



FIRE SAFE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

The California Fire Safe Council's Fire Safe Communities Program works to prevent community ignition through time-tested preparedness and mitigation activities. Communities stand a better chance at surviving catastrophic wildfires when all resiliency-bolstering activities are in place.

CREATING DEFENSIBLE SPACE & HARDENING HOMES

Defensible space and home hardening help to slow fire spread and lower ignition risk, as well as make homes more wildfire resilient, protecting against embers and direct flames.

MOBILIZING COMMUNITY FUELS MITIGATION

CFSC supports neighborhood fuel clean-up efforts, as well as seasonal fire breaks and green spaces, which slow wildfire spread and aid firefighter response.

BOOSTING FOREST HEALTH & LANDSCAPE RESILIENCE

We support forest and landscape management projects that restore ecosystem health and reduce long-term wildfire risk to communities.

ENGAGING & EDUCATING

We lead outreach and engagement campaigns to educate and empower communities on wildfire preparedness. These materials often serve as a starting point for local engagement and action.

BUILDING CAPACITY

CFSC supports 300+ local Fire Safe Councils with tools, funding, resources, and technical assistance to help them carry out wildfire mitigation and preparedness work.

PLANNING FOR EVACUATION

We help communities create evacuation plans, ensure clear exit routes, post signage, and educate residents on how to evacuate safely and quickly.





WILDFIRE COUNTY COORDINATOR PROGRAM

CFSC’s Wildfire County Coordinator program launched in 2021 in partnership with CAL FIRE. The program has been instrumental in consolidating and coordinating strategic interventions for fire mitigation across the state.

Today, 49 out of the 58 counties in California have active County Coordinators placed in county-wide organizations, like Fire Safe Councils, Fire Districts, or Resource Conservation Districts. This program provides a statewide framework to scale strategic, high-impact mitigations and to create a unique and efficient two-way channel of communication between the state and local communities.

The County Coordinators have served as a vital local resource to secure funding, implement mitigation projects, and engage vulnerable populations. They have become a crucial link between state strategy and local execution – ensuring communities are better prepared, better connected, and more resilient to wildfire.



Stephanie Dickerson, Tehama County Coordinator



SINCE INCEPTION, COUNTY COORDINATORS HAVE:



Secured **\$104 Million of vital funding** for local mitigation and preparedness projects.



Coordinated with over **10,000 organizations** to increase collaboration, break down silos, and leverage resources.



Educated and empowered over **970,000 local residents** to take action for wildfire resilience.



Established more than **100 new Fire Safe Councils** and FireWise Communities.



Hosted **4,100 community events** to engage, educate, and mobilize for wildfire resiliency.

