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Community Wildfire Protection Plan

SAN ELIJO HILLS FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

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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 the San Elijo Hills CWPP, which was developed collaboratively by citizens, and federal, state and local management agencies, are to:

- Align 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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Snapshot of the Community

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

I. OVERVIEW

San Elijo Hills

The San Elijo Hills Fire Safe Council (SEH FSC) encompasses the San Elijo Hills Homeowner’s Association, Venzano Homeowner’s Association, Old Creek Ranch (OCR) Homeowner’s Association and the community of Questhaven Hills. These communities are located in San Marcos, California, within the northern part of San Diego County. It is bordered on the northwest by the city of Vista, on the east by the city of Escondido, on the south by unincorporated San Diego County and on the west by Carlsbad. The council boundaries include a blend of residential developments, commercial businesses and mixed use occupancies, open space areas, and wildland-urban interface and intermix zones. It is bordered by natural vegetation and steep hillsides that are vulnerable to wildfire, especially during dry conditions and high wind events, which makes fire safety and mitigation efforts critical. San Elijo Hills Road runs through the community linking Highway 78 to Interstate 5 and serves as a major corridor that connects coastal communities to inland cities. This unique



positioning influences both daily traffic patterns and regional emergency response dynamics.

The San Marcos Fire Department (SMFD) is an all-risk department responsive to the City of San Marcos and the San Marcos Fire Protection District. The SMFD has an ISO Rating 1 and delivers a range of exceptional first responder services to the community including:

- Fire suppression
- Rescue
- Emergency Medical Services
- Fire Prevention Services
- Vegetation Management
- Public Education
- Emergency Preparedness
- Trauma Support.

*Population: **Approximately 20,000***

II. LANDSCAPE

Topography

Located within the San Marcos hills of northern San Diego County, the community's elevation ranges from approximately 300 feet above mean sea level at the valley floor to over 1,000 feet at its highest points, particularly in the northern and eastern areas within the council boundaries. The topography of San Elijo Hills is characterized by its rolling hills, steep slopes, and rugged terrain, making it a visually striking and ecologically diverse area. These elevation changes create a varied landscape with sweeping views of the surrounding region, including the Pacific Ocean to the west on clear days. The higher elevations offer residents and visitors scenic overlooks, but also present challenges related to land development and wildfire mitigation.

The natural landscape surrounding San Elijo Hills consists of dense chaparral, coastal sage scrub, grasslands, and a significant number of pine trees originally planted by the community's developer. While intended for aesthetic and screening purposes, these non-native pines have matured into dense clusters that now contribute to the area's wildfire risk. The region lies within the wildland-urban interface, where residential neighborhoods are interwoven with expansive open spaces. Steep hillsides and rocky outcrops are common, particularly along the perimeter of the community, where vegetation transitions into undeveloped areas and ecological reserves like the San Elijo Lagoon to the west. These varied topographic features enhance the area's natural beauty but also pose challenges, including erosion on steeper slopes and the ongoing need for vegetation management to reduce fire hazards.

Fire History

- **Coronado Hills Fire (2007)** - 250 acre fire that burned near the current site of Double Peak School
- **Witch Fire (2007)** - 197,990 acre fire that burned in the direction of our community causing evacuations
- **Cocos Fire (2014)** - 1,995 acre fire that burned to the east of San Elijo Hills, causing evacuations and burning 40 structures and outbuildings
- **Claro Fire (2025)** - 49.7 acre fire that burned to the south west of San Elijo Hills causing evacuations of Old Creek Ranch.

Key Infrastructure

- San Elijo Hills Road and Elfin Forest Road are the main streets linking the community to Interstate 5, Interstate 15 and Highway 78.
- Two sets of high tension, high voltage powerlines cut through San Elijo Hills from east to west.
- The radio tower in San Elijo Hills serves as a critical piece of infrastructure primarily for communication purposes. It supports a range of functions essential for both emergency response and public safety, particularly in a region that is vulnerable to wildfires and other natural disasters.
- The watersheds in the community eventually run into both Batiquitos Lagoon and San Elijo Lagoon which are both sensitive habitats.
- Double Peak School, San Elijo Elementary School and San Elijo Middle School all fall within the council boundary serving 3,300 students
- San Elijo Hills is home to San Elijo Park, Questhaven Park and Double Peak Park. The

region also has approximately eighteen miles of trails.

- Vallecitos Water District has a 40 million gallon reservoir and 33 million gallon tower on Double Peak which also houses Olivenhain Municipal Water District communication equipment. The reservoir and tower service the City of San Marcos, Lake San Marcos, Carlsbad, Vista, Escondido, and other unincorporated areas of north San Diego County.

Maps

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

1. Area Communities Map (Figure 1)
2. Fire Hazard Severity map (Figure 2)
3. Fire History (1995-2025) (Figure 3)
4. Evacuation Map (Figure 4)
5. Evacuation Zones Map (Figure 5)
6. Vibrant Planet Map (Figure 6)

III. FIREFIGHTING RESOURCES

Several agencies respond in San Elijo Hills for fire, EMS, rescue and service calls. Those agencies are part of the larger North County Dispatch Joint Powers Agency. Under this agreement, the closest appropriate unit is dispatched to a call regardless of jurisdiction or city boundaries. The primary agencies that respond to San Elijo Hills are the City of San Marcos Fire Department, The City of Carlsbad Fire Department and Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District. The three closest fire stations to San Elijo Hills also have a multitude of different

apparatus, including Type 1 fire engines (structure engine), Type 3 fire engines (Brush Engine), a Type 6 fire engine (Brush Patrol), a water tender, UTV's (off-road vehicle) and Rescue Ambulances.



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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.

I. KEY PARTNERS

The **San Elijo Hills Fire Safe Council** 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.

ORGANIZATION	ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES
San Marcos Fire Department (SMFD)	Local information and expertise, including community risk and value assessment, development of community protection priorities and establishment of fuels treatment project areas and methods.
CAL FIRE/San Diego County Fire	Input and expertise in forestry, fire and fuels, and Firewise concepts. Review of final document.
San Marcos Unified School District (SMUSD)	SMUSD operates three public schools within the San Elijo Hills community including San Elijo Elementary School (SEES), San Elijo Middle School (SEMS) and Double Peak K-8 School (DPS). Two of these schools are designated as Temporary Refuge Areas (TRAs) and are thus critical components of our CWPP. SMUSD is responsible for brush management around their respective schools and works closely with SMFD regarding protection and emergency evacuation planning.

<p>San Elijo Hills Master HOA</p>	<p>The San Elijo Hills HOA participates in regular fire brush management and other WUI projects as they involve the HOA community. HOA's work closely with SMFD to keep residents safe and informed. This relationship provides an opportunity for necessary public communication, including defensible spaces, home hardening, WUI projects, and evacuation preparedness</p>
<p>Old Creek Ranch (OCR) HOA</p>	<p>The OCR HOA represents homeowners within the Old Creek Ranch Development. Similarly, the HOA's roles and responsibilities mirror those of each other.</p>
<p>Venzano HOA</p>	<p>The Venzano HOA represents homeowners within the Venzano Development. Similarly the HOA's roles and responsibilities mirror those of each other.</p>
<p>Questhaven Hills Community</p>	<p>The Questhave Hills Community represents a small group of private homeowners and property owners located in the wildland areas of the eastern end of the community along Attebury Road, Golden Eagle Trail, Valborg Drive and Deadwood Drive. These owners are responsible for their own brush management as well as share the common interest of maintaining the private road system within the Questhaven Hills Community.</p>



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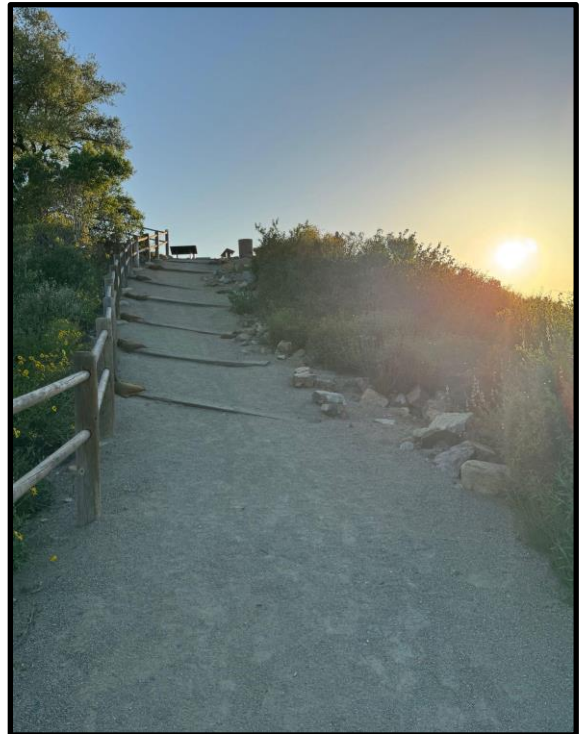
Community Engagement & Education

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.

I. PRIORITIES

Knowing what to do and how to stay safe in the event of an emergency is the responsibility of individuals, families and businesses alike. The SEH FSC, with support from the San Marcos Fire Department, offers resources on what you need to do to be prepared and how you can be involved in your community preparedness efforts. Our key priorities include:

- Provide ongoing public education and outreach to raise awareness about wildfire risks, promote fire-adapted community practices, and help residents prepare for fire emergencies—leveraging partnerships with local civic groups, volunteers, and community organizations.
- Conduct assessments and support maintaining the certifications of San Elijo Hills as a Firewise USA designated community.
- Develop strategies with support from SMFD and the San Diego County Sheriff’s Department for assisting vulnerable



populations with emergency planning and preparedness.

- Funding for educational materials such as flyers, brochures, posters, door hangers, videography, and giveaways.
- Educate homeowners on new and existing structural hardening

requirements, defensible space, and evacuation routes.

- Encourage participation in community and volunteer opportunities such as SEH FSC workshops and town hall events

II. COMPLETED & ONGOING PROJECTS

- Participate in annual San Elijo Hills HOA events to educate residents on and reinforce fire safety
- Secured a \$10,000 grant from the San Diego Regional Fire Foundation to support the replacement of combustible fencing that directly abuts homes, reducing structural ignition risk and enhancing defensible space in priority areas.
- Participate in SMFD open house and wildfire fair events
- First aid/meter controls/extinguisher use training through CERT
- Provide emergency preparedness information and videos on the SEHFSC website and social media platforms
- Educate and encourage use of SD Emergency, Alert San Diego, Genasys Protect, Watch Duty and Pulse Point for emergency information, evacuation, maps and shelter information.
- Report on and maintain Firewise USA designations
- Educate and encourage homeowners to seek the Wildfire Prepared Home certifications for their residences

III. FUTURE PROJECTS

- Create and distribute hand-outs on fire prevention, home hardening, defensible space, evacuation preparedness and ready-

set-go information to share during community events and on social media.

- Partnered with the Burn Institute and American Red Cross to offer a free smoke detector installation program for residents, with sign-up information available on the SEH Fire Safe Council website. Future efforts may include expanding the program to include carbon monoxide detectors and hosting neighborhood-specific installation events to reach high-risk or underserved areas.
- House-to-house canvassing of communities by SEH FSC volunteers to make face-to-face contact with residents, provide feedback, answer questions, configure emergency alert apps and distribute preparedness materials
- Offer workshops with the support of SMFD and CAL FIRE in current fire codes and ordinances, fire survival, wildland urban interface, fire resistive vegetation
- Explore grant and funding sources through the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Defensible Space Assistance Program (DSAP), CAL FIRE, California Fire Foundation Prop 4 funding and City of San Marcos loan program for home hardening and defensible space for elderly, disabled, and low-income individuals.
- Develop and implement home ignition zone assessments specifically for vulnerable community members—such as seniors, individuals with disabilities, or those with limited mobility—to help identify hazards, prioritize mitigation actions, and connect them with available resources or assistance programs.

- Update current landscaping, defensible space and home hardening guidelines to correspond with proposed legislation
- Collaborate with the Humane Society and CARRET Rescue to provide pet preparedness education and large animal rescue.
- Hold annual SEH FSC community meetings to address concerns, objectives and needs.
- Coordinate with SMFD and San Diego County Sheriff's Department to provide emergency preparedness materials at their events.
- Develop an email listserv for homeowners within council boundaries to share resources and information.
- Collaborate with SMUSD to develop a Youth Wildfire Education Campaign, focusing on preparation (home hardening, defensible space, evacuations, emergency preparation) with flyers and SMFD presentations.
- Create a Firewise USA & Wildfire Prepared Home welcome packet for new residents
- Develop a Community Ambassador Program and recruit block captains for each neighborhood
- Host an annual Community Clean Up day
- Develop a Neighborhood Retrofit Progress map to showcase and recognize homeowners who have taken steps to harden their homes and adhere to Zone 0 guidelines.



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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.

I. PRIORITIES

A critical goal of the San Elijo Hills Fire Safe Council is to educate the local community on the importance and effectiveness of home hardening. By implementing proper methods and practices, residents can significantly reduce the risk of their homes being damaged or destroyed in the event of a fire. Through education and awareness, the SEH FSC aims to empower residents to take proactive measures to safeguard their homes and loved ones from the threat of wildfires.

- Educate homeowners on new and existing structural hardening requirements, including Zone 0, prioritizing the first five feet as the most critical zone in fire protection.
- Support HOA's on updating design standards alignment with California Fire Codes and City of San Marcos standards for home hardening.
- Support efforts to create all new construction developments in alignment with CBC Chapter 7A..
- With the support of the City of San Marcos, develop programs to assist elderly or other vulnerable populations with structural hardening

- Encourage the retrofitting of homes to meet current improved structure hardening standards.
- Introduce residents to home hardening opportunities, their benefit, and resources available.

II. COMPLETED & ONGOING PROJECTS

- CAL FIRE-certified Defensible Space Assessors from our Council offer volunteer home assessments as part of a peer-to-peer support effort, helping neighbors identify practical ways to harden their homes against wildfire. This approachable, non-regulatory service encourages participation by offering guidance from fellow community members, potentially making it more accessible and comfortable for many homeowners.
- Utilize grant funding to help homeowners with the costs associated with home hardening projects.
- Develop and distribute flyers to residents that thoroughly cover home hardening along with providing such information on SEH FSC website and social media

- Develop and apply for grant-funded programs that provide financial assistance and logistical support for structural hardening, specifically targeting vulnerable populations such as seniors, low-income residents, and individuals with access or functional needs.
- Support SMFD at public events by promoting Chapter 7A-compliant building materials for new construction and home improvements, helping residents understand how these standards protect homes in Wildland-Urban Interface areas from flames and embers.

III. FUTURE PROJECTS

- Collaborate with SMUSD schools to develop wildfire preparedness day/week (home hardening, defensible space, evacuations, emergency preparation) with flyers and SMFD presentations.
- Utilizing the Council's listserv, complete at least semi-annual emails to homeowners with emergency preparedness checklists, ready-set-go information, etc. and incorporate the information in HOA communications.
- Educate and promote Wildfire Prepared Home Base & Plus certifications
- Promote Firewise USA® designation by encouraging community participation in its three-year action planning process and ongoing annual reporting requirements to maintain active status.
- Create a vetted vendor/contractor list for residents to use to harden their home



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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.

I. PRIORITIES

Maintaining defensible space in compliance with CAL FIRE and local ordinances is one of the most effective ways to protect both lives and property. Responsibility for this work is shared between HOAs and individual homeowners, each accountable for their respective zones. The SEH Fire Safe Council, in partnership with the San Marcos Fire Department, provides education and resources to help residents and HOAs understand how to properly maintain defensible space and actively support community-wide preparedness efforts. Our key priorities include:

- Encourage the highest standards for defensible space, as outlined by the State and the City of San Marcos, and support both HOAs and property owners in meeting and maintaining these important safety guidelines.
- Educate HOAs and homeowners on new and existing defensible space requirements, including Zone 0, prioritizing the first five feet as the most critical zone in fire protection
- Secure funding and collaborate with other nonprofit organizations to plan and

implement defensible space projects in Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) areas.

- Provide HOAs and homeowners with clear guidance on both new and existing defensible space requirements, while encouraging ongoing maintenance through education, resources, and community support.
- Promote adaptive or environmentally friendly methods to mitigate and maintain defensible space in a cost efficient manner
- Educate HOAs and homeowners regarding proper disposal of green waste produced from defensible space activities.

II. COMPLETED & ONGOING PROJECTS

In coordination with SMFD, conduct annual defensible space inspections and HOA landscape reviews, while also offering individual home assessments in high-risk areas conducted by CAL FIRE-certified Defensible Space Assessors from the Council. These peer-to-peer evaluations are focused on education and support—not enforcement—empowering residents to take proactive steps toward wildfire resilience with guidance from trusted members of their own

community. Specifically, looking at defensible space zones outlined in Figure 6 of the Appendix which includes zones maintained by HOAs as well as within homeowner properties. Key areas of inspection include vegetation conditions, fire susceptibility of each home and addressing access for emergency vehicles.

Prior to the above-mentioned inspections, we communicate with HOAs and distribute flyers and/or emails via the SEH FSC listserv to residents that cover expectations.

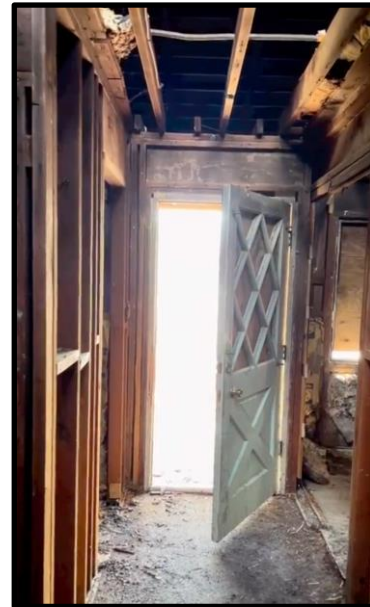
- Partner with the San Marcos Fire Department to raise awareness about CBC Chapter 7A standards, and help educate the community on building practices that promote flame- and ember-resistant exteriors in new construction.
- Create and post educational videos on the SEH FSC website and social media sites.
- Provide defensible space assessments to homeowners through our trained community volunteers, certified by CAL FIRE.

III. FUTURE PROJECTS

- Partner with the HOAs to hold a Landscaper Roundtable or lunch and learn for defensible space best practices, clarify roles, and align on compliance goals. May include a walkthrough of key greenbelt or common area sites.
- Create and implement education campaigns for informing homeowners regarding home hardening standards,

improvements they can make along with potential available funding and support

- Hold community workshops focusing on home hardening standards and invite local vendors and contractors.
- Identify and annually review local vendors which provide cost effective home hardening materials and services. Create a directory and post their business on SEH FSC website and social media platforms.
- Develop a defensible space grant program, in partnership with the San Diego Regional Fire Foundation, to assist homeowners who are elderly, physically unable, or in financial need with completing necessary defensible space work.
- Create a recognition program or certificate program for residents who complete a defensible space self-assessment , receive a Firewise review, or IBHS Wildfire Prepared Home Certification.



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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.

I. COMPLETED & ONGOING PROJECTS

The San Elijo Hills Fire Safe Council, in coordination with the local HOAs, is currently reviewing common area landscaping to identify and remove dead or dying trees, thin overly dense pine groves, and ensure that all vegetation management efforts align with CAL FIRE guidelines—enhancing defensible space and strengthening the community’s wildfire resilience.

- Provide defensible space assessments to homeowners through our trained community volunteers, certified by CAL FIRE
- Coordinate with HOA landscape contractors to ensure ongoing compliance with brush management requirements and proper maintenance of treated areas.

II. PRIORITIES

- Zone 0 and Zone 1: Promote homeowner defensible space maintenance in the 0–30 ft range, particularly around fences, decks, and vents. Support public education, home



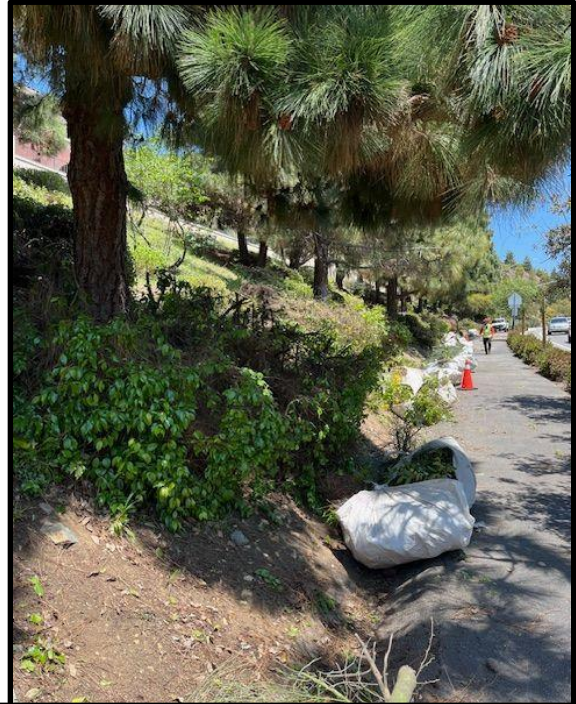
assessments, and small-scale grants or assistance programs to address vegetation, flammable materials, and ember entry points near homes.

- High-fuel load slopes and open space edges: Ensure all major ingress/egress routes are cleared of encroaching vegetation, maintain minimum 20 ft clearance from roadways and ensure vertical clearance from overhanging trees. Collaborate with the City of San Marcos to coordinate treatment along public right-of-ways.
- Common Area Greenbelts: Review and treat HOA-maintained greenbelts, parks, and

trail-adjacent areas to reduce hazardous fuels, remove invasive species, and thin pine groves.

III. FUTURE PROJECTS

- Fuel break installation in key WUI corridors: in coordination with SMFD, identify potential locations for strategic ridgelines or access roads where a fuel break could slow fire spread.
- Sponsor Community Clean Up Days: focusing on dense pine groves and the rural areas of Questhaven Hills, and assisting vulnerable residents obtain Zone 0 clearance
- Explore grant and funding opportunities to rent a community chipper, allowing residents to safely dispose of cleared vegetation and reduce flammable fuel loads. This program would support neighborhood-wide fuels reduction efforts and make defensible space maintenance more accessible.
- Partner with Team Rubicon to remove excess vegetation from coastal canyons while maintaining riparian areas within the sites.
- Establish a working relationship between the SEH FSC and Oceanside Fire Department, utilizing their Fuels Crew to remove and thin brush in priority areas.



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Evacuation Planning

Identifying key corridors in and out of a community – as well as temporary 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 **San Elijo Hills Fire Safe Council’s** key ingress and egress, as well as designated evacuation corridors, Temporary Refuge Areas, completed projects, priorities and future projects.

I. OVERVIEW OF INGRESS AND EGRESS

San Elijo Hills has three main routes in and out of the community. San Elijo Hills Road turns into Twin Oaks Valley Road as you go northeast towards SR-78. San Elijo Hills Road runs into Rancho Santa Fe Road to the west, which goes north to SR-78 and south to I-5. San Elijo Hills Road has two lanes in both directions and a center median. Elfin Forest Road is a two lane rural road that heads east towards the communities of Elfin Forest, Harmony Grove and into the City of Escondido.

II. DESIGNATED EVACUATION CORRIDORS

San Elijo Hills Community

PRIMARY San Elijo Hills Road

ALTERNATE Will be identified (incident specific)

CONTINGENCY Will be identified (incident specific)

EMERGENCY Will be identified (incident specific)

III. TEMPORARY REFUGE AREAS

- Double Peak School
- San Elijo Elementary School

IV. PRIORITIES

- Support and coordinate fuels reduction projects on all evacuation routes.
- Educate and encourage use of SD Emergency app, Genasys Protect, and AlertSanDiego.
- Encourage all residents to have a personal disaster plan and know two ways out of their home and community.

V. COMPLETED & ONGOING PROJECTS

- Community evacuation map distribution & education campaign
- Distribute readiness checklists and starter backpacks to residents and at events
- Through workshops, social media campaigns, and printed outreach

materials, encourage and educate residents to familiarize themselves with Genasys Protect and critical notification settings

- Provided community education about the Hi-Lo evacuation siren used by law enforcement during emergencies, helping residents recognize the distinct sound and understand that it signals the need to evacuate immediately.

VI. FUTURE PROJECTS

- Special Populations Evacuation Assistance Program: Develop a voluntary registry and support system for residents with mobility issues, disabilities, or no access to transportation during an evacuation.
- Block Captain Program: Establish a network of neighborhood volunteers who serve as key points of contact for evacuation readiness, special population evacuation assistance, emergency communication, and disaster response coordination within their immediate residential area.
- Work to clear brush back from the roads in Questhaven Hills to improve evacuation routes out of that area.
- Work with SDGE and the County to come up with a fuels management plan for clearing brush and trees from the SDGE easements near the evacuation routes.



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Other Mitigation & Preparedness

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.

I. PRIORITIES

- Community Partnerships & Resource Sharing: Formalize partnerships with organizations like CERT, SDSO, Red Cross, and schools for cross-training, event support, and shelter coordination.
- Insurance Literacy & Risk Rating Workshops: Host workshops or webinars to help residents understand how wildfire risk affects home insurance, mitigation steps that may reduce premiums, and how Firewise participation can support renewals.
- Work with the Fire Marshal to review local ordinances and support homeowner upgrades that exceed current fire protection standards, such as using non-combustible materials like steel fencing.

II. COMPLETED AND/OR ONGOING PROJECTS

- Grant Program Development & Resident Support: Continue expanding grant

programs aimed at assisting vulnerable populations, while also encouraging community-wide participation in fuels reduction and home hardening efforts. Promote neighbor-to-neighbor support and volunteer collaboration to increase impact and build collective resilience.

III. FUTURE PROJECTS

- Post-Fire Recovery Planning: Develop a post-fire resource guide and early action checklist to help the community prepare for smoke damage cleanup, erosion control, and resource requests before disaster strikes.
- In coordination with SMFD, aide efforts in becoming a Fire Risk Reduction Community
- Investigate the use of Fire Danger Today signs placed in high visibility/traffic areas during 'red flag' warning days.
- Create a system to continually audit brush clearing practices, slope maintenance and community preparedness

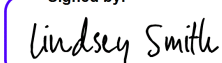
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Signatures

This plan must be approved by the following key parties: the local author (examples include Fire Safe Council President, Firewise Community, Tribal National, HOA, etc.), the chief of the primary responding fire agency, the CAL FIRE Unit Chief, and chair of the CWPP review committee. This section includes these signoffs.

*The Community Wildfire Protection Plan, as developed for as developed for **San Elijo Hills Fire Safe Council**:*

- 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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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.

Signed by:

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Don Butz, President
Fire Safe Council of San Diego County

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.

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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 San Elijo Hills, through a series of community meetings. The San Elijo Hills Fire Safe Council members who contributed to the document include the following:

Community Representatives

- Lindsey Smith, President
- Bill Mullins, Vice President
- Gabe Cohan, Secretary
- Mark Dale, Treasurer
- Peter Brandt, Committee Coordinator

Agency Representatives

- Jason Nailon, Division Chief/Fire Marshal
- Kenneth Kim, Deputy Fire Marshal

Meetings Dates

- March 20, 2025
- May 28, 2025

**APPENDIX B.
MAPS**

Figure 1 Area Communities Map

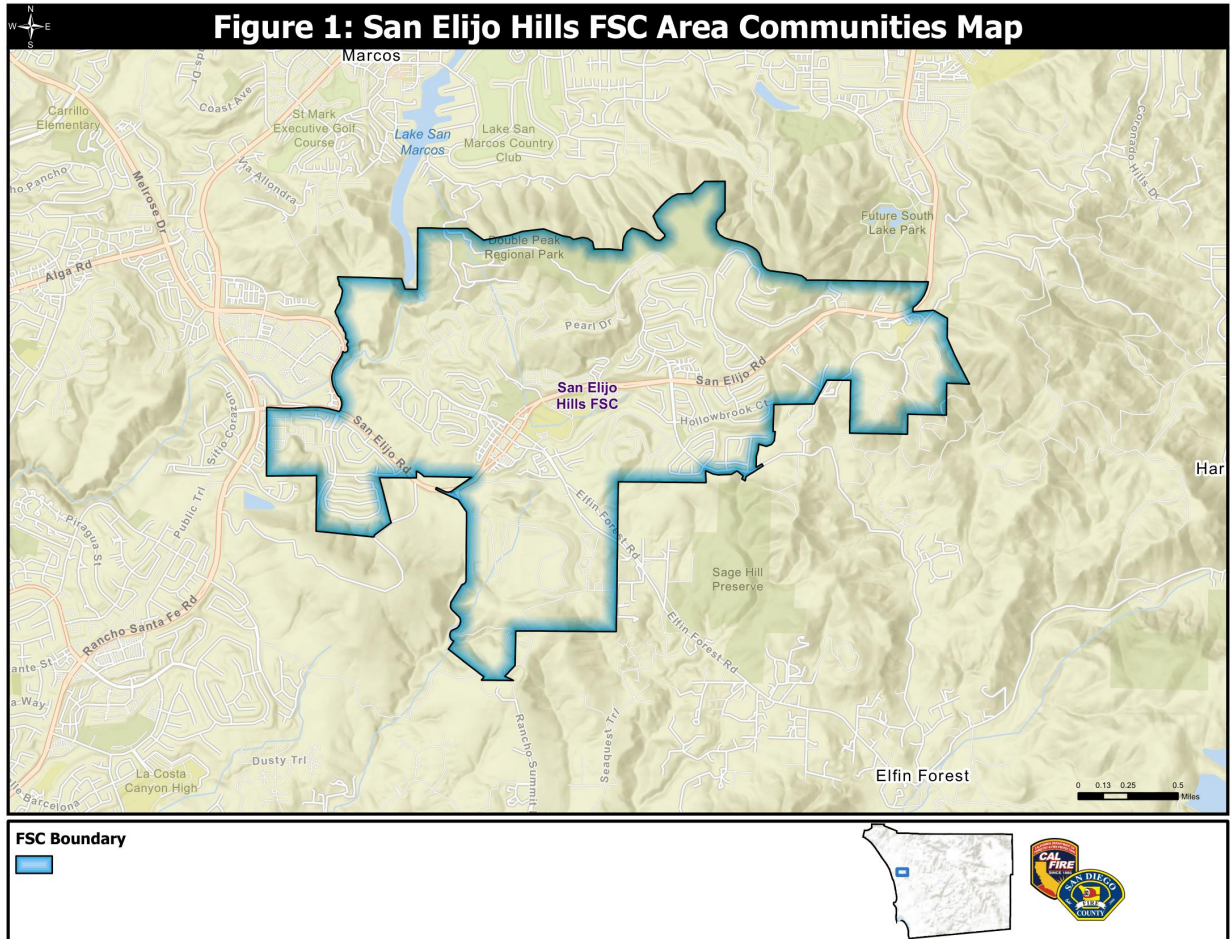


Figure 2 Fire Hazard Severity Map

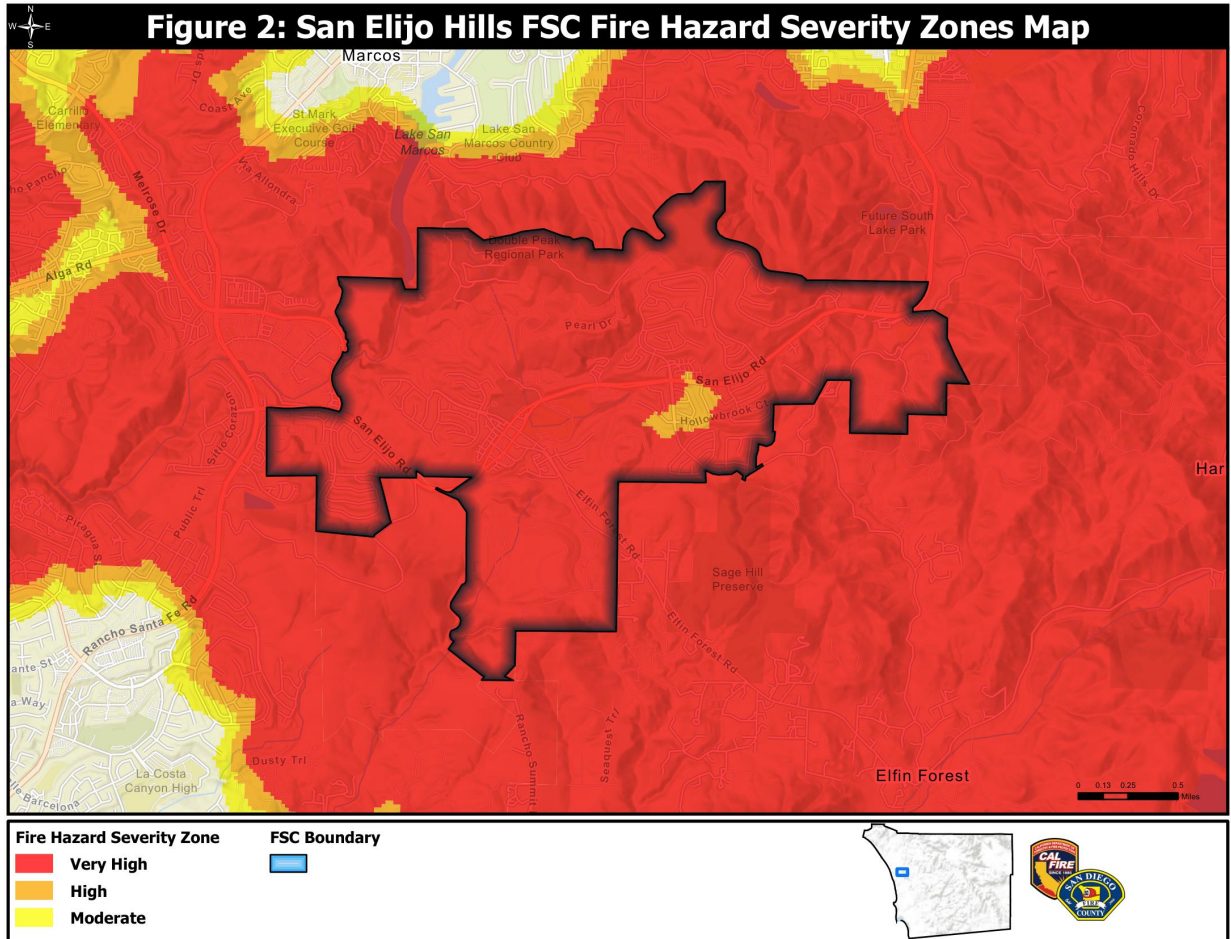


Figure 3 Fire History 1995-Present

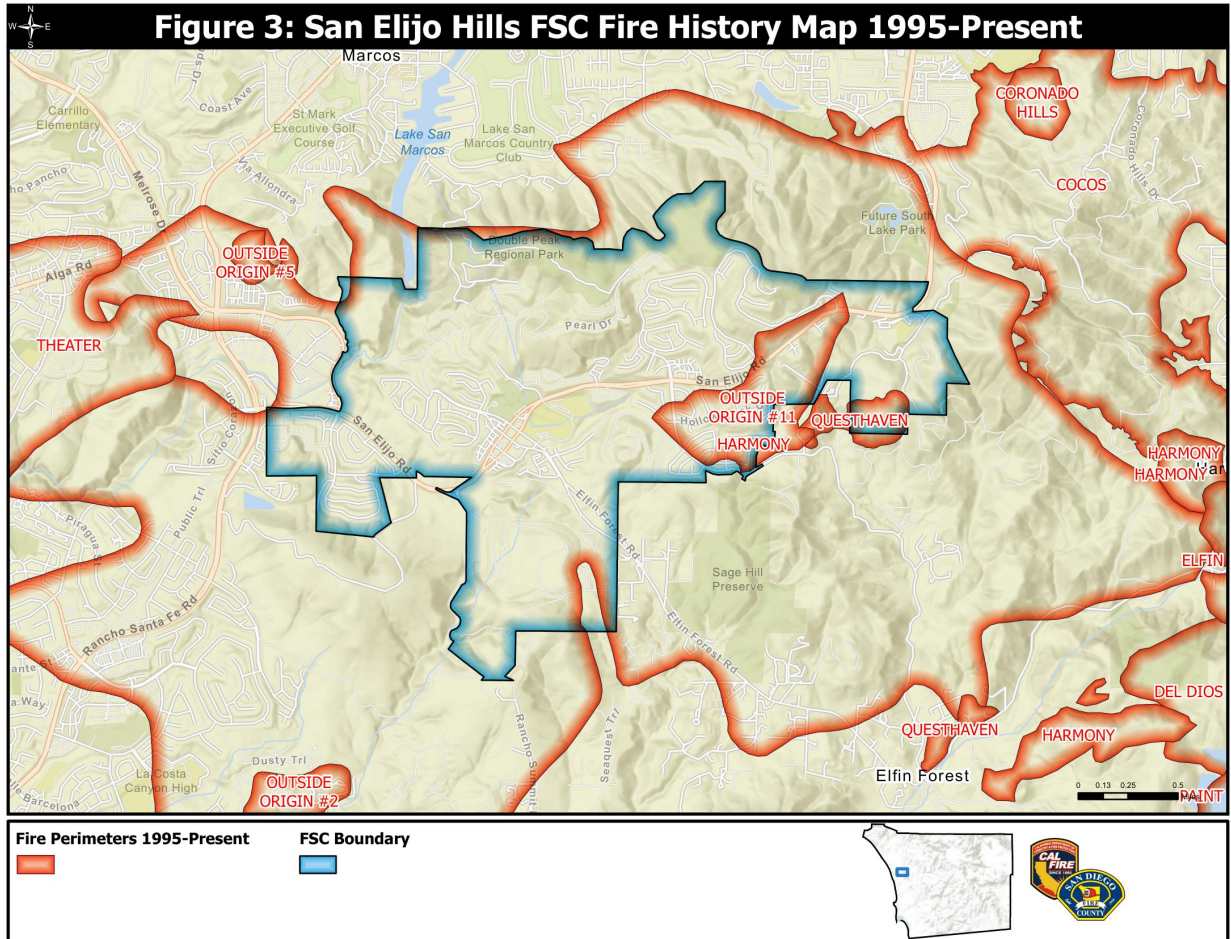


Figure 4 Evacuation Map

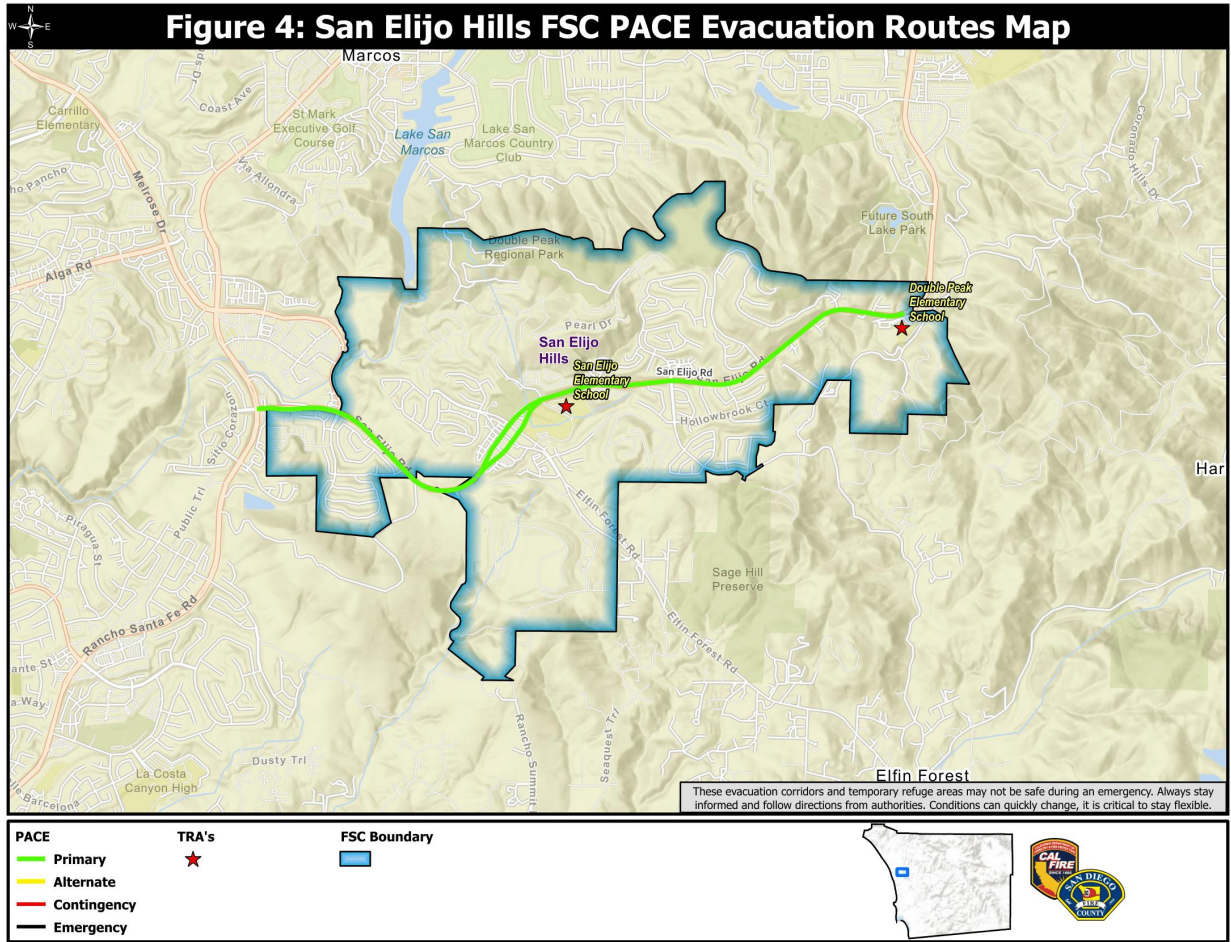


Figure 5 Evacuation Zones Map

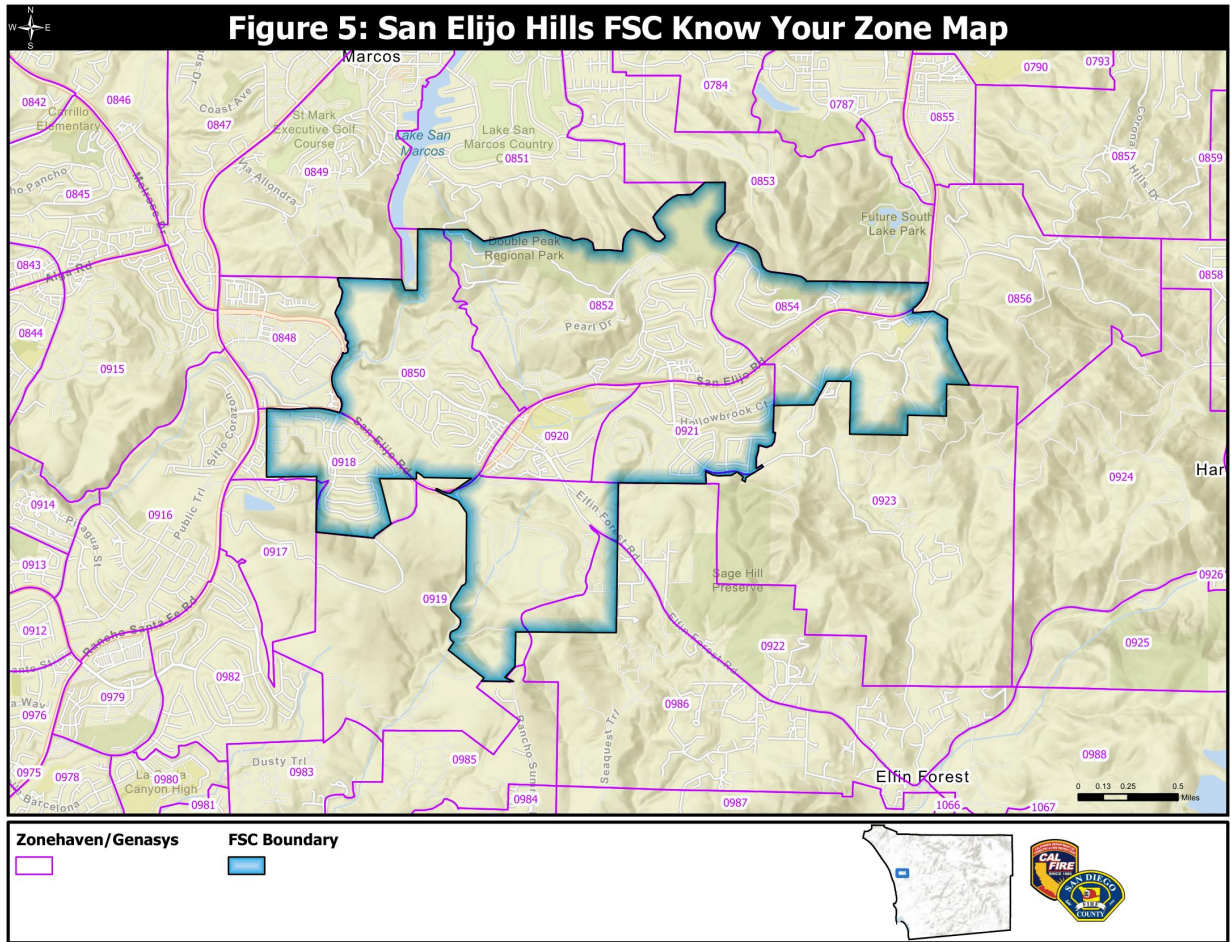


Figure 6 Vibrant Planet Map

