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment — particularly in disadvantaged communities.

CAL FIRE awarded $250,000 dollars to support the project to update the Santa Clara County CWPP and provide outreach to the community throughout the project.
What is a CWPP?

A plan to reduce threats to life and property from wildfire

- Came from Healthy Forest Restoration Act (HFRA) 2003
- Collaborative planning process
- Prioritized fuel reduction
- Treat structural ignitability
  - Does not mandate actions
  - Makes recommendations and sets priorities
  - Required for many grant funding sources
CWPP Timeline

- **2015 - 2016**
  - CWPP Collaboration

- **September 26 - October 12, 2016**
  - Loma Fire Burned 4,474 acres

- **October 2016 - Present**
  - CWPP Draft Created
  - Is it still valid?
  - Is it still accurate?
  - Worst Fires to Date

CA Total Acres Burned:
- 2017 - 1,548,429 Acres
- 2018 - 1,975,086 Acres
- 2019 - 277,285 Acres
- 2020 - 4,304,379 Acres
- 2021 - 2,569,386 Acres

New Issues:
- Suppression & Recovery Costs
- Smoke Impacts
- Destination Closures
- Insurance Cancellations
- COVID

Present
CWPP Upgrades

- 2016 CWPP
  - Overarching Strategic Countywide CWPP document
  - Comprehensive Appendices
  - 18 Jurisdictional Annexes
  - Lessons Learned

- 2022/23 Update
  - New finer resolution risk assessment
  - Increased engagement
  - Online content- Story Map and Hub
  - Project tracking tool
  - Integration with HMP and Safety Element
  - New annexes
2016 CWPP Risk Assessment
Updated Hazard & Risk Assessments

- Fine Scale Risk Assessment
  - County-wide Wildfire Hazard & Risk to Structures
  - Prepared by Tukman Geospatial, Digital Mapping Solutions, Wildland Res Mgt & the Santa Cruz Mountains Stewardship Network
2022 CWPP Risk Assessment
Hazard & Risk Assessments

- New CAL FIRE Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) Maps
  - Data release to public on December 5, 2022
  - 45-day public comment period — Closes January 31, 2023
  - Required public meeting for Santa Clara County:
    Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 1-5 PM
    Morgan Hill City Council Chamber Building
    17555 Peak Ave. Morgan Hill, CA 95037
CWPP Program Organization and Roles

**CWPP Management Team**
- Responsible for overall success of project
- FireSafe Council
- SWCA
- County Agencies (Fire, OEM, Planning)
- CAL FIRE
- PIO Outreach Team

**CWPP Advisory Team**
- Subject Matter Experts
- Collaborate on analysis
- Recommendation, outreach and deliverables

**CWPP Stakeholders**
- Key agencies
- Influencers and partners in support of overall efforts and implementation
- Residents
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**Community Outreach and Education (COE) Program**

- Community Outreach and Education (COE) Program
  - CWPP Update
    - CAL FIRE & CCI Cap & Trade Dollars
    - Santa Clara County Fire Department
    - Santa Clara County Office of Emergency Management
  - Firewise USA® Workshops
  - Wildfire Evacuation Workshops
  - Tabletop booth and speaker events
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Hazardous Fuel Reduction (HFR) Program

- **Fuel Breaks**
  - Highway 17 Fuel Break - 6.5 miles
  - Charcoal Road Fuel Break - 4.5 miles
  - Page Mill Road Fuel Break - 6.4 miles

- **Escape Routes** — planned — $1.46 million grant
  - Mt. Madonna/Summit Road Escape Route
  - Loma Chiquita Escape Route
  - Chaul Spur Escape Route
  - Bohlman Road Escape Route

- **Forest Health**
  - Los Gatos Creek Watershed Collaborative Forest Health Grant (FHG)
    - $7.5 million CAL FIRE & CCI Cap & Trade Dollars Grant
  - San Jose Water
  - Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
  - Santa Clara County Parks
## CWPP Update Schedule

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Welcome! This site serves as a central landing page for the Three Rivers Fire Safe Council Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). All information regarding this planning effort is available on our Story Map.
Q&A

- CWPP FAQ on the website will be periodically updated
- Question not answered? Scan the QR code.

- Q&A — Tables with staff
  - Defensible Space
  - Resilient Forests
  - Emergency Response
Scan QR Codes Using Your Phone’s Camera

CWPP Website

CWPP Survey

Ask a CWPP Question

CWPP Mailing List

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