

News Release



2024 COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN FINALIZED

The Tuolumne Fire Safe Council is pleased to announce the completion of the 2024 Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) for Tuolumne County. "I have been very impressed by the amount of community support and participation that has gone into the development of this plan" stated Acting President of the Council, Mike Olenchak. "I want to thank everyone who participated and supported this important effort."

The CWPP is a collaborative planning document focused on identifying and addressing local hazards and risks from wildfire. The CWPP determines what is at risk and proposes actions for the community to address wildfire threat.

The 2024 CWPP was developed through a collaborative process involving the Tuolumne Fire Safe Council (TFSC), Tuolumne County Office of Emergency Services (TC-OES), Tuolumne County Fire Department, State and local fire agencies, City of Sonora, county officials, county, state-, and federal-land management agencies, HOAs, infrastructure organizations, businesses, community groups and the general public.

Funding for this project was provided by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's (CAL FIRE) Wildfire Prevention Grants Program as part of the California Climate Investments Program.

CWPPs are in use across the country and at a variety of scales. Signed by the local fire district, local governments, and state forestry agency, CWPPs represent an opportunity for diverse community stakeholders to meaningfully engage in their local wildfire risk reduction actions.

The CWPP is considered a living document that serves as a road map for planning and prioritizing wildfire mitigation activities throughout the County, while also providing a resource to help increase public awareness and engagement in wildfire safety principles and preparedness at the individual, household, and neighborhood levels.

Benefits of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan:

- A current CWPP must be in place to qualify for Federal Grants
- Allows grant proponents to focus resources on shared priorities, promoting more efficiency and reducing redundancy and competition for the same limited resources.
- Identifies actions and priorities to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires.
- Identifies community level actions and home hardening practices.

To view the plan, visit <https://cwpp.tuolumnefiresafe.org>