

Appendix E

OWPR Annual Work Plan

Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience Annual Workplan 2023

CWPP Update

Initiate an Update to the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) which encompasses all areas of the West Slope of El Dorado County.

- Perform a Gap Analysis to determine areas not covered by the current CWPP.
- Determine process and model to be used for development (similar to Safety Element)
- Initiate Contract Process

Risk Assessment

Conduct a risk assessment based on agreed upon set of factors and definitions of values and assets at risk, including critical infrastructure, historic buildings, structural density, etc. Allow for prioritization by assigning ranking criteria to various values and assets at risk.

- Initiate Contract Process

Coordination of Planning Efforts

Facilitate communication and coordination across agencies and organizations to ensure individual planning strategies, efforts and reporting processes are informed by other agency and organization planning efforts, and are not in conflict with each other, in order to promote a common strategy to addressing wildfire preparedness and prevention in El Dorado County.

- Inventory various agency wildfire prevention and mitigation planning efforts and due dates
- Provide technical and policy input and recommendations on local planning and regulatory efforts, including the General Plan Safety Element, Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, building standards and vegetation management ordinance.
- Facilitate planning meetings to share individual annual plan goals and objectives among agencies and organizations.

Data Hub

Develop and maintain a GIS database library and online web mapping tool (Data Hub) to aid in project development and coordination. Implement first phase into production during the first half of 2023.

- Continue to identify Data sources to be included. Work as necessary with partner agencies and organizations to gain access to other data sources.
- Support GIS Office with public facing page design and identification and development of desired mapping tools, including a dashboard displaying metrics and progress.
- Report to the Coordination Group on roll-out stages and timeframes.

Stakeholder Meetings

Coordinate recurring meetings between the Coordination Group, OWPR, and stakeholders, and others to facilitate the sharing of information and input on proposed strategies and processes related to a comprehensive wildfire prevention and preparedness strategy for El Dorado County.

- Validate the list of Stakeholders to ensure the existing list is comprehensive related to wildfire preparedness.
- Hold 1-2 Stakeholder meetings in 2023.

Defensible Space Program

Develop a plan to implement a coordinated Defensible Space Program throughout El Dorado County based on the recommendations of the Defensible Space Working Group.

- Identification of County Emphasis Areas (CEAs) in coordination with CAL FIRE and local fire district jurisdictions.
- Work with public outreach group to facilitate Defensible Space information and education messaging for 2023.
- Initiate Defensible Space contracts with El Dorado Hills Fire and Lake Valley Fire Districts.

California Wildfire Mitigation Program Grant (FEMA HMGP)

El Dorado County has applied for a HMGP grant to provide defensible space and home hardening improvements to 525 homes in the Weber Creek Area. The grant is 90% funded through FEMA, with a 5% cost share provided by CAL OES, and 5% funded by El Dorado County.

- Continue to respond to information requests from CAL OES and FEMA regarding application currently under review.
- Develop fiscal accounting processes to track time and expenditures for grant processes.
- When grant is approved, begin implementation of Phase I tasks.

Fire Safe Coordinator Grant (State Fire Safe Council)

Fire Safe Coordinator Contract with the RCDs sunsets on April 30, 2023. El Dorado County will be assuming the responsibilities beginning May 1, 2023. El Dorado County has requested a one-year extension to utilize the remaining available funds and seek additional funding to continue the work of this position.

- Establish a County position for this grant. Initiate recruitment activities to fill position.

Firewise Communities:

Develop and coordinate a standardized approach to establishing, maintaining and supporting Firewise Communities in El Dorado County.

- Identify a permanent, regional Firewise Coordinator.
- 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.