

# Appendix E: Community Outreach Meetings Process

## E.1 AGENDA



### Humboldt County Fire Safe Council, Community Fire Planning Meeting



#### Purpose

- Educate residents regarding fire safety, protection, defensible space, and the Humboldt County Master Fire Protection Plan.
- Solicit information and participation from residents to effectively implement the Humboldt County Master Fire Protection Plan.

#### Outcomes

- Opportunity to provide direct input into priorities for Humboldt County community fire safety.
- Identification of local concerns and priorities on maps to prioritize projects for future National Fire Plan funding.
- Basic understanding of fire safety and defensible space to allow residents to implement these concepts on their property and throughout their community.
- Basic understanding of local fire protection services available in each community.
- Broad-based participation in the Humboldt County Master Fire Protection Plan process.

#### AGENDA

When	What	How	Who
6:00-6:20	Review literature, survey, feedback forms. Enjoy refreshments, <i>Wildfire: Preventing Home Ignitions video</i> .	Informal	All
6:20-6:40	Introductions Overview of agenda, purpose and outcomes, ground rules, housekeeping, feedback forms	Go-Round Presentation	Facilitator (Tracy Katelman)
6:40-6:55	Introduction to Humboldt County Master Fire Protection Plan (MFPP). Review of document, maps, and recommendations. Presentation of findings regarding fire protection gaps and recommendations for improving fire prevention and protection.	PowerPoint Presentation and Q&A	Humboldt County Community Development Services (Cybelle Immitt.)
6:55-7:15	Local Fire Protection: What is and is not available to local residents in each community? How can residents best support their local fire department?	Panel of Local Fire Chiefs	Chiefs, Facilitator
7:15-7:30	What is a Fire Safe Council (FSC)? Funding options for FSC projects.	Presentation	Tracy Katelman and/or local FSC reps.
7:30-7:45	Defensible space, fire preparedness, and home fire safety presentation, description of handouts.	PowerPoint Presentation	CDF and/or local Fire Dept. representative

7:45 -7:55	<i>BREAK – Move into neighborhood mapping groups, start to fill out feedback forms, enjoy refreshments!</i>		
7:55-8:50	Mapping Exercise –Identify values/assets at risk, risks, hazards, protection capabilities, and potential projects. Prioritize proposed projects.	Small Groups by neighborhood (depending on turnout)	Small group facilitators
8:50-9:00	Report Back and Close Next Steps, Follow-Up Meetings Finish & turn in feedback forms	Reports Presentation	Small group representatives, Facilitator

## E.2 MAPPING EXERCISE

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### Community Values at Risk (Green Highlighter)

- Where are the places and things you most value and want to see protected from wildfire?  
Examples include:
  - Hospitals and health care facilities
  - Businesses
  - Schools, Churches, and Stores
  - Community centers
  - Rare and endangered species, habitat, ecologically significant areas
  - Recreation areas
  - Culturally or historically significant areas
- What critical infrastructure needs to be protected from wildfire? Examples include:
  - Power substations and corridors
  - Communication sites and facilities
  - Landfills and treatment facilities

### Wildfires Causes, Risk, and Hazards (Orange Highlighter, Red Marker, Pink Highlighter)

- What is the local fire weather scenario? What kinds of conditions have started wildfires in the past? Where have they started?
- What are the causes of wildfire in your community?
- Where do you think a wildfire would start in your community and why?
- What are other wildfire hazards in your community?
  - Dead trees (insect or disease)
  - Slash from logging or thinning
  - Fuel storage
  - Abandoned wooden structures
  - Power lines
  - Road systems – blocked, brushed over, or dead end roads
- What kind of road or structural conditions might increase fire risk? (Red marker)
  - Road maintenance needs (outages, slides, etc.)
  - Bridges and/or locked gates, especially bridges too small or weak to carry a fire truck

- Where have fuels reduction projects already occurred? Identify defensible space and fuel reduction treatments. (Pink highlighter)
- **Protection Capabilities** (Blue Highlighter and Marker, Black Marker,) **Where are there resources for fighting fires?** What information needs updating?
  - Municipal watersheds
  - Water storage: tanks, ponds, pools (Blue marker dot w/# 1,000 gallons (e.g. 5 =5000))
  - Equipment (Black marker)
  - Access routes/evacuation
  - Safe Zones
  - Updated road conditions: roads that do not exist on the maps, or are on the maps and do not exist on the ground. (Black marker)

**Priorities for action** (Yellow Highlighter)

- Where do you most want to see fuels treatment occur? What types of treatments?
  - Shaded fuel breaks
  - Road brushing
  - Other?
- What other wildfire protection activities would you like to see implemented?
  - Access route/evacuations
  - Education
  - Equipment
  - Ignition reduction
  - Water storage: tanks, ponds, pools (Blue dot w/yellow circle)
- Which projects are your highest priority and why? (Number on flip chart in red)