

HUMBOLDT COUNTY COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN, 2019

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APPENDIX B — PLANNING PROCESS

B.1 CWPP UPDATE COMMITTEE

The CWPP Update Committee was made up of representatives from the Humboldt County Fire Safe Council (HCFSC) and supported by the Project Staff. The Committee’s responsibility was to provide guidance and leadership for the CWPP update and associated public outreach, and make project decisions between HCFSC meetings as needed. Staff worked closely with this committee for much of 2017, until the Work Group process began. Committee members are:

- Bill Eastwood, Southern Humboldt Fire Safe Council
- Dorie Lanni, Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office of Emergency Services (OES)
Alternate (2017): Bryan Lee
- Mike Lake, Fruitland Ridge Fire Protection District and Southern Humboldt Fire Chiefs’ Association
- Robert Rivelle, Six Rivers National Forest
(Non-voting advisor)
Alternates: Amy Ziegler, Eamon Engber
- Will Harling, Orleans/Somes Bar Fire Safe Council//Mid Klamath Watershed Council
- Ronald McLaughlin and Chris Ramey, CAL FIRE, Humboldt – Del Norte Unit (Non-voting advisor)
Alternate: Jason Butcher

B.2 WORK GROUPS

Following the October 2017 Humboldt County Fire Safe Council meeting, and the identification of the six goal areas at that meeting, a Work Group composed of HCFSC members and collaborators was established for each *Countywide Action Plan* goal area—the six chapters of *Part 3* of this CWPP. The following table identifies the members of each Work Group that developed the action plans in *Part 3*, and will be responsible for overseeing their implementation.

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FIGURE B.1 CWPP WORK GROUP MEMBERS

1. WILDFIRE IGNITION PREVENTION	
Ali Freedlund	<i>Lower Mattole Fire Safe Council and Mattole Restoration Council</i>
Mike Lake	<i>Fruitland Ridge Fire Protection District and Southern Humboldt Fire Chiefs' Association</i>
Chris Ramey	<i>CAL FIRE, Humboldt – Del Norte Unit</i>
Jennifer Renner	<i>CAL FIRE, Humboldt – Del Norte Unit</i>
Robert Rivelle	<i>Six Rivers National Forest</i>
Ian Sigman	<i>Lower Mattole Fire Safe Council and Honeydew Volunteer Fire Company</i>
Tracy Katelman	<i>ForEverGreen Forestry, staff</i>
2. WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS	
Mark Allee	<i>California Conservation Corps</i>
Nancy Bailey	<i>Orleans/Somes Bar Fire Safe Council and Mid-Klamath Watershed Council</i>
Barbara Darst	<i>Willow Creek Fire Safe Council</i>
Bill Eastwood	<i>Southern Humboldt Fire Safe Council</i>
Ali Freedlund	<i>Lower Mattole Fire Safe Council and Mattole Restoration Council</i>
Manny Mello	<i>North West Insurance</i>
Chris Ramey	<i>CAL FIRE, Humboldt – Del Norte Unit</i>
Jennifer Renner	<i>CAL FIRE, Humboldt – Del Norte Unit</i>
Robert Rivelle	<i>Six Rivers National Forest</i>
Tracy Katelman	<i>ForEverGreen Forestry, staff</i>
3. DISASTER PREPAREDNESS	
Barbara Darst	<i>Willow Creek FSC</i>
Will Harling	<i>Orleans/Somes Bar Fire Safe Council and Mid-Klamath Watershed Council</i>
Dorie Lanni	<i>Humboldt County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services</i>
Manny Mello	<i>North West Insurance</i>
Rod Mendes	<i>Hoopa Tribe Office of Emergency Services and Hoopa Fire Department</i>
Robert Rivelle	<i>Six Rivers National Forest</i>
Lon Winburn	<i>Fortuna Fire Protection District and Humboldt County Fire Chiefs' Association</i>
Tracy Katelman	<i>ForEverGreen Forestry, staff</i>
4. FIRE PROTECTION	
Barbara Darst	<i>Willow Creek Fire Safe Council</i>
Mike Lake	<i>Fruitland Ridge Fire Protection District, and Southern Humboldt Fire Chiefs' Association</i>
Kai Ostrow	<i>Briceland Fire Protection District and Southern Humboldt Technical Rescue</i>
Chris Ramey	<i>CAL FIRE, Humboldt – Del Norte Unit</i>
Jennifer Renner	<i>CAL FIRE, Humboldt – Del Norte Unit</i>
Robert Rivelle	<i>Six Rivers National Forest</i>
Ian Sigman	<i>Lower Mattole Fire Safe Council and Honeydew Volunteer Fire Company</i>
Lon Winburn	<i>Fortuna Fire Protection District, and Humboldt County Fire Chiefs' Association</i>
Tracy Katelman	<i>ForEverGreen Forestry, staff</i>

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5. RESTORATION OF BENEFICIAL FIRE	
Bill Eastwood	<i>Southern Humboldt Fire Safe Council</i>
Ali Freedlund	<i>Lower Mattole Fire Safe Council and Mattole Restoration Council</i>
Will Harling	<i>Orleans/Somes Bar Fire Safe Council and Mid-Klamath Watershed Council</i>
Debra Harris	<i>North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District</i>
Kai Ostrow	<i>Briceland Fire Protection District and Southern Humboldt Technical Rescue</i>
Lenya Quinn Davidson	<i>University of California Cooperative Extension</i>
Tracy Katelman	<i>ForEverGreen Forestry, staff</i>
6. INTEGRATED PLANNING	
Debra Harris	<i>North Coast Air Unified Quality Management District</i>
Will Harling	<i>Orleans/Somes Bar Fire Safe Council and Mid-Klamath Watershed Council</i>
Cybelle Immit	<i>County of Humboldt Public Works</i>
Dorie Lanni	<i>Humboldt County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services</i>
John Miller	<i>County of Humboldt Planning and Building</i>
Chris Ramey	<i>CAL FIRE, Humboldt – Del Norte Unit</i>
Robert Rivelle	<i>Six Rivers National Forest</i>
Tracy Katelman	<i>ForEverGreen Forestry, staff</i>

B.3 COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROCESS

Many strategies were used to spread the word to communities about the CWPP workshops. The process was kicked off with a press release that was written in collaboration with the planning consultant, County staff, the HCFSC, CAL FIRE, fire chiefs, and the Six Rivers National Forest. The press release was picked up and published by several local newspapers and was used as the basis for follow-up public service announcements (PSAs) and press releases. Local radio stations used the information provided to announce the workshops to their listening audiences. County staff also participated in radio interviews on KMUD and KHSU to promote the workshop series.

Multiple email listserves were used to get the word out. Emails were drafted and distributed to the membership of the Humboldt County Fire Chiefs' Association, the Southern Humboldt Fire Chiefs' Association, individual contact lists of FSC members and fire chiefs, and people who had previously expressed interest in following the activities of the HCFSC. Recipients of these emails were asked to forward them to friends and neighbors who might be interested in the workshops. Workshop posters were created and posted in high-traffic locations within communities and emailed out to potentially interested community members. The HCFSC online homepage was used to post news releases, PSAs, workshop posters and agendas, and general announcements about upcoming workshops.

Local FSCs and fire departments were key partners in spreading the word in their respective communities about the workshop series. In some cases, where these contacts were not as strong, and/or where there was a concentrated population, a mailing was sent out to residents announcing the workshop and providing information about fire planning. There was not sufficient funding available to do this widely but the practice was used on a few occasions.

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B.4 COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

The table below provides details on the 14 community wildfire preparedness workshops held across the county in the fall of 2017.

Detailed notes, recorded at each workshop, are available on the Humboldt County Community Wildfire Protection Plan webpage: <https://humboldt.gov/fireplanfinal>. The notes summarize the events that took place at each community workshop, including presentations made by CAL FIRE, local fire departments, and other local interest groups. The “What’s on your mind?” section of each workshop—documented in the notes—aimed to capture the ideas and concerns of participants concerning fire safety and emergency preparedness. In most cases, the notes also contain the results from the mapping exercise, during which participants were asked to identify values/assets, risks/hazards, and potential projects in their communities and to vote for the projects they see as most realistic or important to implement.

FIGURE B.2 COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS PARTICIPANTS, LOCATIONS AND DATES

PLANNING UNIT	INVITED COMMUNITY	LOCATION AND DATE
1. Redwood Park	Including Orick and all residences in the surrounding area. *Refreshments provided by the Orick Volunteer Fire Department.	Thursday, November 2, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Orick Community Hall at 101 Swan Road, Orick
2. Upper Yurok Reservation	Including Weitchpec, Wautec, Tulley Creek, Pecwan, Notchco, McKinnon Hill, Ke’pel, Bald Hill, and all residences in the surrounding area. *Light dinner provided by the Cultural Fire Management Council. Donations will benefit Cultural Burning.	Monday, December 4, from 4:30 to 7:00 pm. Weitchpec Tribal Office on Hwy-96, Weitchpec
3. Mid-Klamath	Orleans and all residences in the surrounding area. *Chili burgers (with vegetarian option) provided by the Orleans Volunteer Fire Department. Donations will benefit the Orleans VFD.	Monday, October 30, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm Panamnik Building, Downtown Orleans
4. Hoopa	Including all residences in the Hoopa community. *Refreshments provided by the Hoopa Fire Department.	Wednesday, December 6, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Hoopa Fire Department at 11121 Hwy-96, Hoopa
5. Trinidad	Including Westhaven, City of Trinidad, Trinidad Rancheria, Big Lagoon, and all residences in the surrounding areas. *Refreshments provided by the Westhaven Volunteer Fire Department.	Tuesday, November 14, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Westhaven Fire Hall at 460 6 th Ave., Westhaven
6. Redwood Creek	Including Redwood Valley, Chezem, Titlow, and all residences in the surrounding area. *Refreshments provided by the Redwood Creek Chezem Firewise Community.	Thursday, November 16, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Green Point Elementary School at 180 Valkensar Lane, Blue Lake
7. Willow Creek Area	Including Willow Creek and all residences in the surrounding area. *Free hot dogs and chips provided by the Willow Creek Fire Safe Council.	Wednesday, November 8, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Trinity Valley Elementary School at 730 Hwy-96, Willow Creek
8. Humboldt Bay Area	Including the Greater Eureka Area, Manila, Samoa, Greater Arcata Area, Blue Lake, Fieldbrook,	Saturday, November 18, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

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	<p>McKinleyville and all wildland urban interface residences in the surrounding areas.</p> <p>Hosted by the Arcata Fire Protection District. Co-sponsored by the Humboldt County Fire Safe Council, the City of Arcata, the Arcata and Blue Lake Fire Protection Districts, Humboldt Bay Fire, and the Samoa Peninsula and Fieldbrook Volunteer Fire Departments.</p> <p>*Light refreshments provided.</p>	<p>D Street Neighborhood Center at 1301 D Street, Arcata</p>
9. Kneeland–Maple Creek	<p>Kneeland, Maple Creek, and all residences in the surrounding area.</p> <p>*Refreshments provided by the Kneeland Volunteer Fire Department.</p>	<p>Thursday, October 26, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Kneeland Elementary School at 9313 Kneeland Road, Kneeland</p>
10. Eel	<p>Including Carlotta, Ferndale, Fortuna, Hydesville, Loleta, Rio Dell, Scotia, Stafford, Table Bluff, and all residences in the surrounding area.</p> <p>*Tri-tip sandwiches provided by the Fortuna Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary. Donations will benefit the Eel River Valley Fire Explorers.</p>	<p>Monday, November 27, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Fortuna Fire Hall at 320 S. Fortuna Blvd., Fortuna</p>
11. Mad–Van Duzen	<p>Including Bridgeville, Dinsmore, Blocksburg, and all residences in the surrounding area.</p> <p>*Dinner catered by Laurie Church and sponsored by Bridgeville United.</p>	<p>Thursday, November 30, from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. Bridgeville Elementary School Gym at 38717 Kneeland Road, off Hwy-36</p>
12. Mattole–Lost Coast	<p>Including Petrolia, Honeydew, and all residences in the surrounding area.</p> <p>*Food & Refreshments provided by the Lower Mattole Fire Safe Council.</p>	<p>Tuesday, November 28, from 4:30 to 7:30 pm. Mattole Grange at 36512 Mattole Road, Petrolia</p>
13. Southern Humboldt	<p>Including Alderpoint, Palo Verde, Harris, Benbow, Garberville, Redway, Briceland, Ettersburg, Shelter Cover, Whitethorn, Whale Gulch, and all residences in the surrounding area.</p> <p>*Refreshments provided by the Redway Fire Protection District.</p>	<p>Thursday, November 9, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Redway Fire Hall at 155 Empire Avenue, Redway</p>
14. Avenue of the Giants	<p>Including Phillipsville, Miranda, Myers Flat, Fruitland Ridge, Weott, Redcrest, Salmon Creek, Shively, and Humboldt Redwoods State Park areas.</p> <p>*Burgers provided by the Fruitland Ridge Volunteer Fire Department. Donations will benefit the Avenue Fire Co-op.</p>	<p>Monday, November 6, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. South Fork High School Cafeteria at 6831 Hwy-254, Miranda</p>

B.5 MAPPING EXERCISE INSTRUCTIONS

Community Mapping Exercise

Please take a look at the maps displaying community values at risk, risks and hazards, safety resources, and proposed projects. This information was collected over the past decade.

→ Use the markers provided to modify, add to, and update the existing information.

→ What has changed in the last 5 years that needs to be updated?

→ Please mark new information on the maps using the appropriate marker. If any information needs identification (e.g. name), use a thin Sharpie to write that information on the map margin.

Community Values at Risk (Green Highlighter)

- Where are there NEW places/things you most value and want to see protected from wildfire?

Wildfire Risk, and Hazards (Orange Highlighter, Red Marker, Pink Highlighter, Purple Marker)

- Where are there new areas of WILDFIRE RISK where a wildfire might start?
- What are other WILDFIRE HAZARDS in your community?
- What new road or structural issues are there, such as:
 - Road maintenance areas (outages, slides, etc.)
 - Problematic bridges (thin, weak, or wooden), and/or locked gates
 - New power lines or power lines especially vulnerable to wind. (Circle the latter in red.)
- Where have fuels reduction projects already occurred?

Safety Resources (Blue Highlighter and Marker, Brown Marker, Black Marker)

- Where are there new resources for fighting fires? What information needs updating?
 - New water storage: tanks, ponds, pools (Blue dot w/# x 1,000 gallons (e.g. 5 =5,000 gal.)
 - New equipment
 - Updated access routes and potential evacuation routes and locations.
 - Updated road conditions: roads that do not exist on the maps, or are on the maps and do not exist on the ground.

Proposed Projects (Yellow Highlighter on map) plus list on flip charts

- Review existing projects. Any no longer relevant? If so, cross them out. Check key for more info.
- Where do you most want to see fuels treatment occur? What types of treatments?
 - Shaded fuel breaks
 - Roadside brushing
 - Prescribed fire
 - Defensible space
- What other wildfire protection activities would you like to see implemented?
 - Water storage: tanks, ponds, and pools (blue dot w/yellow circle)
 - Education
 - Road and address signs
 - Equipment

Priorities: Which projects are your highest priorities for the next 5 years?

The prioritization method involves taking the total number of identified projects, dividing it by 3, and giving each participant that many sticky dots as votes. Participants can then place one dot on each of their priority projects; only one vote per item. The “votes” are tallied and numbered on a flip chart in red. The top 3-5 projects are identified as the top priorities for the area.