

Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience

Annual Update – 2024

Presented to the Board of
Supervisors

December 10, 2024



Coordination Group

- Wildfire Preparedness and Resiliency Coordination Group
- Coordination Group Video

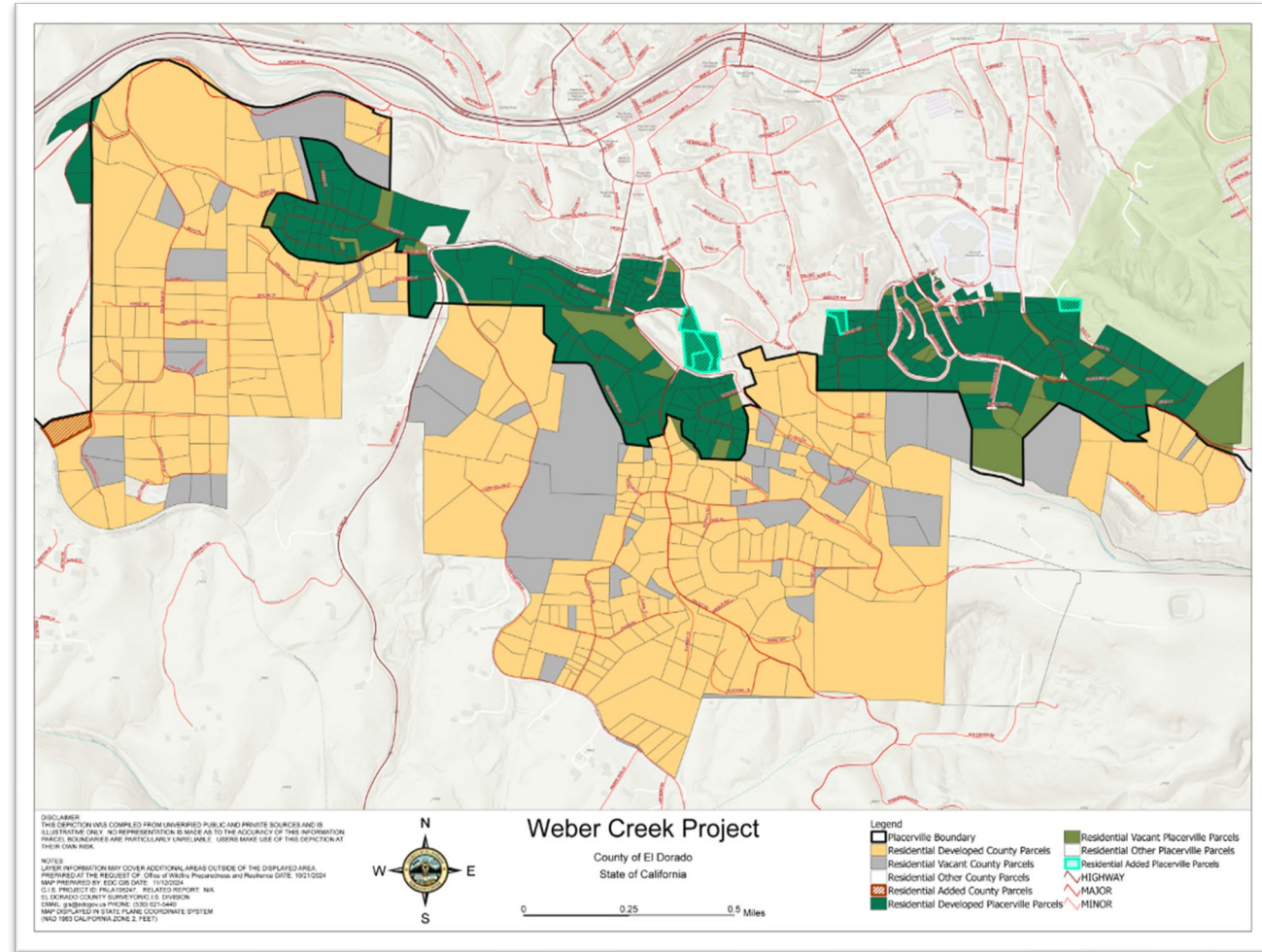


2023/24 OWPR Workplan Accomplishments

- Defensible Space Ordinance Update
- Coordinated Defensible Space Program
- Wildfire Awareness Season Proclamation and Messaging
- Fire Safe Coordinator Position and Program
- Firewise Communities Regional Coordination
- OWPR Public Outreach Committee
- Western El Dorado Community Wildfire Protection Plan Update
- Fire Risk Reduction Community List
- Data Hub and Online Mapping Tool
- Fire Chief's One Way In/Out Toolkit

OWPR Funding

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Pilot Program
 - \$25 Million
- CA Fire Safe Council County Coordinator Grant
 - \$114,000
- BLM Defensible Space Grant
 - \$10 Million



Coordination with RCD

- OWPR and RCD Collaboration
 - Built environment/WUI vs. landscape-level projects and efforts
 - How they are complimentary
- Coordinated Public Messaging



Coordinated Defensible Space Program

- Defensible Space Inspection Goals and Objectives
 - Approx. 87,000 improved parcels
 - Target goal of 7-year inspection cycle
- Working Together
 - Defensible Space Working Group
 - Uniform approach for both West Slope and Tahoe Basin
 - Developing Implementation Guidelines for Use Across Agencies
- Public Outreach
 - Coordinated messaging – joint mailers and property tax bill insert for 2024
 - CEA Workshops
 - Linking residents to resources – Fire Safe Council Assistance Programs

CAL FIRE's Investment in Wildfire Resiliency

- Defensible Space Program
 - Field Maps
 - Training
- CWPP
 - Coordination with Unit Fire Plan
 - Technical Advisory
 - Community Engagement
- Technology and Tools
 - Land Tender

2024 Strategic Fire Plan Amador- El Dorado Unit



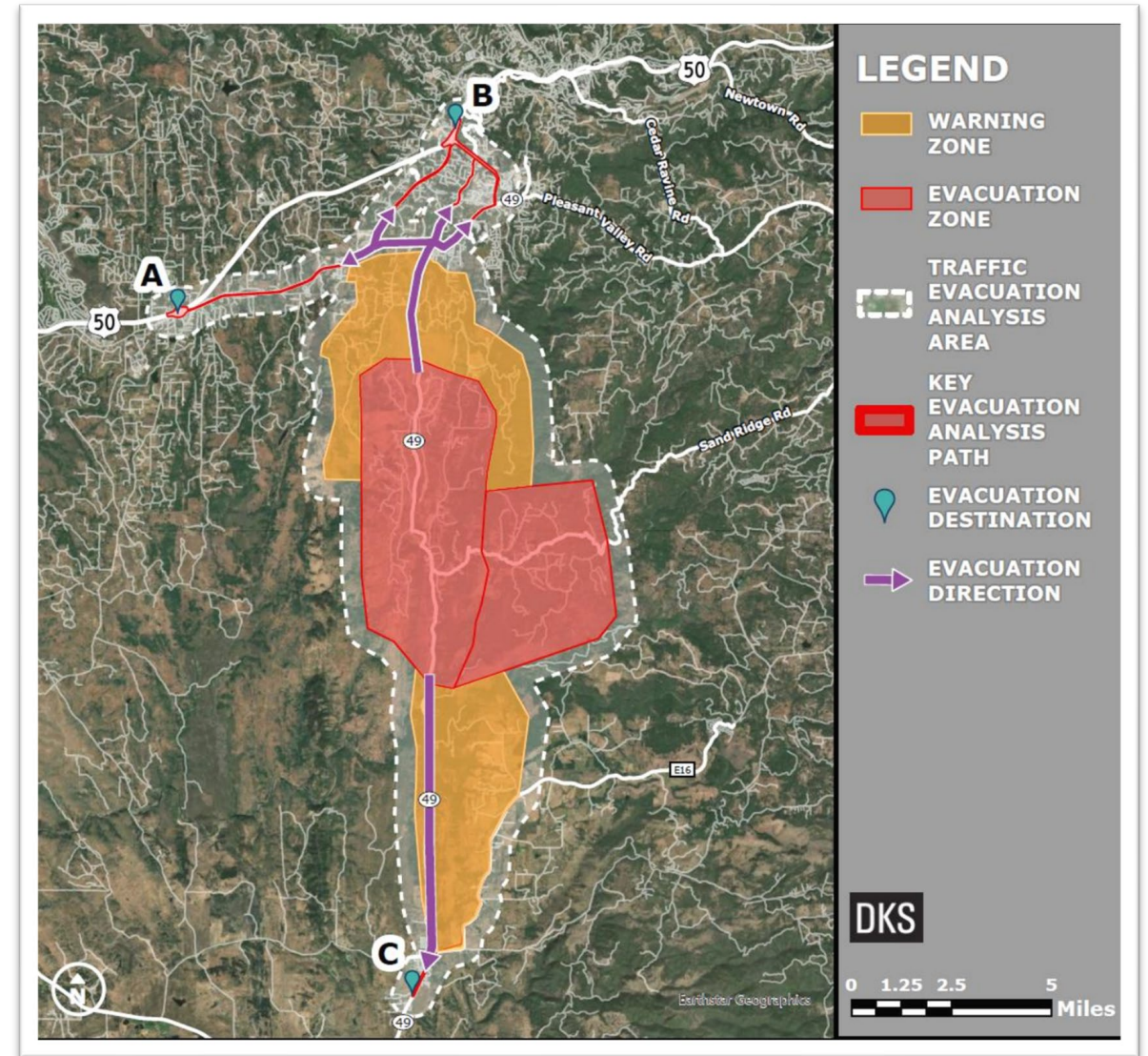
Coordination with County DOT

- Regular meetings to discuss project coordination, opportunities to enhance and align efforts, consideration for future projects, priorities, funding, etc.
- Project Examples:
 - Weber Creek
 - Outingdale
 - One Way In/Out Communities
 - Maintenance of County ROW and Roadside Clearance
 - County Right of Way within a Homeowner's Defensible Space



Coordination with EDSO OES

- Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan
 - OWPR Involvement
 - Evacuation scenario modeling/analysis
- Public Outreach
 - Coordinated messaging
 - Rave/Perimeter awareness
- Evacuation Planning/Townhalls



Coordination Across East/West Slopes

- Integration of planning efforts on West Slope and Tahoe Basin
- Public Outreach
- Coordination of OWPR representation at Basin events



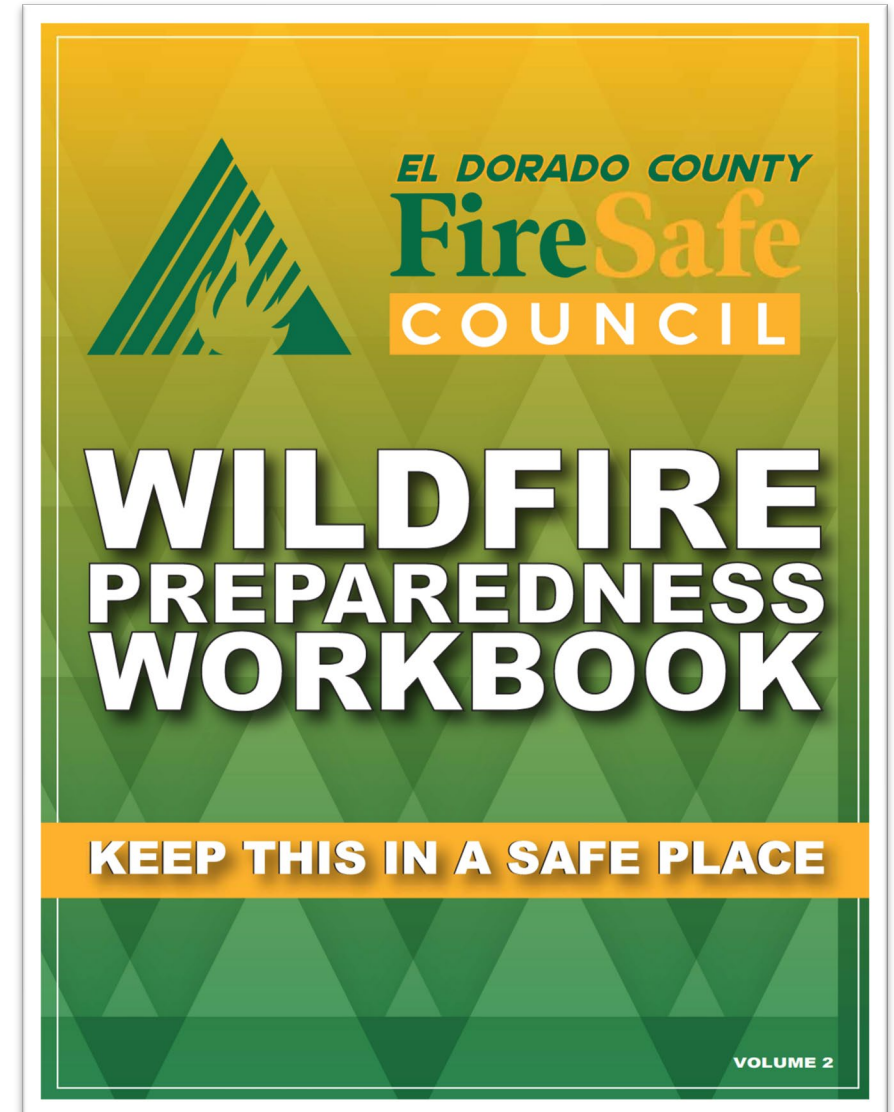
Coordination with Fire Safe Councils

- Assistance Programs – 2024 YTD Stats
 - Chipping – 611 jobs / \$277,170
 - Defensible Space Clearing – 225 jobs / \$289,198
 - Hazardous Tree Removal – 461 trees / \$476,562
 - Total Spent = \$1,042,930
- Current Grants
 - 20 active grants / \$16,639,038



Coordination with Fire Safe Councils

- Partnership through various groups
 - Coordinated Assessment Training Program
 - Coordination Group
 - Defensible Space Working Group
 - Participation with Fire Safe Council E-Board
- Public Outreach
 - Wildfire Preparedness Workbook
 - Public Outreach Committee



OWPR Fire Safe Coordinator Program

- Funded by CA Fire Safe Council Grant
- Fire Safe Council Liaison
- Engage with Community Partners and Wildfire Mitigation Agencies
- Encourage County-wide Collaboration and Coordination
- Community Wildfire Protection Plan – Community Engagement
- Lead Public Outreach

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THE PUBLIC SURVEY



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Public Outreach

- FSC Meeting Attendance
- Community Events
- Social Media
- Leading OWPR Public Outreach Committee
- Coordinated/Unified Messaging
- Educational Video

[Silver Fire Defensible Space](#)



Looking Ahead

- Highlights from 2025 OWPR Workplan:
 - Coordination of Planning Efforts
 - Community Wildfire Protection Plan Update
 - OWPR Data Hub and Online Mapping Tool
 - Public Outreach
 - Defensible Space Program
 - CWMP – Weber Creek Project
 - BLM Grant – Fire Adapted Communities
 - Fire Safe Coordinator Program
 - Firewise Communities



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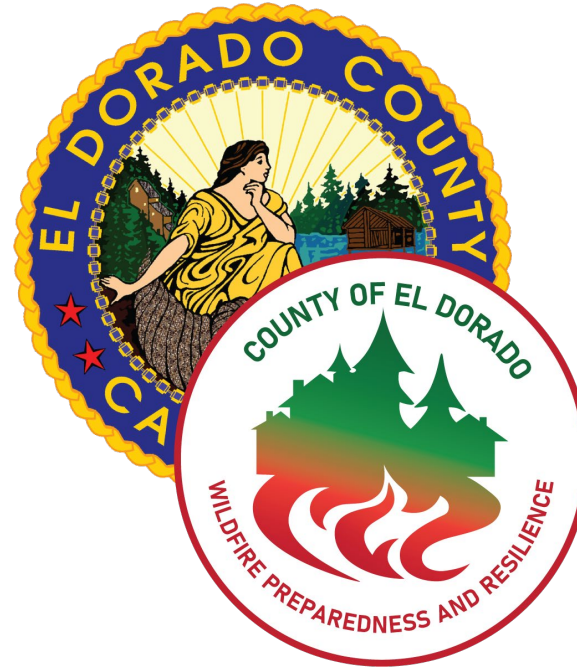
WILDFIRE STRATEGY

Closing Remarks

- Tim Cordero – Fire Chief, El Dorado County Fire Protection District
- Mike Blankenheim – Unit Chief, CAL FIRE Amador El Dorado Unit
- Ken Pimlott – Coordination Group Chair



QUESTIONS / COMMENTS



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