

# Petrolia

## Firewise Action Plan



The Petrolia Community Assessment was reviewed and accepted by the Petrolia Firewise Board/Lower Mattole Firesafe Council (LMFSC) on July 11<sup>th</sup> 2011, and it was decided to seek Firewise recognition. The following action plan was created and agreed on by the Board. Firefighters with the Petrolia Volunteer Fire Department (PVFD) provided guidance for the development of the assessment and the action plan.

ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	TIME-LINE
<b>Information brochures:</b> Having information available to residents about how to fire-safe their property is very important. More of this information will be made available at the local store and at local events.	The LMFSC/Firewise Board	This is an ongoing project. During the first year 400 brochures will be distributed.
<b>Fuels Reduction Projects:</b> The Fire-adapted Landscapes and Safe Homes (FLASH) program administered by Humboldt County and executed through the LMFSC and the Mattole Restoration Council (MRC) will continue through the coming year. It is estimated that 75 acres will be treated in the watershed to reduce hazardous wildfire fuels.	The LMFSC/Firewise Board and the MRC	Between December 2011 through December 2012
<b>Host Firewise event at the annual Roll on the Mattole:</b> The Honeydew Volunteer Fire Company's (HVFD) annual fundraiser is a great opportunity for the annual Firewise event. Residents from the Petrolia and Honeydew areas come to this event every year. The LMFSC will provide staff and a booth to present Firewise information along with other fire safe resources for local residents. The communities of Petrolia and Honeydew will count this as their primary Firewise event.	The LMFSC/Firewise Board, the PVFD, the HVFC and all other community and fire service partners.	July 2012

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<p><b>Better road and driveway signs:</b> The LMFSC will continue to help local neighborhoods with acquiring road signs and street address signs, and will work with Humboldt County to help residents figure out their address, and if necessary change addresses so that they make sense.</p>	<p>The LMFSC/Firewise Board, PVFD, and Humboldt County personnel</p>	<p>This is an ongoing project which will require funding to complete. Over the next year 3 road signs will be installed and 5 residents will be helped with addressing.</p>
<p><b>Water Storage:</b> More fire water storage is needed in all neighborhoods in Petrolia. The LMFSC will continue to peruse funding to help residents with the cost of installing water tanks on their properties, as well as helping to install better fittings and adding to the water storage capacities of the PVFD.</p>	<p>The LMFSC/Firewise Board and the PVFD</p>	<p>This is an ongoing project which will require funding to complete.</p>
<p><b>Keep the Fire Atlas up to date:</b> The LMFSC along with the MRC will continue to update the Fire Atlas, as well as all of the volunteer firefighters who will be using it most.</p>	<p>The LMFSC/Firewise Board, the PVFD, the HVFC, and the MRC</p>	<p>This is an ongoing project. While handwritten updates can be made at any time, the master update will require funding in about 3 to 5 years.</p>