



STAFF REPORT	
SUBJECT: Discussion and Consideration of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan for the Lake County Fire Protection District	MEETING DATE: Jan. 16, 2025
SUBMITTED BY: Alan D. Flora, City Manager	
PURPOSE OF REPORT: <input type="checkbox"/> Information only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Item	

WHAT IS BEING ASKED OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

City Council will consider approving a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) on behalf of the Lake County Fire Protection District.

BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION:

The Lake County Fire Protection District has created a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). The CWPP reflects community input on actions and projects that will assist not only residents, but also first responders in their efforts to protect lives, property, and the environment. Face-to-face engagement with citizens, local, state, and federal agencies was limited by the restrictions placed during the COVID-19 pandemic. Input was gathered primarily through virtual meetings, teleconferences, and individual phone calls. The Fire Protection District would like to thank the Clear Lake Environmental Research Center (CLERC) for their assistance in gathering community input for this plan and to extend sincere appreciation to the local, state, and federal fire personnel who provided community input and their expertise in developing this plan.

The plan’s stated purpose is to:

- Update and streamline the 2021 CWPP in accordance with the most recent guidelines and utilize the document to develop and implement the LCFPD CWPP.
- Provide fire safety information to homeowners.
- Provide information to homeowners to reduce the ignitability of their homes.
- Identify recommended fuel reduction projects throughout the LCFPD.
- Identify fire safety resources and groups throughout the LCFPD.

This plan along with the CAL FIRE Unit Plan are in alignment with priorities being:

- Evacuation Routes (Egress and Ingress Corridors)
- WUI Wildland Urban Interface
- Critical Infrastructure Protection
- Strategic Ridge Tops

Note: The CWPP is not to be construed as indicative of project “activity” as defined under the

“Community Guide to the California Environmental Quality Act, Chapter Three, Projects Subject to CEQA.” Any actual project activities undertaken that meet this definition of project activity and are undertaken by the CWPP participants or agencies listed shall meet with local, state, and federal environmental compliance requirements.

In December, the Lake County Board of Supervisors adopted the CWPP and now the fire Protection District is asking the City Council to adopt the plan. This will cover both parts of the District which are within the City and in the unincorporated area.

OPTIONS:

1. Approve the Lake County Fire Protection District Community Wildfire Protection Plan and Authorize the Mayor to Sign.
2. Direction to Staff.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None \$ Budgeted Item? Yes No

Budget Adjustment Needed? Yes No If yes, amount of appropriation increase: \$

Affected fund(s): General Fund Measure P Fund Measure V Fund Other:

Comments:

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

- Goal #1: Make Clearlake a Visibly Cleaner City
- Goal #2: Make Clearlake a Statistically Safer City
- Goal #3: Improve the Quality of Life in Clearlake with Improved Public Facilities
- Goal #4: Improve the Image of Clearlake
- Goal #5: Ensure Fiscal Sustainability of City
- Goal #6: Update Policies and Procedures to Current Government Standards
- Goal #7: Support Economic Development

Attachments:

1. Draft LCFPD CWPP