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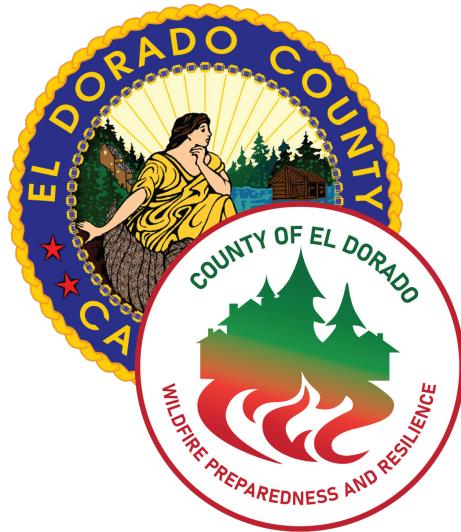
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2025 Annual Report



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OUR MISSION

The mission of Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience is to create a fire adapted and resilient El Dorado County through collaboration and coordination.

STRATEGIC ELEMENTS

- Public Outreach
- Policy
- Data Management and Sharing
- Planning
- Funding Coordination
- Project Coordination

MESSAGE FROM ACTING PROGRAM MANAGER

The 2025 Annual Report reflects a year of meaningful progress for the Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience (OWPR) and the many partners working alongside us. Wildfire preparedness and resilience is not work that can be done by any one agency or organization alone, and this year reinforced the value of coordination, trust, and shared commitment across El Dorado County.

Throughout 2025, we strengthened existing partnerships and built new ones, creating a more connected and effective wildfire preparedness network. Together, we have continued to refine a coordination model that aligns local, state, and federal efforts and that is now being looked to as a model beyond our county. This collaborative approach ensures that planning, funding, and on-the-ground projects are working toward the same goal: a more wildfire-prepared and resilient El Dorado County.

Several major accomplishments defined this year. OWPR completed the update to the Western El Dorado County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), providing a current and actionable framework to guide mitigation and preparedness efforts. We also established the Countywide Project Coordination Working Group, creating a consistent forum for agencies and organizations to identify funding opportunities, align projects, share information, and reduce duplication of effort. In addition, OWPR convened two wildfire roundtables that brought together local, state, and federal leaders and subject matter experts to discuss mitigation efforts in El Dorado County and their connection to evolving legislation and insurance challenges.

We also expanded Firewise communities on the west slope, with plans to significantly grow these efforts in the coming year. OWPR continues to house the Wildfire County Coordinator, a role that has become a critical link between statewide wildfire strategy and local implementation.

This work is only possible because of the dedication of our partners and the shared understanding that coordination matters. I am proud of the progress made this year and grateful to everyone contributing to this collective effort. Together, we continue to turn coordinated efforts into real, on-the-ground results for wildfire resilience across El Dorado County.

I look forward to all that we will accomplish together in the year ahead.

With appreciation,

Tanya Harlow, Acting Program Manager
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OVERVIEW

ESTABLISHMENT

Wildfires continue to increase in frequency and intensity across California, resulting in hundreds of thousands of acres burned and thousands of homes destroyed each year. El Dorado County has experienced this firsthand with the devastating Caldor and Mosquito Fires during the last decade. Recognizing the wildfire threat to people, infrastructure, and natural resources, the Board of Supervisors updated the County Strategic Plan in 2022 to support the creation and maintenance of fire-adapted communities through a County-wide Wildfire Strategy. The Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience (OWPR) was established in 2022 to lead this effort and coordinate with agencies and organizations with planning and implementing wildfire mitigation activities across jurisdictions and land ownerships.

BACKGROUND

Adopted in 2023, the County of El Dorado Wildfire Strategy serves as the foundation for the County's wildfire mitigation efforts and provides a detailed plan for coordinated actions to strengthen wildfire resilience. The goal of the Strategy is to foster the creation, coordination, and maintenance of fire adapted communities in alignment with federal, state, and local policies, plans and initiatives.

OWPR serves as a liaison between the voluntary Wildfire Resilience Coordination Group (Coordination Group), composed of federal, state, and local agencies and organizations whose missions and/or statutory authorities and funding include wildfire prevention and preparedness, the Chief Administrative Office, and Board of Supervisors to ensure information exchange between stakeholders, county departments, the Board of Supervisors, and the public. OWPR also participates in regional and statewide efforts to facilitate funding opportunities, coordinate project activities, and leverage partnerships.



WILDFIRE STRATEGY

COORDINATION GROUP

The Coordination Group is currently comprised of:

- El Dorado County - OWPR
- CAL FIRE Amador-El Dorado Unit
- Eldorado National Forest
- El Dorado County Fire Chiefs Association
- El Dorado County Fire Prevention Officers (FPOs)
- El Dorado County Fire Safe Council (EDCFSC)
- El Dorado County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services (EDSO-OES)
- El Dorado and Georgetown Divide Resource Conservation Districts (RCD)
- Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team (TFFT)
- El Dorado Water Agency



The following elements of the Wildfire Strategy guide the efforts of the Coordination Group and the development of the OWPR Annual Work Plan.

STRATEGIC ELEMENTS

Public Outreach - Coordinate and exchange information with stakeholders, interested parties and the public to ensure consistent messaging and information sharing across media platforms, agencies, and organizations. This includes identifying initiatives, target audiences, timing, and appropriate media outlets and forums.



Policy - Monitor, evaluate, and provide feedback on federal, state and local laws, ordinances, regulations, policies, and other initiatives. It is important to ensure that El Dorado County and its partners have an understanding of policy initiatives that impact wildfire preparedness and resilience, and have the opportunity to provide feedback and influence change as needed. This includes reviewing and commenting on draft legislation and regulations, as well as initiating and updating relevant local ordinances and policies.



WILDFIRE STRATEGY

STRATEGIC ELEMENTS *(continued)*

Data Management and Sharing - Facilitate the exchange of information with the public, partners, project planners, stakeholders and others. Maintain an integrated data collection, sharing, and tracking platform to provide real-time information across agencies and organizations and a public facing dashboard and online mapping tool.

Planning - Inform and coordinate wildfire prevention and mitigation planning efforts between various federal, state and local agencies as well as other organizations.



Funding Coordination - Facilitate opportunities to better coordinate available funding and ensure alignment across organizations, including local fire safe councils, to provide the greatest benefit and eliminate duplication and conflict with other organizations. Funding opportunities will be evaluated to determine the appropriate sponsor organization across jurisdictions, and the available capacity to obtain the greatest success. When opportunities exist to initiate lower priority projects that are "shovel ready", these projects may be considered before higher priority projects that are not ready to implement.

Project Coordination-Western Slope - Develop and implement a framework that recognizes land management actions across mixed ownerships, jurisdictions and program areas. The coordination framework is grounded in the recognition that this is shared work with many partners that balances existing project maintenance needs with new project implementation. This includes continued close coordination with stakeholders involved with land management responsibilities including federal, state, tribes, local communities, private landowners and partners in the public and private sector, including conservation organizations, forest industry, utilities, and academia. A clear process for tracking accomplishments and reporting progress is a critical component of coordinated project planning to ensure a balance of existing project maintenance and new project development.



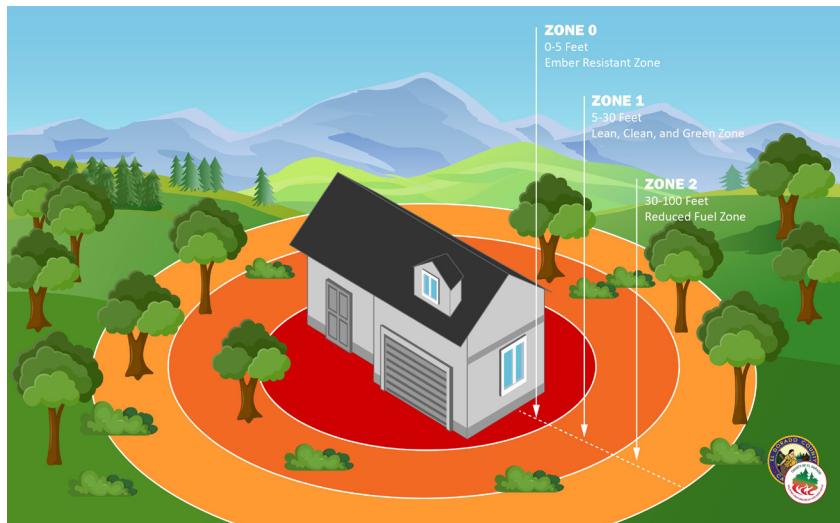
Project Coordination-Tahoe Basin - Facilitate the communication and coordination of projects and initiatives between the West Slope of the County and the Tahoe Basin. Through the leadership of the Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team, communities work on goals to reduce fuels in the wildland-urban interface and prepare communities for wildfire. Together, we share best practices and lessons learned between the two regions and engage in opportunities to collaborate on shared initiatives.

2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

DEFENSIBLE SPACE PROGRAM UPDATES

Coordination

OWPR manages the County's Defensible Space Program, which includes inspections conducted by OWPR and in collaboration with CAL FIRE, and local fire districts. This multi-agency effort minimizes overlap, maximizes reach, and ensures consistent standard education and application of defensible space requirements across El Dorado County.



Inspection Methodology

There are approximately 87,000 improved parcels in the unincorporated areas of El Dorado County that are subject to Chapter 8.09, requiring a coordinated, multi-agency approach to reach a target goal of a seven year inspection cycle. The four typical inspection types conducted in El Dorado County are described below.

Proactive Inspections	Focus areas are selected through collaboration with the Defensible Space Working Group based on specific criteria.
Complaint-Driven Inspections	Response to citizen complaints to address potential ordinance violations.
Real Estate Inspections	Conducted in the course of a real property transaction to ensure compliance with defensible space requirements.
Upon Request Inspections	Voluntary inspections requested by property owners.

The majority of inspections completed under the Defensible Space Program are accomplished through focused, proactive inspections. Each year through the Defensible Space Working Group, OWPR selects areas throughout the County for focused, proactive inspections. This year, the group prioritized and selected areas based on limited ingress/egress (one way in, one way out communities), those that are in a high or very high Fire Hazard Severity Zone (FHSZ), and those that have not been inspected previously.

2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

DEFENSIBLE SPACE PROGRAM UPDATES *(continued)*

Standardized Inspections and Tools

To maintain consistency, all participating agencies have been inspecting to a single set of requirements under Chapter 8.09 to ensure consistent messaging and application. These requirements align with existing state law while incorporating certain stricter requirements to enhance safety for residents and first responders in El Dorado County.

Partnering agencies continued to use the inspection form developed by OWPR based on the County's updated requirements under Chapter 8.09.

The Defensible Space Working Group also finalized an Implementation Guidelines document under Chapter 8.09 for use by OWPR and partner agencies conducting inspections, ensuring consistency and uniform educational outreach efforts.

Messaging

OWPR is actively working to educate the public about the shared responsibility of defensible space and the important role it plays in reducing loss during a wildfire.

These efforts include:

- **CEA Workshops:** Before inspections in a CEA begin, OWPR hosts workshops to educate residents on defensible space, answer questions, and clarify the inspection processes.
- **Fire Safe Councils:** OWPR frequently attends fire safe council and training committee meetings to present and provide information about the benefits of defensible space.
- **Informational Flyers:** Informational flyers are distributed to the public during defensible space inspections by OWPR and outside fire agencies as part of a coordinated outreach effort.



2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

DEFENSIBLE SPACE PROGRAM UPDATES *(continued)*

Linking Residents to Resources

While property owners are responsible for meeting defensible space requirements, resources are available through the EDCFSC to assist with defensible space clearing, chipping, and hazardous tree removal. These programs are supported by various grant funding sources. As part of the inspection and education process, inspectors discuss these resources with homeowners and link them to the EDCFSC.

The County continues to connect the community to the EDCFSC and to pursue additional funding opportunities to enhance these programs and support broader wildfire mitigation efforts.

Inspection Numbers

All Agency Inspections*

6,794 9,503

Parcels Inspected

Total Inspections

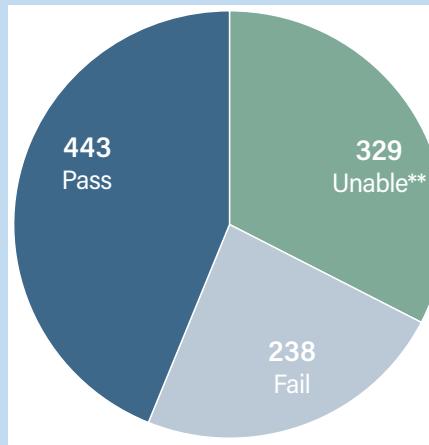
** Inspections by OWPR, CAL FIRE, El Dorado County Fire, El Dorado Hills Fire, Cameron Park CSD
Lake Valley Fire, South Lake Tahoe Fire, North Tahoe Fire, and Garden Valley Fire.*

OWPR Inspections

Combined Proactive Inspection Totals*

1/1/2025 - 12/31/2025

By Inspections



Unable to Inspect Total**

329

Fail Inspection Total

238

Pass Inspection Total

443

Total Inspections

1,010

** These totals are from Crystal, Gilmore, Hanks Exchange, and Georgetown CEAs.*

*** Unable to Inspect refers to inspections where an attempt was made, but the property could not be inspected due to access limitations such as locked gate, visible fortification, presence of animals, etc.*

2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

DEFENSIBLE SPACE PROGRAM UPDATES *(continued)*

OWPR Inspections

Individual Proactive Inspection Totals*

Crystal CEA Totals

7/1/2024 - 12/31/2025

Total Number of Parcels	362
Total Number of Inspections	405
Initial Compliance Rate**	53.8%
Current Compliance Rate**	82.8%

Gilmore CEA Totals

10/1/2024 - 12/31/2025

Total Number of Parcels	296
Total Number of Inspections	465
Initial Compliance Rate**	48.0%
Current Compliance Rate**	91.6%

Hanks Exchange CEA Totals

3/1/2025 - 12/31/2025

Total Number of Parcels	227
Total Number of Inspections	271
Initial Compliance Rate**	62.0%
Current Compliance Rate**	92.9%

Georgetown CEA Totals

11/1/2025 - 12/31/2025

Total Number of Parcels	273
Total Number of Inspections	144
Initial Compliance Rate**	58.3%
Current Compliance Rate**	61.9%

* These totals represent the time the CEA started to 12/31/2025.

** Compliance rate is based on inspected parcels.

Complaint-Driven Inspections

Totals

1/1/2025 - 12/31/2025

Complaints Received
202

Total Inspections
444

Real Estate Transaction Inspections

Totals

1/1/2025 - 12/31/2025

Total Inspections
276

2025 Overall

1,730

Total Inspections

2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

WESTERN EL DORADO COUNTY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN UPDATE

In 2024, El Dorado County initiated an update to the Western El Dorado County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) dated February 15, 2022, to ensure the plan reflected current wildfire risks, local conditions, and implementation needs. This update represented a significant effort to refine and modernize the CWPP, resulting in a plan developed specifically for the County's unique planning areas. The updated CWPP was designed to be effective, manageable, and locally relevant, with strategies appropriate for the diverse agencies, organizations, and communities responsible for wildfire mitigation across the county. The CWPP update was completed in December 2025.



El Dorado County's CWPP moves beyond isolated, community-by-community planning to support coordinated, regional wildfire mitigation efforts. Previously, individual Fire Safe Councils each maintained their own CWPPs, which limited opportunities to pursue larger, multi-jurisdictional projects. The updated CWPP takes a broader approach by identifying projects that span multiple communities and provide greater regional benefit while still highlighting individual Fire Safe Council and community needs.

The CWPP was intentionally developed as a community-informed plan, so the update process began with a three-day, countywide site tour across the West Slope, including 25 stops representing a range of wildfire risk conditions. Fire Safe Councils, local fire districts, CAL FIRE, utilities, landowners, and state and federal agencies participated, providing on-the-ground input to identify risks, priorities, and opportunities.

A multi-agency Steering Committee guided the CWPP update, including OWPR, CAL FIRE, El Dorado County local fire chiefs and fire prevention officers, the U.S. Forest Service, Office of Emergency Services, Resource Conservation District, and the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council. The committee met regularly and worked collaboratively to ensure the CWPP is accurate, actionable, and reflective of countywide needs.

From the outset, the CWPP was intended to be a living document. Implementation is supported through the El Dorado County Project Coordination Working Group, which meets monthly and includes agencies, utilities, landowners, and collaboratives involved in wildfire mitigation. This group coordinates projects, funding efforts, and data sharing, helping move CWPP identified actions from planning to shovel-ready implementation. Through this coordinated approach, the CWPP continues to guide strategic wildfire resilience efforts across the county.

2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PROJECT COORDINATION WORKING GROUP

The El Dorado County Project Coordination Working Group (PCWG) serves as the primary implementation and alignment body for the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). The PCWG brings together federal, state, and local agencies, utilities, large landowners, and collaboratives involved in wildfire mitigation to coordinate projects, funding efforts, and data sharing across jurisdictions.

The group meets monthly and includes consistent participation from CAL FIRE, the U.S. Forest Service, local fire districts, the Office of Emergency Services, the Resource Conservation District, utilities, water districts, major landowners, and regional collaboratives. Membership expands as needed to support project-specific coordination.

A core function of the PCWG is to align wildfire mitigation efforts across agencies and organizations. This includes ensuring that individual agency wildfire plans, fuel reduction strategies, prescribed fire programs, utility wildfire mitigation plans, and local initiatives are consistent with and support the CWPP, as well as other applicable local, regional, and state planning efforts. Through this alignment, the PCWG reduces duplication, improves efficiency, and maximizes the collective impact of wildfire mitigation investments.

The PCWG also serves as a forum for sharing information on active and proposed projects, grant applications, and funding opportunities. By coordinating early in project development, the group will help move CWPP identified actions from concept to shovel-ready implementation. This collaborative and coordinated approach ensures wildfire mitigation projects are strategically prioritized, regionally integrated, and aligned with countywide wildfire resilience goals.



2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

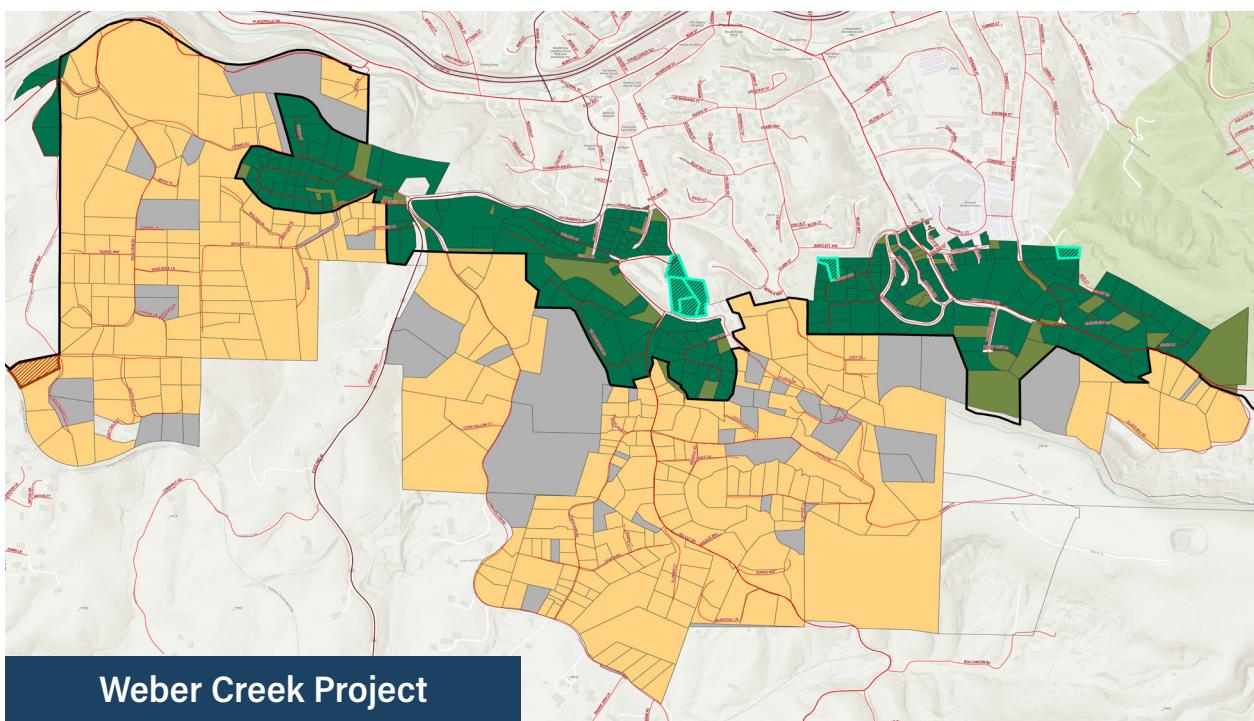
OWPR FUNDING / WILDFIRE MITIGATION & EDUCATION GRANTS

BLM Fire Adapted Communities Grant

In 2024, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) awarded El Dorado County a \$10 million, five-year grant to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires. The grant authorizes funding to provide defensible space outreach and education to residents and to increase the number of defensible space inspections, with a goal of evaluating up to 30,000 parcels and providing defensible space to 1,000 homes. Participation by local fire districts and fire safe councils is critical to achieve these goals. Additionally, this grant authorizes funding to treat 500 acres of fuel reduction projects in the County.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Pilot Program

El Dorado County was awarded a \$25 million California Wildfire Mitigation Program (CWMP) grant in 2023, as part of a pilot program to assist in creating defensible space and retrofitting homes with ignition resistant building materials. This three-year program is one of six pilot projects in California aimed to reduce the impacts of wildfire through implementing a series of community-level mitigation measures at no cost to homeowners. The County's project focuses on 525 homes identified as high risk for wildfire along the Weber Creek drainage, south of Placerville. Related to this grant effort, OWPR is also working with the County Department of Transportation, the City of Placerville, RCD, PG&E, SMUD, EID, and others on added mitigations that can occur in an effort to demonstrate the reduction of wildfire risk when community-level efforts occur. This project is currently undergoing environmental review and is targeted for implementation in early 2026.



2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

WEBER CREEK PROJECT

Project Overview

The Weber Creek Project is designed to enhance community resilience by reducing wildfire risk through two key strategies: creating defensible space in surrounding vegetation and retrofitting homes with fire-resistant building materials. This fully grant-funded initiative is one of six pilot programs across California focused on implementing targeted mitigation measures to lessen the impacts of wildfire. The project area, identified as high wildfire risk along the Weber Creek drainage south of Placerville, encompasses approximately 525 homes. By prioritizing proactive risk reduction, the Weber Creek Project serves as a model for community wildfire preparedness and homeowner protection.

Project Status

Significant progress has been made to ensure the Weber Creek Project is fully prepared for implementation upon FEMA approval. Homesites without environmental concerns related to biology, archaeology, or architecture were submitted to FEMA on January 26, 2025, and are currently under review and awaiting approval. Once approval is granted, home hardening and defensible space treatments will begin immediately.

In the interim, OWPR has initiated homeowner outreach and application processing within the project area. Home assessments are underway for applicants to identify the most effective mitigation measures for each property. To support implementation, a construction management firm has been engaged to assist with assessments, develop scopes of work, and prepare bid packages. Additionally, a pool of qualified contractors specializing in defensible space and home hardening is being established. These efforts ensure the mitigation measures will be ready to implement as soon as FEMA approval is received.

2025 Outreach Events

On June 26, OWPR hosted a Stakeholder Meeting bringing together local partners and agencies to align on long-term wildfire resilience strategies beyond the Weber Creek Project. This collaboration strengthens regional planning efforts under the Western County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) and the Placerville Wildfire Resilience Strategy.



On September 8, select homeowners participated in a kickoff town hall for the Weber Creek Project. Homeowners were encouraged to apply and take part in building a more fire-resilient community by focusing on home hardening and defensible space mitigations, two of the most effective measures for reducing wildfire risk to residential properties.



2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

WILDFIRE COUNTY COORDINATOR PROGRAM

Established in 2021, the Wildfire County Coordinator Program in El Dorado County strengthens local capacity to reduce wildfire risk through collaboration, coordination, and on-the-ground implementation. The program is funded through a partnership between CAL FIRE and the California Fire Safe Council (CFSC), which provides direct funding to counties to support a dedicated Wildfire County Coordinator position.

The County Coordinator is housed within OWPR and serves as a central point of connection between agencies, organizations, and stakeholders, ensuring wildfire mitigation efforts are aligned, efficient, and responsive to local needs.



Program Focus Areas

- **Strategic Coordination:** Provides leadership for cross-jurisdictional wildfire mitigation efforts, aligning priorities and actions across federal, state, and local partners.
- **Project Coordination Working Group (PCWG):** Manages and facilitates the PCWG, including agenda development, partner engagement, progress tracking, and transparent communication to advance shared mitigation goals throughout Western El Dorado County.
- **Interagency Collaboration:** Coordinates closely with CAL FIRE, local fire districts, associate Fire Safe Councils, the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council, Resource Conservation Districts, and other partners to support consistent and effective mitigation strategies.
- **Public Outreach and Education:** Leads outreach campaigns and educational efforts that promote fire-adapted practices and encourage resident participation in wildfire preparedness.
- **Representation and Engagement:** Represents El Dorado County at regional and state-wide meetings, workshops, and conferences to strengthen partnerships and share best practices.

Through this work, the Wildfire County Coordinator Program plays a critical role in advancing a coordinated, proactive approach to wildfire resilience in El Dorado County.

2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FIREWISE USA PROGRAM

The Firewise USA program remained a key part of neighborhood-level wildfire preparedness in El Dorado County. The Regional Firewise Coordinator for the West Slope is housed within the El Dorado County Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience (OWPR), providing direct support and coordination for local Firewise communities.

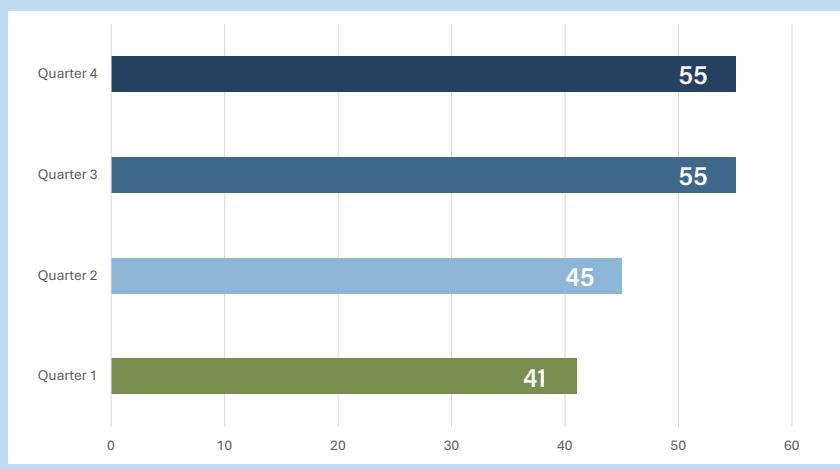
At the start of the year, there were 36 Firewise communities on the West Slope. By year's end, that number had grown to 55 recognized communities, reflecting increased interest, outreach, and local engagement in wildfire preparedness efforts.

Throughout the year, OWPR worked closely with Firewise communities to support annual renewals, provide guidance on program requirements, and share best practices related to defensible space, home hardening, and community-led mitigation projects.

Looking ahead, OWPR will continue to build out Firewise "how-to" resources and place a strong emphasis on supporting the formation of new Firewise communities. These efforts will focus on lowering barriers to participation and expanding neighborhood-level preparedness across the county in the coming year.

Total Firewise Communities in Good Standing

1/1/2025 - 12/31/2025



List of New Firewise Communities by Quarter

Quarter 1

1/1/2025 - 3/31/2025

Sciots Tract
Heritage
Highland View
Rock Creek
Sterlingshire

Quarter 2

4/1/2025 - 6/30/2025

Luneman North
Woodridge
Four Seasons
Frenchtown

Quarter 3

7/1/2025 - 9/30/2025

Blackstone
Serrano North, South, & West
Springvale/Luneman South
Kyburz Silverfork
Cool CA
Deer Hills

Quarter 4

10/1/2025 - 12/31/2025

Gold Hill North
Garden Park

2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Community Representation and Events

In 2025, OWPR attended and hosted numerous community events to promote wildfire preparedness and resilience. One highlight was the Props, Cops, and Rodders event, where our team partnered with CAL FIRE for a fun-filled day engaging with the community while sharing important wildfire preparedness information and resources.

Additional Events Attended



Placerville FSC Wildfire Townhall



National Night Out



Placerville Home & Garden Show



Evacuation Town Halls



Props, Cops, and Rodders



Firewise Community Events



Associate Fire Safe Council Events



Associate Fire Safe Council Meetings



El Dorado County Fair

2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PUBLIC OUTREACH (continued)

Educational and Outreach Materials

OWPR developed and distributed new printed materials to strengthen wildfire preparedness messaging throughout the community. These materials connect residents with resources and emphasize the importance of protecting homes and communities from wildfire. These materials were shared at public events and during defensible space inspections with the support of partnering agencies. In 2026, OWPR will be expanding the existing Wildfire Preparedness Workbook into a county-wide Emergency Preparedness Workbook.

2025 Printed Materials

KNOW YOUR ZONES

WHAT IS DEFENSIVE SPACE?

Defensible space is the area around your home that you create between your home and the plants, brush, trees, or other items surrounding your home to reduce the risk and spread of wildfire in the event of a fire. The establishment and maintenance of defensible space helps to protect your property and community from the risk and spread of wildfire.

Zone 0 - Close to Home

- Remove all combustible plants and replace with gravel, pavers, or concrete.
- Keep vegetation, decks, porches, and stairs away from vegetation and combustible materials.
- Remove all combustible materials and arborists that are attached to home with noncombustible materials.

Zone 1 - 10-30 feet

- Remove all combustible plants and replace with gravel, pavers, or concrete.
- Keep vegetation, decks, porches, and stairs away from vegetation and combustible materials.
- Remove all combustible materials and arborists that are attached to home with noncombustible materials.

Zone 2 - Reduced Fuel Zone

- Cut or maintain grass down to a maximum height of 4 in.
- Create horizontal spacing between shrubs and trees.
- Clear lower vegetation that could lead to a fire climbing into the canopy.

LEARN MORE AT

bcyf.ca.gov/defspace

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Defensible Space

EL DORADO COUNTY WEBER CREEK PROJECT

PROJECT OVERVIEW

El Dorado County has received a \$25 million California Fire Safe Council (CFSF) grant to create defensible space and retrofit homes with fire-resistant materials. The project will target 100 homes along the Weber Creek drainage area. This project is one of six grant programs that will help communities reduce the impacts of wildfire in our communities.

GET INVOLVED

Scan the QR Codes or visit the websites below to learn more about the Weber Creek Project.

THE BENEFITS

- Customized Home Action Plan
- Work Performed By Licensed Contractors
- Reduced Wildfire Risk

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Weber Creek Project

WEBER CREEK PROJECT FAQ'S

WHAT DOES THE WEBER CREEK PROJECT PROVIDE?

- Financial assistance to homeowners for creating defensible homes with ignition-resistant materials
- Community and homeowner education on wildfire preparedness
- Community and homeowner education on wildfire hardening

DO I GET A MANUFACTURED OR MOBILE HOME? CAN I APPLY?

- Yes.
- No. At this time, only actual, legal property owners can apply. Please speak with your landlady / property owner regarding applying for the program.

IS MY HOME LOCATED IN THE PROJECT IF THEIR HOME IS LOCATED IN THE PROJECT AREA BUT IS NOT THEIR PRIMARY RESIDENCE?

- Yes.
- No.

MY HOME MAY BE UNINSURED OR HAVE UNPERMITTED FEATURES. CAN I APPLY?

- Yes. We will work with insurance companies to repair uninsured homes.
- No. We will work with insurance companies to repair uninsured homes.

I HAVE BEEN AWARDED FUNDS FOR MITIGATION WORK IN THE PAST. CAN I APPLY?

- Yes.
- No.

IS MY ENTIRE PROPERTY GOING TO BE ASSESSED?

- These defensible space zones extend to 300 ft in diameter around each structure, but could be as much as 300 ft.
- These defensible space zones extend to 300 ft in diameter around each structure, but could be as much as 300 ft.

DO I GET TO CHOOSE WHAT WORK GETS DONE ON MY PROPERTY?

- Yes. A customized action plan will be developed for your property.
- No. A customized action plan will be developed for your property.

HOW DO I APPLY?

- Please use the link or scan the QR code below to access our application portal.

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Weber Creek Project
FAQs and The Process

**EL DORADO COUNTY WEBER CREEK PROJECT
WHAT IS THE PROCESS?**

SUBMIT AN APPLICATION

Completed an application by visiting owpr.ca.gov or by calling 957-4270 to request a physical application.

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SITE ASSESSMENT

Assessors from El Dorado County Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience will conduct a site visit to evaluate the property.

SCOPE OF WORK REVIEW

The information collected from the assessment will be used to create a scope of work. The scope of work will outline the recommended results.

BID WALK

Approved contractors will tour the property with the homeowner and program staff to view the work as required.

ENTER THE TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT

Once the contractor has been selected, they will enter a Tri-Party Agreement. This agreement is between the homeowner, contractor, and the County.

IMPLEMENTATION

A date will be selected for the contractor to begin work. The defensible space and hardening implementation will take place on the rescheduled date.

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EL DORADO COUNTY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

The El Dorado County Fire Safe Council offers three grant-funded assistance programs to help residents reduce wildfire risk by improving the defensible space around their homes. These programs provide both financial and labor assistance, making it easier for homeowners to obtain good defensible space.

CHIPPING

Provides free chipping services per calendar year for homeowners on the West Slope of El Dorado County. Each address is limited to six hours of chipping per year.

DEFENSIBLE SPACE

Helps to create defensible space around the primary home, garage, and outbuildings for homeowners on the West Slope of El Dorado County. Participation in this program is voluntary and at no cost to the homeowner. All homeowners are entitled to no defensible space per year.

HAZARD TREE REMOVAL

A cost-share program between the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council and homeowners to help with costs of hazard tree removal within 100 feet of a permitted structure.

LEARN MORE AT

edcfiresafe.org

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FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
(530) 957-4270
grants.elдорадо.ca.gov

Fire Safe Council Assistance Programs

FREE DEFENSIBLE SPACE & HOME HARDENING ASSESSMENTS

Are you unsure where to begin when it comes to making your home safe from wildfire? The El Dorado County Fire Safe Council has trained assessors who offer free, voluntary evaluations, advice, and recommendations for improving defensible space and home hardening around your home.

SCHEDULE YOUR ASSESSMENT TODAY!

Contact your local Fire Safe Council or contact the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council at (530) 647-1700 | clerk@edcfiresafe.org

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THE BENEFITS

- Free, Easy, & Voluntary
- Understand Your Wildfire Risks
- Local Expert Recommendations
- Specific to Your Property

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RESOURCES AND INFORMATION

Fire Safe Council Assistance Programs

Information about grant funded assistance programs for chipping, hazard tree removal, and defensible space.

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Emergency Alerts and Evacuations

Sign up for emergency alerts through RAVE to get live information about emergency alerts and other disaster alerts.

www.ravealert.com www.perimetermap.com (530) 625-1000 clerk@edcfiresafe.org

Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience

Information about burn permits, fire incidents, county defensible space inspections, and home hardening.

www.elдорадо.ca.gov/OWPR (530) 957-4270 owpr@elдорадо.ca.gov

CAL FIRE Amador/El Dorado Unit

Information about burn permits, fire incidents, county emergency alerts, and wildfire preparedness.

www.calfire.ca.gov/ceffreau (530) 647-2345 clerk@edcfiresafe.org

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Cameron Park CFD	5202 County Club Dr Cameron Park, CA 95630	(530) 677-4190
El Dorado County Fire Protection District	4610 Camion Rd Camo, CA 95667	(530) 644-9630
El Dorado Hills Fire Department	1050 Wilson Blvd El Dorado Hills, CA 95762	(916) 933-6823
Garden Valley Fire Protection District	4890 Marcell Rd Garden Valley, CA 95633	(530) 333-1240
Georgetown Fire Protection District	6281 Main St Georgetown, CA 95634	(530) 333-4111
Lake Valley Fire Protection District	2213 Kestak St South Lake Valley, CA 95650	(530) 577-3737
Moscow Fire Protection District	8603 Black Creek Rd Placerville, CA 95667	(530) 626-8017
North Tahoe Fire Protection District	2227 Fern St Tahoe City, CA 95615	(530) 593-4911
Pioneer Fire Protection District	7061 Mt. Auburn Rd Somerset, CA 95684	(530) 620-4444
Rescue Fire Protection District	5221 Deer Valley Rd Rescue, CA 95672	(530) 677-1868
City of South Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District	2101 Lake Tahoe Blvd South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150	(530) 542-6580
USFS Eldorado National Forest (ENF)	100 Forest Hill Rd Placerville, CA 95667	(530) 622-9001

Resources and Local Fire Agency Contact Information

2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PUBLIC OUTREACH *(continued)*

Social Media Outreach

A big milestone for the office was launching our own social media presence, giving us a direct and dynamic way to connect with the public. Through the numerous social media platforms, we can share timely wildfire awareness information, preparedness tips, and important updates in an accessible and engaging format. Having our own social media page allows us to reach a broader audience, respond to community needs more quickly, and build stronger connections with residents and our partnering agencies.

In collaboration with the Public Outreach Committee, OWPR develops monthly messaging on social media platforms covering a range of critical topics.

Examples include:

- Updates and reminders on workshops, surveys, and initiatives such as Defensible Space Ordinance workshops, CWPP progress, and Firewise Communities.
- Prescribed Fire Campaign in November featured posts highlighting the benefits of prescribed fire, addressing common misconceptions, and sharing community resources for receiving notifications about local prescribed fire activities.
- Following the Wildfire Awareness Season Proclamation, a coordinated social media campaign was launched to share information on wildfire preparedness, risk reduction, and available community resources. This helped residents better understand how to prepare for wildfire season and stay informed throughout the year.



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OWPR Website

Recognizing the importance of accessibility, OWPR has developed an informative website aimed at providing the latest information on County efforts, including the following links:

- Community Wildfire Protection Plan Updates
- Defensible Space Program Information
- Home Hardening Resources
- Weber Creek Project
- Firewise Communities
- Real Estate
- Fire Safe Council Assistance Programs
- Insurance Information
- Utility Vegetation Management Information
- Online Mapping Tool
- Wildfire Strategy
- Public Outreach

2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2025 WILDFIRE AWARENESS SEASON PROCLAMATION

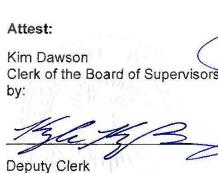
The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors signed a proclamation recognizing Wildfire Awareness Season from April through October, which included a countywide public awareness campaign led by OWPR. The campaign focused on practical steps residents can take to be better prepared throughout wildfire season.

Built around the message "Hope is not a strategy—be prepared," the campaign highlighted defensible space, home hardening, evacuation readiness, and planning ahead. The goal was to encourage early action and reinforce that preparedness is an ongoing effort.

The campaign launched with a Wildfire Preparedness and Mitigation Roundtable and was followed immediately by a press conference with federal, state, local, and nonprofit partners. Together, these events helped align agencies around shared priorities and deliver clear, consistent preparedness messaging to the public.

Throughout the season, OWPR worked with partner agencies, Fire Safe Councils, and community organizations to share information and connect residents with local resources, and preparedness guidance.

Overall, the Wildfire Awareness Season campaign helped strengthen coordination, promote preparedness actions, and reinforce the shared responsibility of agencies and residents in reducing wildfire risk across El Dorado County.

 <p>PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO RECOGNIZING THE PERIOD OF APRIL – OCTOBER 2025 AS WILDFIRE AWARENESS SEASON</p> <p>WHEREAS, El Dorado County has experienced large and destructive wildfires, evidenced by the Mosquito, Caldor, King, and recently the Crozier Fire; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, wildfire significantly impacts the environmental, economic, and life safety of El Dorado County and its residents; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, wildfire preparedness and resilience requires a concentrated, shared effort between residents, agencies, and organizations to effectively reduce wildfire risk and improve overall resilience; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, residents should prepare for wildfires by ensuring proper defensible space surrounding their homes, implementing appropriate home-hardening measures, and using ignition-resistant building materials; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, it is imperative that residents and communities work together to prepare for wildfire and commit to becoming fire adapted; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, residents should also recognize their role in preventing human-caused wildfires by following burning restrictions and avoiding activities that can cause wildfires; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, supporting vital fuels reduction projects that complement defensible space and home hardening helps protect communities and provides forest health benefits, including making room for new growth to provide forage for wildlife, recycling nutrients back into the soil, and reducing the spread of insects and disease in forests; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, El Dorado County has established an Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience which, in coordination with other fire prevention organizations in the County, facilitates information exchange, coordinates wildfire prevention and mitigation planning efforts, and supports community organizations, agencies, and others engaged in wildfire preparedness and mitigation; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, El Dorado County has adopted a comprehensive wildfire prevention and preparedness strategy that fosters the creation, coordination, and maintenance of fire-adapted communities in alignment with federal, state, and local policies, plans, and initiatives; and</p>	<p>WHEREAS, the County's General Plan Safety Element, Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, Strategic Plan, Wildfire Strategy, Community Wildfire Protection Plans, and other partner agencies' plans all recognize wildfire as the County's greatest threat. These plans highlight the significant need to increase public awareness and engagement in wildfire preparedness to ensure the safety and resilience of the community; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, following this proclamation, an intensive multi-agency wildfire awareness campaign will be launched under the theme "Hope is not a Strategy – Be Prepared" to educate residents on the many actions they can take proactively to prepare for and build resilience against wildfires, reinforcing the importance of collaborative efforts in wildfire preparedness; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, achieving these wildfire preparedness and resilience goals is made possible through strong partnerships across the County and by working together with the community to implement effective strategies and solutions.</p> <p>NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado declares that the period of April – October 2025 as Wildfire Awareness Season as a means for education and a call for residents, agencies, and organizations within El Dorado County to work together to be prepared for wildfire.</p> <p>Passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 1st day of April, 2025.</p> <p>Attest:</p> <p>Kim Dawson Clerk of the Board of Supervisors by:</p> <p> Deputy Clerk</p> <p> Chair, Board of Supervisors</p>
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2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS & MITIGATION ROUNDTABLE (APRIL 2025)

In April 2025, OWPR convened a Wildfire Preparedness and Mitigation Roundtable bringing together local, state, and federal partners involved in wildfire planning, mitigation, insurance, and community resilience in El Dorado County. The roundtable created a forum for sharing perspectives, lessons learned, and practical challenges related to implementing wildfire preparedness and mitigation efforts.

Discussions highlighted the value of strong partnerships and coordination and emphasized the importance of ensuring statewide tools and resources are effective when applied at the local level and adaptable to community-specific conditions.

Key themes included the need for strategic engagement, a layered approach to resilience across landscape, community, and parcel levels, and opportunities to better connect mitigation efforts with insurance considerations. The roundtable also reinforced the importance of consistent public messaging and continued efforts to empower residents to take action.

The conversations strengthened relationships across agencies and organizations and continue to inform OWPR's ongoing coordination and implementation efforts.



2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

WILDFIRE LEGISLATION & INSURANCE ROUNDTABLE (NOVEMBER 2025)

OWPR hosted a Wildfire Legislation and Insurance Roundtable focused on the relationship between wildfire mitigation efforts, evolving legislation, and insurance challenges affecting El Dorado County residents and communities. The roundtable brought together local leaders, state and federal representatives, and subject matter experts to discuss how policy decisions translate to on-the-ground implementation.



Participants shared perspectives on recent and proposed legislation, insurance market conditions, and the role of mitigation actions such as defensible space and home hardening. Discussions emphasized the importance of aligning policy, funding, and implementation to better support communities and reduce barriers to action.



The roundtable provided a valuable opportunity for local partners to communicate practical challenges directly to state and federal participants, helping bridge the gap between policy development and local realities. While complex issues remain, the conversations strengthened understanding, clarified roles, and identified areas for continued coordination.

These discussions support OWPR's role as a coordination hub and continue to inform collaborative efforts addressing wildfire preparedness, resilience, and insurance-related challenges across El Dorado County.

COORDINATION WITH EL DORADO COUNTY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

OWPR continues to work closely with the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council (EDCFSC) to support wildfire preparedness, mitigation, and public outreach efforts. OWPR has developed outreach flyers in support of EDCFSC assistance programs and assessment services to help ensure consistent and effective public messaging.

OWPR participates in EDCFSC assessor trainings and serves on the assessor training cadre to remain aligned with assessment practices while contributing county-level expertise. In addition, OWPR regularly attends EDCFSC executive board and monthly meetings to support coordination, collaboration, and information sharing.

OWPR also provides ongoing updates to associate fire safe councils regarding CWPP activities, project development, and outreach efforts. Through this coordination, OWPR supports public engagement by connecting residents with Fire Safe Council assessors and assistance programs, helping streamline access to wildfire risk reduction resources.

LOOKING AHEAD

2026 OWPR WORK PLAN

OWPR and the Coordination Group develop the OWPR Annual Work Plan aligned with the County's Wildfire Strategy. The plan outlines key tasks and objectives for OWPR to lead or support in coordination with partners, reflecting a proactive, collaborative approach to strengthening wildfire preparedness and resilience in El Dorado County. Below are highlights from the 2026 OWPR Annual Work Plan.

Coordination of Planning Efforts

- Develop and implement a system of metrics to track activities and outcomes.
- Monitor wildfire prevention and mitigation planning efforts, or other wildfire related policies and due dates.
- Facilitate and support the Project Coordination Working Group.
- Continue plan alignment efforts.
- Evaluate new planning tools, new technologies for data collection and analysis; and fire behavior modeling, including structural ignition and influence on fire behavior both from governmental organizations, private businesses, and philanthropic entities.
- Participate with the Regional and Watershed-level planning groups.
- Support project development to create landscape-scale and multi-benefit projects to increase potential funding opportunities.
- Monitor and engage on Biomass utilization efforts and support the County's Biomass Coordinator's efforts.

CWPP

- Present Final CWPP to Board of Supervisors for approval.
- Develop the CWPP storyboard and dashboard.
- Continue to input and update metrics for proposed, current, and completed projects. Coordinate the implementation of the CWPP through the Project Coordination Working Group
- Partner with the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council and associate councils to host planning area implementation meetings.
- Develop an annual reporting process outlining specific CWPP accomplishments to be presented to the CWPP Advisory Committee (formerly CWPP Steering Committee).
- Continue project scope and environmental review for hazardous fuels treatment projects (i.e. fuel break projects) funded through the Bureau of Land Management Grant.
- Develop maintenance plan for fuels treatment projects including those funded through the Bureau of Land Management Grant.

LOOKING AHEAD

2026 OWPR WORK PLAN *(continued)*

County Data Hub

- Establish and facilitate the County Data Hub Working Group.
- Determine specific data elements to be included with project information within the Data Hub.
- Continue to identify data sources to be included. Work as necessary with partner agencies and organizations to gain access to other data sources.
- Develop and maintain public facing pages for online mapping tool, dashboard, metrics, and project progress.
- Update the Coordination Group on roll-out stages and timeframes.
- Incorporate the EDC Raw Water Draft Points into the Data Hub.
- Share data as appropriate with other data collaboratives.

Public Outreach

- Maintain a comprehensive list of stakeholders and interested parties.
- Maintain the OWPR website with current information on programs and activities.
- Engage in regular public outreach such as social media posts, press releases, and coordinate with the Mountain Democrat for content in the Disaster Resource Guide.
- Facilitate the Public Outreach Working Group to collaboratively develop information content and coordination of dissemination.
- Participate in community events, such as County Fair, Fire Safe Council events, etc
- Develop outreach materials and other messaging, including flyers, factsheets, and informational videos to improve resident awareness of relevant laws, regulations, and best management practices.
- Create and publish a County Emergency Preparedness Workbook, formerly the Wildfire Preparedness Workbook.
- Develop campaigns based on the Wildfire Awareness Season Proclamation and other events and topics.

LOOKING AHEAD

2026 OWPR WORK PLAN *(continued)*

Defensible Space Program

- Amend the Hazardous Vegetation and Defensible Space Ordinance, Chapter 8.09.
- Identify County Emphasis Areas (CEAs) in coordination with CAL FIRE Defensible Space Inspection Areas (DSIAs) and local fire district focused inspection areas.
- Facilitate Defensible Space information and education messaging for 2026, including coordinated postcard notifications.
- Develop and maintain a public facing dashboard of defensible space inspection activity.
- Coordinate Fire Safe Council assessment requests with the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council. Contract with the Fire Safe Council to fund assessment stipends through the Bureau of Land Management grant.
- Continue to participate and support defensible space assessment training with Fire Safe Councils and partner agencies.
- Finalize and implement the OWPR Defensible Space Program database for tracking County inspections.
- Contract with CAL FIRE to perform additional defensible space inspections funded through the Bureau of Land Management grant.

Grant Administration

CA Wildfire Mitigation Program Grant (FEMA HMGP – Weber Creek Project):

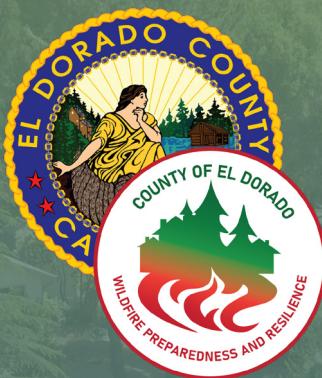
- Finalize initial property assessments on no issue parcels.
- Complete the RFQ process for defensible space and home hardening contractors.
- Initiate defensible space and home hardening activities on no-issue parcels.
- Continue public outreach through community events and other materials in partnership with Placerville Fire Safe Council, City of Placerville and the El Dorado County Fire Protection District.
- Coordinate with other agencies and organizations through the Project Coordination Working Group to identify additional projects augmenting CWMP grant funded activities, such as roadside maintenance, utility corridor maintenance, telecommunications infrastructure defensible space, hazardous vegetation treatments, improved road signage, and reflective property address signage.
- Pursue additional CWMP grant funding to augment current grant accomplishments.

LOOKING AHEAD

2026 OWPR WORK PLAN *(continued)*

Grant Administration	<p><u>Bureau of Land Management Grant:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Identify existing and new opportunities to partner with the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council and RCD to perform vegetation treatments on BLM and adjacent lands.Engage BLM on defensible space activities on BLM lands adjacent to private lands.
County Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Represent the County at state-wide and regional events, including workshops, conferences, and presentations.Participate as a member of the state-wide County Coordinator Steering Committee and Mentor Program.
Firewise Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Continue to evaluate program needs and responsibilities to support the growing Firewise network.Facilitate meetings to bring together local communities, fire districts, CAL FIRE and others in order to develop a standard approach for risk assessments and 3-year Action Plans.Maintain Firewise Communities to ensure contact and boundary information is up to date and accurate.Maintain Firewise Community maps in the Data Hub.Develop a guide on becoming a Firewise Community and maintaining designation.Build out the Firewise section of the OWPR website.
Insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Identify opportunities to partner with insurance industry representatives, risk modelers, and communities to build wildfire resiliency and provide pilot projects that support insurability.Continue to monitor insurance industry initiatives, including Safer From Wildfire, and engage as appropriate.

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