

LEXINGTON HILLS CWPP

APPENDIX B

ACTION PLAN AND PROJECT PRIORITIES

This section provides information on the process used to develop the goals, objectives, and action items in the Lexington Hills CWPP. This section also presents the Action Plan matrix, which is the overall framework for wildfire mitigation strategies. The framework consists of three parts: Goals, Objectives, and Action Items.

- **Goals** - Goals identify how the community intends to work toward mitigating the risk of wildland urban interface fire. Goals do not specify how Lexington Hills is to achieve a given level of performance; they are guiding principles for the specific recommendations outlined in the action items.

- **Objectives** - Objectives link goals and action items. Objectives are the direction, methods, processes or steps used to accomplish or achieve the goals.

- **Action Items** - Action items are detailed recommendations for activities that local departments, citizens and others could engage in to reduce wildland-urban interface fire risk.

It is recommended that the Santa Clara County FireSafe Council meet, at a minimum, twice a year to discuss and implement any changes to the CWPP.

Action Plan Methods

The Action Plan was developed through an analysis of the issues identified in the risk, hazard, and fire behavior modeling assessments, the resident survey, stakeholder meetings, and the community meetings, as well as through background research on the wildland-urban interface mitigation techniques.

CWPP Working Group and Extended Working Group committee members need to be assigned responsibility for the implementation of individual action items. This does not imply responsibility for implementation of the actual action item, only the facilitation of the planning process. Each action item has been assigned a priority ranking. Potential funding opportunities need to be identified for each action item.

Lexington Hills CWPP Purpose

Plan purpose helps to guide the direction of future activities aimed at reducing risk and preventing losses from wildfire. The elements listed here serve as the guiding principles for agencies and organizations as they begin implementing action items.

1. Provide a comprehensive, scientifically-based analysis of wildfire related hazards and risks in the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) areas of Lexington Hills.
2. Provide recommendations that will aid stakeholders in preventing and/or reducing the threat of wildfire to values in the study area.

3. Complement local agreements and existing plans for wildfire protection and aid in implementing a seamless, coordinated effort in determining appropriate fire management actions in the study area.

Lexington Hills CWPP Objectives

These objectives serve to link the purpose and action items and help organize an action plan for efficient implementation and evaluation.

The Lexington Hills CWPP identifies four key objectives for achieving the purpose of the plan and providing guidance for action items:

1. Identify and prioritize fuels reduction opportunities across the landscape
2. Make recommendations to reduce structural ignitability
3. Assess local fire suppression capabilities
4. Collaborate with stakeholders

Project Evaluation Worksheet

The following worksheet can be utilized to validate the Action Items on the next page as well as other recommendations in the CWPP

Completed by Assigned Committee:		
Qualitative Evaluation Checklist		
Does the proposed project align with one or more goals of the CWPP?	YES	NO
Is the proposed project politically and economically feasible?	YES	NO
Is the proposed project's timeline within the funding performance period?	YES	NO
Are there committed partners for the proposed project?	YES	NO
Are there matching funds available if needed?	YES	NO
Is there a cost-benefit ratio available for the project?	YES	NO
Does the project address critical infrastructure?	YES	NO

Lexington Hills CWPP Action Items

The plan identifies mitigation recommendations or action items developed through various plan inputs and data collection and research. The following is a table of Fuel Modification Action Items. This table gives a summary of all of the recommended fuels reduction projects for the Lexington Hills study area. Each of these is depicted as a graphic within the recommendations section for the individual communities. The priority level should be used to assist in determining which fuels projects should be focused on and what order they should be implemented. CWPP activities may be eligible for funding through state and federal grant programs, including the National Fire Plan or Title II/Title III funding.

Fuel Modification Name	Size ¹	Priority Level
Priority 1-4: Highest to Lowest		
Old Gold Mine Road Evacuation Route and Roadside Thinning	Approximately 0.72 mi (2.2 ac)	Priority level 1
Roadside Fuels Treatment on Soda Springs Road	Approximately 4 mi (12.1 ac)	Priority level 1
Aldercroft Heights/ Wright Station Road Evacuation Route and Roadside Thinning	Approximately 1.6 mi (4.8 ac)	Priority level 1
Upper Montevina Fuels Reduction Projects	Approximately 2.2 mi (6.7 ac)	Priority level 1
Upper Loma Prieta Evacuation Route and Roadside Thinning	Approximately 5 mi (15.2 ac)	Priority level 2
Fuelbreak around the Playground in Chemeketa Park	Approximately 1 ac	Priority level 2
Lower Montevina Roadside Thinning	Approximately 2 mi (6.1 ac)	Priority level 2
Call of the Wild Evacuation Route and Roadside Thinning	Approximately 0.3 mi (1 ac)	Priority level 3
Black Road Roadside Thinning	Approximately 1.2 mi (3.6 ac)	Priority level 3
Skyline/Black Road Landscape Fuelbreak	Approximately 52 ac	Priority level 3
Highway 35 Evacuation Route Roadside Thinning	Approximately 1.3 mi (4 ac)	Priority level 3
Mountain Charlie/Melody Lane Roadside Thinning	Approximately 0.76 mi (2.3 ac)	Priority level 3
Summit Way/Highland Way Roadside Thinning	Approximately 2.4 mi (7.3 ac)	Priority level 3
Bear Creek Landscape Fuelbreak	Approximately 15 ac	Priority level 4

¹ Acreage calculated based on a 25 foot wide clearing. Actual acreage and distances TBD.

To facilitate implementation, each action item, such as fuel modification, public education etc. can be populated into the provided worksheet on the next page, to organize information on key issues, develop ideas for implementation, coordinate and partner organizations, generate a timeline, and plan goals addressed.

Action Item Worksheet

Proposed Action Item Identification:		
<i>(Each action item includes a list of the key issues that the activity will address. Action items should be fact based and tied directly to issues or needs identified through the planning process.)</i>		
Proposed Action Title:		
<i>(Utilize the appropriate recommendation name or title in the CWPP)</i>		
Rationale for Proposed Action Item:		
<i>(Utilize any justification or report language in the CWPP)</i>		
Ideas for Implementation (Optional):		
<i>(Each action item includes ideas for implementation and potential resources. This information offers a transition from theory to practice. The ideas for implementation serve as a starting point for this plan. This component is dynamic in nature, as some ideas may be not feasible and new ideas may be added during the plan maintenance process. Report graphics can add value to this section).</i>		
Coordinating Organization:		
Internal Partners:		External Partners:
<i>(Internal partners are members of the CWPP advisory committee and may be able to assist in the implementation of action items by providing relevant resources to the coordinating organization)</i>		<i>(External partner organizations can assist the coordinating organization in implementing the action items in various ways. Partners may include local, regional, state, or federal agencies, as well as local and regional public and private sector entities)</i>
Timeline:		If available, estimated cost:
Short Term (0-2 years)	Long Term (2-4 or more years)	
<i>(Action items or activities that may be implemented with existing resources and authorities within one to two years)</i>	<i>(Action items or activities that may require new or additional resources and/or authorities, and may take from one to five years to implement)</i>	

Once a project is complete it should be reported to CAL FIRE using the following form. A link to this form can be found here:

http://www.cafirealliance.org/cwpp/downloads/cwpp_reporting_form.pdf

CWPP REPORTING FORM	
Name of Plan:	_____
Contact Person:	_____
Email Address:	_____
Phone Number:	_____
Community:	_____
County:	_____
Date Plan Signed:	_____
Number of Projects:	_____
Acres of treatment:	_____
Is your community listed as a Community At Risk?	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Please email form to:	webmaster@cafirealliance.com
or mail to:	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
	P.O. Box 944246
	Fire Prevention, Room 1646-9
	Sacramento, CA 94244-2460