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| U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) San Diego National Wildlife Refuge (SDNWR) Gordon Tamplin, Fire Captain SDNWR Complex | Provides local information and expertise for USFWS lands and the Wildland Urban Interface, including fire prevention, fuels treatment, and land management activities. |
| California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Tracy Nelson, Manager, Hollenbeck Canyon Wildlife Area (HCWA) | Provides local information and expertise for HCWA lands adjacent to OJFSC western and southern boundaries, including public land management activities. |
| San Diego County Fire Authority Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Teresa Greenhalgh, Local Coordinator | Provides trained local residents that can assist when needed with emergency response situations including downed powerlines, small fire extinction, basic first aid, search and rescue etc. |

**SECTION I: COLLABORATION -- continued**

**B. Community Overview** – Description of topography, population, climate, land uses, businesses, schools infrastructure, fire safe councils, and other applicable traits specific to this CWPP area.

Outer Jamul covers an unincorporated area of approximately 40 square miles east of the town of Jamul, San Diego County, California. Much of the west boundary butts against the Hollenbeck Canyon Wildlife area. The north boundary (south of Loveland Reservoir) is adjacent to open space administered by the County of San Diego and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The eastern boundary largely abuts the Cleveland National Forest, and the southern boundary follows a topographic ridge between the Deerhorn Valley Community and a steep slope south of the ridge line (see Topographic Map, Appendix C, Figure 4).

Individual communities include Deerhorn Valley, Bratton Valley, Bee Valley, Honey Springs Ranch, Lyon's Valley, Lee Valley, Beaver Hollow, Skyline Ridge, Wisecarver, and Lawson Valley. All lie within the 91935 (Jamul, CA) zip code.

The Outer Jamul area is a mix of broad valleys, deep cut steep valleys, rugged ridge lines and mountain peaks to 3700 feet elevation. Valleys are present from 1500 to 3000 feet elevation. Most major valleys are oriented in an east/west or northeast/southwest directions. All streams in the area are ephemeral, containing water only during and shortly after rainfall events, usually in winter and spring. Stream runoff in the Lawson Valley area drains northwest into the Sweetwater River watershed. Most other streams drain west into Jamul Creek or Dulzura Creek and then to Otay Reservoir/Otay River. The Bee Valley area east of Deerhorn Valley drains into Cottonwood Creek below the Barrett Reservoir.
Fire and emergency medical services in the area are provided by San Diego County Fire Authority Station 37 at 2383 Honey Springs Road in Bratton Valley, and Lyon's Valley Cal Fire Station 32 at 17759 Skyline Truck Trail. Both stations are staffed by Cal Fire personnel. Station 37 has one type-one fire engine, one water tender, a minimum of 3 firefighters on duty 24/7, one of which is also a paramedic. Station 32 has one type-three engine, a firefighter staff of 3 minimum, all being EMTs. As needed trained CERT personnel in the area can be called upon to assist in emergencies. Law enforcement in the Outer Jamul area is conducted by the San Diego County Sheriff's Department with assistance from the California Highway Patrol and US Border Patrol.
Prior to, and during, construction of the Sunrise Powerlink, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) required SDG&E to set up a sustainable yearly grant program to partially mitigate the added risk to homes near the powerline and those located in high fire threat areas that would be downwind in Santa Ana wind conditions. A homeowner grant program was initiated in 2012 to help mitigate this danger (see Appendix F).

In order to facilitate understanding of grant requirements and encourage grant application by residents, the Outer Jamul Fire Safe Council has hosted a Sunrise Powerlink Grant Program informational meetings each year at the beginning of the grant cycle since 2012. Attendance has ranged from 40 to 70 residents. Each year the Grants administrative officer has presented residents with updates and any changes to the grant program made by the governing body, Sunrise Powerlink Fire Mitigation Group (SPFMG).

D. Local Preparedness and Firefighting Capability— All fire jurisdictions within the area as identified by this CWPP are listed below with information as available on number of firefighting personnel and fire response vehicles:

Fire protection for the Outer Jamul CWPP area is provided by the San Diego County Fire Authority and Cal Fire. Two fire stations within the Outer Jamul boundaries are:

- San Diego County Fire Authority Station 37
  2383 Honey Springs Road.
  One Type 1 engine, 1 water tender
  minimum 3 firefighter/EMTs, minimum one Paramedic
  Staffed by Cal Fire.

- Cal Fire Lyon’s Valley Station 32
  17759 Skyline Truck Trail
  One Type 3 engine
  minimum 3 firefighter/EMTs
B. Existing Projects

The Outer Jamul Fire Safe Council and collaborating groups and citizens support continuing the following projects and actions:

- Community education on defensible space.
- Continued maintenance of track-mounted chipper delivered and lent to area residents for chipping of yard waste, tree branches, and shrubs.
- Continued maintenance of professional weed whackers to area residents for weed abatement and defensible space.
- Yearly well-attended meetings and follow-up to help residents understand and apply for the Sunrise Powerlink Grant program.
- Continued assistance to elderly and physically challenged residents to create defensible space.
- Encourage installation of Fire Code compliant address signs.
- Continue to fund WUI fire behavior and situational awareness workshops.
- Hold "Ready Set Go" informational meetings.
- Hold large animal evacuation informational meetings.
- Purchase and placement of "WILDFIRE DANGER AREA" reflective signs on key properties near high traffic roadways.
The Community Wildfire Protection Plan as developed for the Outer Jamul CWPP:

- 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.

Outer Jamul Fire Safe Council
Thomas Lamb, President

Cal Fire
Mike White, Battalion Chief

1/11/2018
Date

1/11/2018
Date
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This Community Wildfire Protection Plan has been developed for the communities in Outer Jamul

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

[Signature]
Chair of CWPP Review Committee
(name)

4-9-18
Date

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:

[Signature]
STATE AGENCY (authorizing entity — required for finalization)

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)
Monte Vista Unit
Tony Mecham, Unit Chief

4-20-2016
Date
LIST OF REFERENCES:


2. County of San Diego Consolidated Fire Code, available at: https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/pds/docs/cosd-fire-code.pdf


CAL FIRE Fire and Resource Assessment Program (FRAP) http://frap.fire.ca.gov for additional maps, data and documents


6. www.livingwithfire.com

7. www.firesafecouncil.org

8. www.firesafesdc county.org
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Figure 1: Area Map

Figure 2: Communities Map

Figure 3: Assets at Risk

Figure 4: USGS Topographic Map

Figure 5: Fire Threat (modeled by CDF FRAP)

Figure 6: Fire History 1910 – 2010 (CDF FRAP)

Figure 7: Wild land-Urban Interface Zone Designations (CDF FRAP)

Figure 8: Vegetation Classification

Figure 9: Vegetation Classification Key

Figure 10: Route of Sunrise Powerlink transmission lines
Vegetation Communities (Holland 95 Classification)

Southern Foredunes, Beach,
Saltpan, Mudflats
(13300, 13400, 21230)
Coastal Sage Scrub
(31200, 32400, 32500, 32700, 32710, 32720)
Chaparral
(35000, 35200, 35210, 37000, 37120, 37121, 37122, 37130, 37131, 37132, 37200, 37210, 37220, 37300, 37500, 37520, 37530, 37540, 37830, 37900, 37A00, 37C30, 37K00, 37G00)
Grassland
(42000, 42100, 42110, 42120, 42200, 42300, 42400, 42470)
Riparian Scrub
(60000, 63000, 63300, 63310, 63320, 63410, 63810, 63820)
Riparian Woodland
(62000, 62300, 62400)
Riparian Forest
(61000, 61300, 61310, 61320, 62330, 61510, 61810, 61820)
Pinyon Juniper Woodlands
(72300, 72310, 72320)
Other Woodlands
(70000, 71000, 71100, 71160, 71161, 71162, 71180, 71181, 71182, 75100, 77000, 78000, 79000)
Oak Forest
(81300, 81310, 81320, 81340)
Meadow and Seep
(45000, 45100, 45110, 45120, 45300, 45320, 45400)
Marsh
(52120, 52300, 52310, 52400, 52410, 52420, 52440)
Coniferous Forest
(81100, 83140, 83230, 84000, 84100, 84140, 84150, 84230, 84500, 85100)
Desert Dunes
(22100, 22300, 24000)
Playas/Badlands/Mudhill Forbs
(46000, 46100)
Desert Scrub
(33100, 33200, 33210, 33220, 33500, 33600, 34000, 34300, 36110, 39000)
Desert Chaparral
(37400, 37800)
Dry Wash Woodland
(29000, 33230, 33300, 36120, 62200)
Water
(Including 11200, 13200)
Urban, Disturbed Habitat, Agriculture,
Eucalyptus Woodland
Not Mapped (Data Gaps)

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APPENDIX F

Added risk to community values,

Sunrise Powerlink transmission lines

During planning and construction of the Sunrise Powerlink, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) set forth a recommendation (Decision 08-12-058) with San Diego Gas and Electric Co. (SDG&E) that included requiring significant mitigation measures to address increases in wildfire risk due to the presence of the powerline. Major concerns were fire ignition during Santa Ana wind-driven fires and limitations of fire fighting measures under, over, and near the powerline.

Because some communities (including all of Outer Jamul) are in close proximity to the powerline, CPUC Mitigation Measure F-1e urged SDG&E to set up a "defensible space grants fund" in order to "assist in the maintenance of defensible space requirements and in the implementation of other fire-safe measures at the private residences most at risk of a project-related fire". It was determined that approximately 1400 homes in Outer Jamul and other communities in close proximity to the Sunrise Powerlink were to be assisted in defensible space and structural hardening.

SDG&E established a fund as per CPUC guidelines. It is estimated that, at present, approximately 3 million dollars are earmarked each year for the Sunrise Powerlink Defensible Space Grant Fund. CPUC Mitigation Measure F-1e requires similar yearly fund donations for the next approximately 52 years, or the working life of the powerline.

In November 2011 a memorandum of understanding (MOU) was signed by SDG&E and 7 (6 at present) different fire agency partners. This group is tasked with guiding implementation of the Sunrise Powerlink Fire Mitigation Grant program following CPUC guidelines. Collectively the 6 fire agency voting members and a nonvoting SDG&E representative are designated the Sunrise Powerlink Fire Mitigation Group (SPFMG). One of 3 major MOU tasks assigned to the group was to "reduce the potential wildfire impacts to residences and other structures immediately adjacent to Sunrise" (powerline). The MOU tasks each voting agency of the SPLFMG "identifying those homeowners at highest risk of sustaining damage from an ignition related to the Sunrise Powerlink............consistent with the standards established by the CPUC, the Decision (#08-12-058), and the MOU".