

Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience

Program Update



El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

January 10, 2023



Wildfire Resiliency and Vegetation Management Working Group

Board of Supervisors -September 21, 2021

Directed the Chief Administrative Office to form a vegetation management and resiliency working group with the following goals:

“...to collaborate on lessons learned from the Caldor Fire in order to define funding streams and initiate a robust, community-based resiliency and vegetation management program that would accelerate the current County efforts.”



Wildfire Resiliency and Vegetation Management Working Group

- Working group established and made up of the following:
 - Chief Administrative Office
 - El Dorado County Fire Safe Council
 - CAL FIRE – Amador El Dorado Unit
 - USFS – El Dorado National Forest
 - El Dorado County Fire Chiefs Association
 - El Dorado County Fire Prevention Officers
 - El Dorado and Georgetown Divide Resource Conservation Districts



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Board of Supervisors –March 22, 2022

Based on the recommendations of the working group:

- Add theme to County Strategic Plan to “Lead and facilitate the creation and maintenance of fire-adapted communities,” with an associated task to “Prepare countywide wildfire protection strategy.”
- Directed the Chief Administrative Office to establish a dedicated Wildfire Resilience Office to prioritize and coordinate efforts on a countywide level based on a comprehensive wildfire protection strategy.



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- Designated \$3,375,000 of contingency funds for a federal Hazard Mitigation Grant to conduct defensible space, home hardening, and hazardous fuels reduction in the County.



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Working group established a governance model and structure and has become the standing advisory committee to the OWPR.

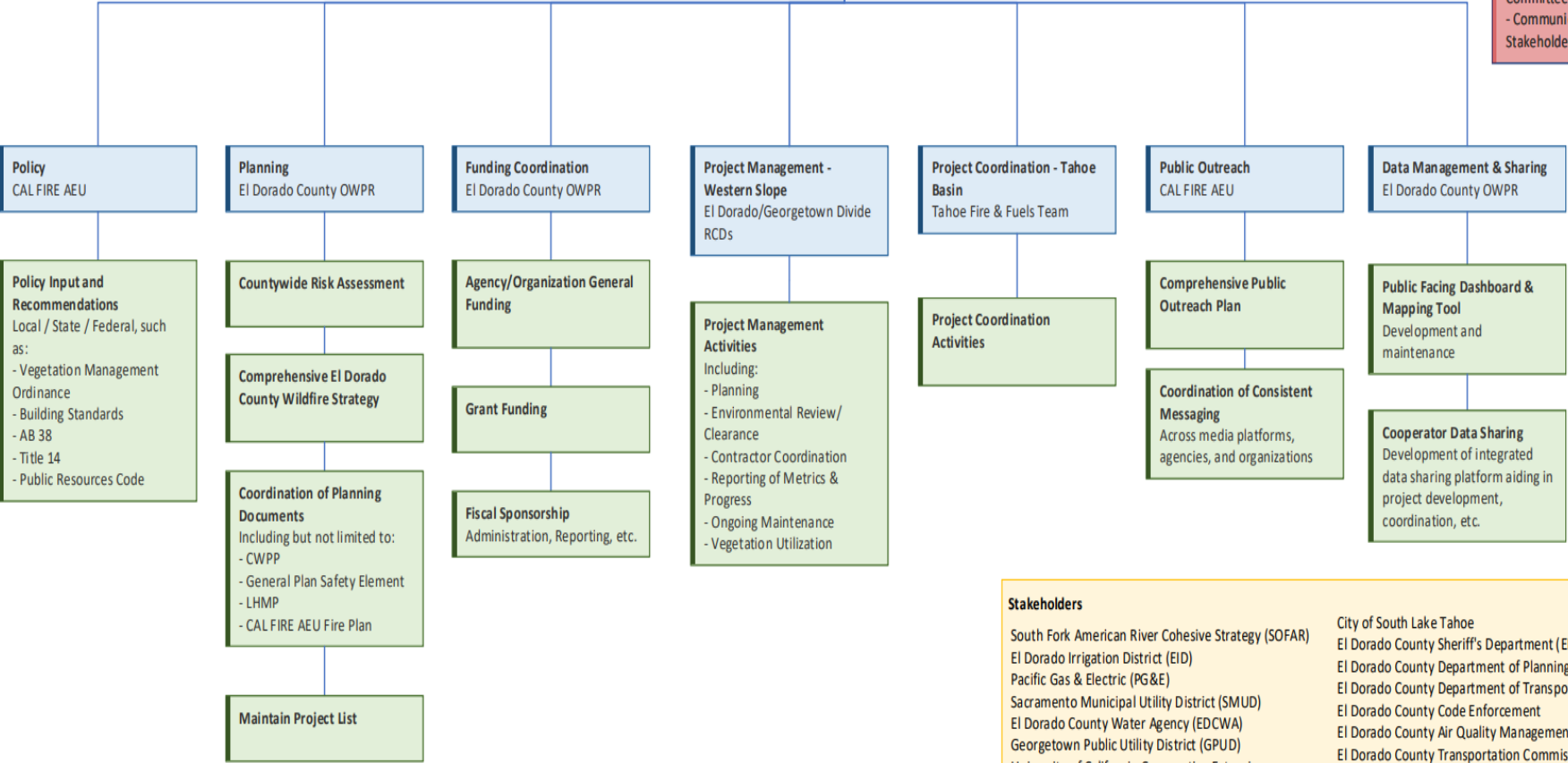
- ▶ Will recommend annual OWPR workplan to the CAO
- ▶ Advisory Committee has added the Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team to represent the Lake Tahoe Basin

Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience Advisory Committee Organizational Chart

Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience Advisory Committee
 El Dorado County OWPR EDC Fire Prevention Officers Assoc.
 CAL FIRE AEU El Dorado County Fire Safe Council
 El Dorado National Forest El Dorado & Georgetown Divide RCDs
 EDC Fire Chiefs Assoc. Tahoe Fire & Fuels Team

Stakeholder Liaison
 El Dorado County OWPR

- Coordination with Stakeholders and Advisory Committee "Sections"
- Communication of Stakeholder Needs & Input



Stakeholders


South Fork American River Cohesive Strategy (SOFAR) El Dorado Irrigation District (EID) Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) El Dorado County Water Agency (EDCWA) Georgetown Public Utility District (GPU) University of California Cooperative Extension Bureau of Land Management Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians City of Placerville	City of South Lake Tahoe El Dorado County Sheriff's Department (EDSO) El Dorado County Department of Planning and Building El Dorado County Department of Transportation El Dorado County Code Enforcement El Dorado County Air Quality Management District (AQMD) El Dorado County Transportation Commission Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU) Sierra Pacific Industries El Dorado County Association of Realtors Tahoe Conservancy
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FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant

- ▶ In March 2022, OWPR applied for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant
 - ▶ Total project cost - \$13.5 million
 - ▶ Grant amount - \$10.2 million
 - ▶ Required match - \$3.3 million
 - ▶ Grant project area focused on a section of the Weber Creek Drainage



California Wildfire Mitigation Program (CWMP) Grant

- In September 2022, Cal OES invited the County to participate in the California Wildfire Mitigation Program Pilot Project in lieu of the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant.
 - Application submitted by OWPR, and is pending final approval by Cal OES and FEMA.
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California Wildfire Mitigation Program (CWMP) Grant

- Objective of CWMP Grant:
 - Aid homeowners with protecting their property through defensible space and home retrofitting.
 - Total project cost - \$25 million
 - Grant amount - \$23.5 million
 - Required match – up to \$1.5 million
 - Grant project area focuses on a section of the Weber Creek Drainage

OWPR Activities

- Greater Placerville Multi-Project Coordination
- Plan Coordination
- Defensible Space Working Group
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Working Group

OWPR Activities

- ▶ Public Outreach Working Group
- ▶ CAL FIRE Fire Hazard Severity Zone Mapping Update

OWPR Priorities for 2023

- Utilizing the Technical and Program Capacities of the Advisory Committee Members
- Finalize Wildfire Protection Strategy
- Finalize Defensible Space Program Updates
- CWMP Grant
- Working Group Activities
- Regional Efforts to Support Additional Funding Opportunities

OWPR Priorities for 2023

- OWPR Program Organization
 - Hiring Principal Management Analyst
 - Extension of Fire Safe Coordinator position
 - Additional staffing based on needs of Grant



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QUESTIONS?