

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY CWPP **DEVELOPMENT PROCESS - DRAFT**

STEP 1: Community leaders convene decision makers and create a Community Planning Team

Community Planning Team

- 1) Local Community Leaders
- 2) Planning and Development
- 3) Fire Vegetation Management Captain
- 4) CAL FIRE Forester

The purpose of the Community Planning Team will be to:

- Prioritize recommendations for full treatment projects and treatment method on federal and non-federal lands in the Wildland/Urban Interface (WUI)
- Recommend suggestions to reduce ignitability of homes or other structures in the WUI
- Recommend strategies for citizen emergency preparedness (e.g. Ready/Set/Go, CERT, etc.) and fire response capability
- Use the County Core Resource and Support Team to keep the process moving forward (e.g. subject-matter experts, etc.)

County Core Resource and Support Team:

- 1) Chief Executive Officer (Overall Lead)
- 2) County Fire Chief
- 3) CAL FIRE Unit Chief

STEP 2: The Community Planning Team involves Federal agencies

USFS Representative (Los Padres National Forest)

STEP 3: The Community Planning Team engages interested parties

- 1) Members of the community
- 2) SB Firesafe Council
- 3) Wildlife agencies
- 4) Public Works/Department of Transportation (evacuation routes)
- 5) Environmental organizations
- 6) Water districts
- 7) OES
- 8) Homeowner associations
- 9) Santa Barbara County Fire Chiefs Association
- 10) Forest management groups

STEP 4: The Community Planning Team establishes a Community Base Map with Fire Department GIS staff

Map should identify:

- Inhabited areas at risk for wildfire
- Infrastructure- escape routes, water supply, and power
- Designation of WUI Zone

STEP 5: The Community Planning Team develops a Community Risk Assessment List

- Uses classifications, such as:
 - High
 - Medium
 - Low
- Factors for consideration (MAP)
 - Slope/Aspect/Evaluation
 - Wind Corridors
 - Fuel Hazard Types
- Risk of Wildfire Occurrences
 - Fire History Map
- Home, Business, Essential Infrastructure at Risk
 - Maps of
 - Escape Routs
 - Water Supply
 - Power
 - Types of construction
- Other values at risk
 - Habitats
 - Historical landmarks
 - Cultural landmarks

STEP SIX: The Community Planning Team establishes a list of Community Hazard Priorities and recommendations for reduction of structural ignitability

Through meeting with stakeholders

STEP SEVEN: The Community Planning Team develops an Action Plan and Assessment Strategy

Action Plan should identify:

- Roles and Responsibilities
- Fund Needs
- Timetables for highest priority projects
- Necessary environmental review (e.g. CEQA)
- Long-term strategy

STEP EIGHT: The Community Planning Team finalizes the Community Wildfire Protection Plan through the County Core Resource and Support Team

County Core Resource and Support Team should reconvene and mutually agree on:

- Fuels treatment priorities
- Fuels treatment methods for each project
- Environmental review requirements (e.g. CEQA)
- Location of the WUI
- Structural ignitability recommendations

The County Core Resource and Support Team should schedule a follow up meeting to present the finalized plan to the Community Team and other community members, along with key land management partners, before going to the Board of Supervisors for approval.