



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: April 1, 2024

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Melissa Eads, City Administrator
Aimee New, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: Presentation of the Completed Community Wildfire Protection Plan

RECOMMENDATION

Consider authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Completed Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

DISCUSSION

A Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) is a developing collaborative-shared strategy to improve wildfire resilience and build fire-adapted communities. The State and Federal governments do not mandate for Cities or Counties to have a CWPP, however, it is commonly required to be eligible for fuel management and risk reduction funding opportunities.

The Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) for Tuolumne County as a whole provides a road map and principle-guiding document to assist agencies, organizations, and the public. The CWPP will assist the community to better prepare, respond, mitigate, and recover from current and future wildfire threats. The plan is an update to the previous Tuolumne County CWPP dated December 12, 2004.

CWPPs are organized according to the Healthy Forest Restoration Act of 2003 (HFRA) and must address at a minimum:

Collaboration – Local/state officials, federal agencies, and nongovernmental stakeholders;
Prioritized Fuel Reduction – Identify and prioritize areas for hazardous fuel reduction treatments on both federal and nonfederal lands and recommend types of treatment; **Treatment of Structural Ignitability** – Recommend measures that homeowners and communities can take to reduce the ignitability of structures in the plan area.

The following governing entities must mutually agree to the final contents of a CWPP:

The applicable local governments; the local fire department(s); and the state entity responsible for forest management.

The Tuolumne Firesafe Council (TFSC) received grant funding from CAL FIRE California Climate Investments (CCI) Program to administrate the new CWPP. Jensen Hughes was selected as the contractor to assist in the development of the CWPP. The CWPP was created in collaboration with a Steering Committee of local subject matter experts, a Stakeholders Working Group, and multiple outreach events and surveys to engage members of the public. Fire Chief Aimee New represented the City during these processes and recommends signing the CWPP.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact to the General Fund.