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# **Preface: What is a community wildfire protection plan?**

Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP) are blueprints for preparedness at the neighborhood level. They organize a community’s efforts to protect itself against wildfire, and empower citizens to move in a cohesive, common direction. Among the key goals of Community FSC name CWPP, which was developed collaboratively by citizens, and federal, state and local management agencies, are to:

* Align with the with the local fire agency’s cohesive pre-fire strategy, which includes educating homeowners and building understanding of wildland fire, ensuring defensible space clearing and structure hardening, safeguarding communities through fuels treatment, and protecting evacuation corridors
* Identify and prioritize areas for hazardous fuel reduction treatment
* Recommend the types and methods of treatment that will protect the community
* Recommend measures to reduce the ignitability of structures throughout the area addressed by the plan

*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.*

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# Section I: Snapshot of the communuty

Each community in San Diego County has a unique history and identity. Below is a description of what sets this area apart, including its landscape, preparedness, and firefighting resources.

## A. Overview

*Writing Tip (delete when complete with section)*

Use this section to briefly describe your community, including:

* What makes it unique?
* How many people live there?
* What are some of the key landmarks, gathering places and infrastructure features?
* Include description of any vulnerable populations

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## B. Landscape

### Topography

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Brief description of where the community is located within SD County; elevation if pertinent; any other key landscape features.

Description of the vegetation classification / features of your community.

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### Fire History

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Briefly summarize your community’s fire history over the past few decades. Also note if your community has not had a major fire in recent years.

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### Key Infrastructure

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List major infrastructure resources within the community, including:

* Water systems and waterways
* Residential structures
* Habitat features
* Landmarks, parks
* Businesses
* Historical sites
* Farms / ranches

Enter your text here.

### Maps

Using technology and local expertise, the sponsors of this CWPP have included a series of maps depicting the site and situation of the Community Name Community (Appendix C). The following maps are visual aids from which the Fire Safe Council Name and community members can assess and make recommendations.

1. Area Communities Map
2. Fire Hazard Severity map
3. Fire History (1910-2010)
4. Evacuation Mao
5. Fuel Treatment Projects (optional)

## C. Firefighting Resources

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Provide a brief summary of the agencies with firefighting responsibilities (include a list of stations) as well as community efforts to protect the community.

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# Section II: Collaboration

Strong working relationships are critical in ensuring that our communities are well-prepared. This section describes those key partners and their roles in developing this CWPP.

## A. Key partners

The Fire Safe Council Name led the development of this Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), with guidance and support from several partners. The development team included representatives from the agencies described in the table below.

*Writing Tip (delete when complete with section)*

* List agencies and organizations, rather than individuals.
* Include all local, state, or federal agencies, tribes, and organizations that were consulted or included in the planning process, including your Fire Safe Council.
* Add or delete roes as needed.

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# Section III: Community Engagement & EducatIon

Understanding wildfire risk is a key building block in preventing the loss of property and life. This section discusses efforts to build awareness, starting with the individual.

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***Writing Tips for Sections III – VI and VIII*** *(delete this box when document is complete)*

A. Briefly describe past and ongoing projects. Bullet points can be used to list each project or activity.

B. Briefly describe your priorities in addressing the topic in each section. You can include what the challenges are in relation to each topic.

C. Briefly describe any projects you are planning and how they align with your priorities. If you are not currently conducting any work on a topic but plan to in the future, please note that here.

## A. Priorities

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## B. Completed and / or ongoing Projects

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## C. Future Projects

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# Section IV: Structural Hardening

Long before a wildfire sparks, there are numerous steps that residents can take to protect their homes and other structures. This section describes some of those efforts.

## A. Priorities

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## B. Completed and / or ongoing Projects

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## C. Future Projects

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# Section V: Defensible Space

Creating a buffer between buildings and the grass, trees, shrubs, and other wildland areas surrounding it are essential to improving survivability. This section looks at efforts to build this key layer of protection.

## A. Priorities

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## B. Completed and / or ongoing Projects

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## C. Future Projects

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# Section VI: Fuels Treatment

Fuels are combustible materials such as grasses, leaves, plants, shrubs and trees that feed flames. This section describes efforts to treat and manage these materials in the community.

## A. Completed and ongoing Projects

*Writing Tip (delete when complete with section)*

Describe any completed or ongoing fuels treatment projects you are working on as a Fire Safe Council and / or in collaboration with other organizations or agencies. These could include:

* Roadside thinning
* Fuel breaks
* Diseased/dead tree removal
* Forest health projects

Enter your text here.

## A. Priorities

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## B. Completed and / or ongoing Projects

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## C. Future Projects

Enter your text here.



# Section VII: Evacution Planning

Identifying key corridors in and out of a community – as well as temporary safe refuge areas – is essential to being prepared for evacuation. This section provides an overview of the PACE system (primary, alternate, contingency and emergency) used to plan ahead.

Evacuation planning is a dynamic process subject to the nuances of each community. Below is an overview of the Community Name’s key ingress and egress, as well as designated evacuation corridors, Temporary Safe Refuge Areas, completed projects, priorities and future projects.

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A. Describe and name main thoroughfares / routes within the community, as well as any previous ingress/egress challenges.

B. List PACE options for each community, including Primary, Alternative and contingency corridors as well as Emergency Temporary Safe Refuge Areas.

C. Briefly describe any completed evacuation-related projects.

D. Briefly describe priorities to maintaining evacuation access for residents and visitors.

## A. Overview of Ingress and Egress

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## B. Designated Evacuation Corridors and Temporary Safe Refuge Area(s) (TSRA)

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## C. Priorities

## Enter your text here

## D. Completed and / or ongoing Projects

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## E. Future Projects

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# Section VIII: Other Mitigation & Preparedness Projects

There are countless ways that communities can act to protect themselves ahead of wildfires. This section details additional past, current and future efforts underway that were not previously mentioned.

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In this section, discuss completed mitigation or any other preparedness projects that don’t fit in other sections. Examples include address street signs or dumpster programs (e.g. to dispose of general household and hazardous waste).

## A. Priorities

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## B. Completed and / or ongoing Projects

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## C. Future Projects

Enter your text here.

# Section IX: Signatures

This plan must be approved by the following key parties: the local Fire Safe Council president, the chief of the primary responding fire agency and chair of the CWPP review committee. This section includes these signoffs.

The Community Wildfire Protection Plan, as developed for Community Name:

* Was collaboratively developed and meets the intent of the Healthy Forest Restoration Act (HFRA) in emphasizing the need for agencies to work collaboratively with communities in developing hazardous fuel reduction projects, and places priority on treatment areas identified by communities themselves in a CWPP. Interested parties and federal land management agencies in the vicinity of this CWPP have been consulted.
* Identifies and prioritizes areas for hazardous fuel reduction treatments and recommends the types and methods of treatment that will protect areas within this CWPP.
* Recommends measures to reduce ignitability of structures throughout the area addressed by the plan.
* Is intended for use as a planning and assessment tool only, utilizing a compilation of community issues/goals and projected fire mitigation strategies. 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.” Per the Community Guide, Section 3.1.1, “CEQA only applies to public agency decisions to approve, or actions to carry out, a discretionary project.” Any actual project activities meeting this definition of project activity and undertaken by the CWPP participants or agencies listed shall meet with local, state, and federal environmental compliance requirements.
* Assists and encourages compliance with current county and state fire code standards.

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Add signatures, as needed, for any participating State, Local, or Tribal fire agency representatives. The signature of the appropriate representative of fire agency(ies) having jurisdiction. You are responsible for getting the signature(s) in this section prior to submitting the CWPP.

To sign electronically, double click the signature line. To change details of the local agency information, right click the signature line and select “Signature Setup…”

#### **San Diego County Community Wildfire Prevention Plans Review Committee:**

This CWPP was reviewed and recommended for approval by the San Diego Community Wildfire Protection Plan Review Committee as demonstrated by the signature below.



The CAL FIRE Unit Chief has final signing authority on CWPPs in San Diego County. The signature below attests that the standards listed in the section above and the content of this Community Wildfire Protection Plan are proposed to be met and mutually accepted.



*Writing Tip (delete when complete with section)*

This page will be signed once the CWPP has been approved. FSCSDC is responsible for getting these signatures.

# Section X: Appendices

This section includes important additional information that complements other portions of the plan.

## Appendix A: Meeting Tracking Documents

This CWPP was developed for the community of Community Name, through a series of community meetings. The Fire Safe Council Name members who contributed to the document include the following:

**Community Representatives**

**Agency Representatives**

**Meetings Dates**

*Writing Tip (delete when complete with section)*

Here you can list individuals and their affiliations who were involved in developing your community’s CWPP. Also, list meeting dates and locations where the CWPP was discussed.

## Appendix B: Maps

### Figure 1: Area Communities Map

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For questions or help with you CWPP please contact:

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Phone: 619-562-0096

Email: [Britney.munoz@rcdsandiego.org](mailto:Britney.munoz@rcdsandiego.org)

\*San Diego County Fire can generate maps for any CWPP within the San Diego County Fire jurisdiction.

### Figure 2: Fire Hazard Severity map

### Figure 3: Fire History 1910-2010

### Figure 4: Evacuation Map

### Figure 5: Fuels Treatment Projects

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