

CWPP

Project Planning Process



Background

- Community Wildfire Protection Plan developed 2024-2025
- Adopted by BOS February 3, 2026
- Includes community-identified project ideas within each planning area
- Project Coordination Working Group established in June, 2025

Project Coordination Working Group

Purpose is to:

- Identify, develop, and prioritize wildfire mitigation and resilience projects
- Coordinate efforts across jurisdictions and agencies
- Align implementation with existing plans and strategies

Coordinated by Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience (OWPR)

Project Coordination Working Group

Partners include:

- El Dorado County Fire Safe Council
- El Dorado County
- El Dorado Resource Conservation District
- EDC Department of Transportation
- El Dorado Irrigation District
- Georgetown Divide Public Utility District
- El Dorado Water Agency
- El Dorado Sheriff Office of Emergency Services
- El Dorado Fire Agencies
- CAL FIRE
- Caltrans
- PG&E
- SMUD
- Sierra Pacific Industries
- USFS
- BLM
- Bureau of Reclamation
- El Dorado-Amador Prescribed Burn Association

Next Steps for Associate Fire Safe Councils

Develop a list of projects by planning area in order of importance and risk.

Why?

- Projects more likely to attract funding – we compete statewide and nationally
- Leverage other projects (CalFire VMP, USFS, BLM, ARC, etc.) for greater impact
- Build in pre-planning efforts (CEQA/NEPA, ROEs) into other grants
- Not scrambling to develop projects when the grant opportunity opens

Project planning process

- Community planning meetings in each Planning Area (North, South, East, and West)

Resources for meetings:

- ✓ Maps of proposed projects in each planning area
- ✓ List of proposed non-fuel reduction projects

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Meeting participants (as appropriate):

- Fire Safe Councils and friends
- Local fire departments
- CAL FIRE
- Office of Emergency Services
- Resource Conservation District
- USFS
- OWPR
- Public utilities
- EDC Department of Transportation

Project planning process

- PCWG to develop criteria in advance (not just “it is close to my house”)
 - Population density
 - Proximity to critical assets
 - Historical value
 - Evacuation challenges
 - One way in, one way out communities
 - Vulnerable populations
 - Proximity to other projects
 - Fire and hazard risks

Project planning process

- Initial prioritization established in each meeting
- Analysis of each proposed project provided by RCD grant to further refine

Timeline

- January – presentation of concept at EDCFSC board meeting
- February through May – Planning Area meetings (one per month)
- June – Project analysis by RCD
- July – Results/recommendations to EDCFSC board meeting