



STAFF REPORT: 2024 Community Wildfire Protection Plan - Truckee Fire Protection District

BOARD ACTION:

By Motion:

The Board of Directors supports the Truckee Fire Protection District 2024 Community Wildfire Protection Plan, as indicated in Exhibit A, affirming collaboration in its development process.

BACKGROUND:

Truckee Fire Protection District (TFPD) entered into a Special Services Agreement with SWCA Environmental Consultants in December 2022 to carry out the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) update project. To enhance the CWPP project, Vibrant Planet, a land management software and modeling program, and Ladris, an evacuation modeling software, were utilized in an effort to bring a data-driven and scientific approach to planning for wildfire. This planning effort involved a project team of main implementing agencies and partners, stakeholder engagement, and public involvement as well. This included Tahoe Donner Association as a major landowner, subdivision, and partner agency.

TFPD recently completed the CWPP and now has an actionable and implementable plan. This CWPP serves as a framework and wildfire mitigation roadmap to identify and prioritize future wildfire protection projects and foster a community-wide collaborative approach to reduce wildfire risk and hazards to life, property, community, and the environment. The CWPP is a non-regulatory document. It is guided by the Healthy Forest Restoration Act, and a major benefit of having an up to date CWPP is leveraging this document to access state and federal grants.

The updated CWPP virtual Story Map and PDF (Exhibit A) can be found on www.truckee-fire.org/cwpp or directly through the hub site <https://truckee-fpd-cwpp-townoftruckee.hub.arcgis.com/>. TFPD purposefully shifted the CWPP to a digital story map and want people to interface with it that way as much as possible rather than a static PDF.

Measure T will continue to be a major funder and driving force for the TFPD to help increase their pace and scale of fuels reduction, forest management, and wildfire mitigation projects. They will also continue working and engaging with many partner agencies, land managers, stakeholders, landowners, community groups, and individual residents to make implementation of this plan at every level possible.

TFPD's 2024 CWPP has alignment with numerous other planning efforts that involve wildfire. There has been coordination with US Forest Service's 10-year strategy, Middle Truckee River Watershed Forest Partnership priorities, Town of Truckee 2040 General Plan Safety Element, Nevada County CWPP, Placer County CWPP, and Lake Tahoe Basin CWPP to name a few.



The CWPP is a comprehensive document that is broken into sections to capture an introduction, process, public involvement, fire environment, fire response, strategic areas & resources, risk assessment, communities, mitigation strategies, monitoring, post-fire recovery resources, and property owner resources.

Tahoe Donner staff were very active partners in the development of the CWPP as part of the Project Team, meeting with other Project Team members and stakeholders every one to two months from December 2022 through January 2024. Staff gave feedback on draft documents and maps, ensuring that historical knowledge and field-verified conditions of Association-owned land were included. Priority project areas for fuel reduction work were identified by staff and shared with the TFPD to include in the new CWPP. This helps in securing grant funds to conduct additional fuel reduction in Tahoe Donner.

OUTREACH:

Truckee Fire Protection District community outreach:

- June-September 2023: Community Survey
- Community Presentation Events:
 - February 7, 2024
 - February 12, 2024
- January 22-February 20, 2024- Public comment period for draft CWPP

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

The recommended Board action is as follows:

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Alternative(s) the Board may consider:

The Board may direct staff to prepare a letter to the TFPD in response to the CWPP with specific guidance, or some other alternative.



ATTACHMENTS:

Exhibit A: Truckee Fire Protection District Draft 2024 Community Wildfire Protection Plan

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