



Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)

Monterey City Council Meeting
June 4, 2024



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Introductory Statement

The Monterey Fire Department (MFD) recognizes the potential for significant loss of life, property, and resources from wildland fire. To assist in reducing this risk, In November 2022, MFD coordinated the kickoff for the CWPP. This CWPP was developed for the Cities of Monterey, Carmel-by-the-Sea and Pacific Grove (Plan Area), with input and direction from stakeholders, agency representatives, and community members. In November of 2023 the CWPP was completed.



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What is a CWPP?



A tool to help reduce the severity and impact of wildfires and increase community resilience



An assessment of the wildfire risks in a community



Identifies potential areas for taking action



Identifies “Priority Projects” to begin risk mitigation

How do we use the CWPP?



- As A Policy Based Directive
- As Resources Permit
- Update On A Regular Basis
 - Annually
 - Show progress
 - Identify new projects

Monterey CWPP Plan Documents

- The finalized plan is accessible on our city website
- There are also 6 appendices that delve into
 - A- Modeling methodology
 - B- Community outreach
 - C- Vegetation management
 - D- Priority management projects
 - E- Planning and regulatory statutes
 - F- Funding opportunities



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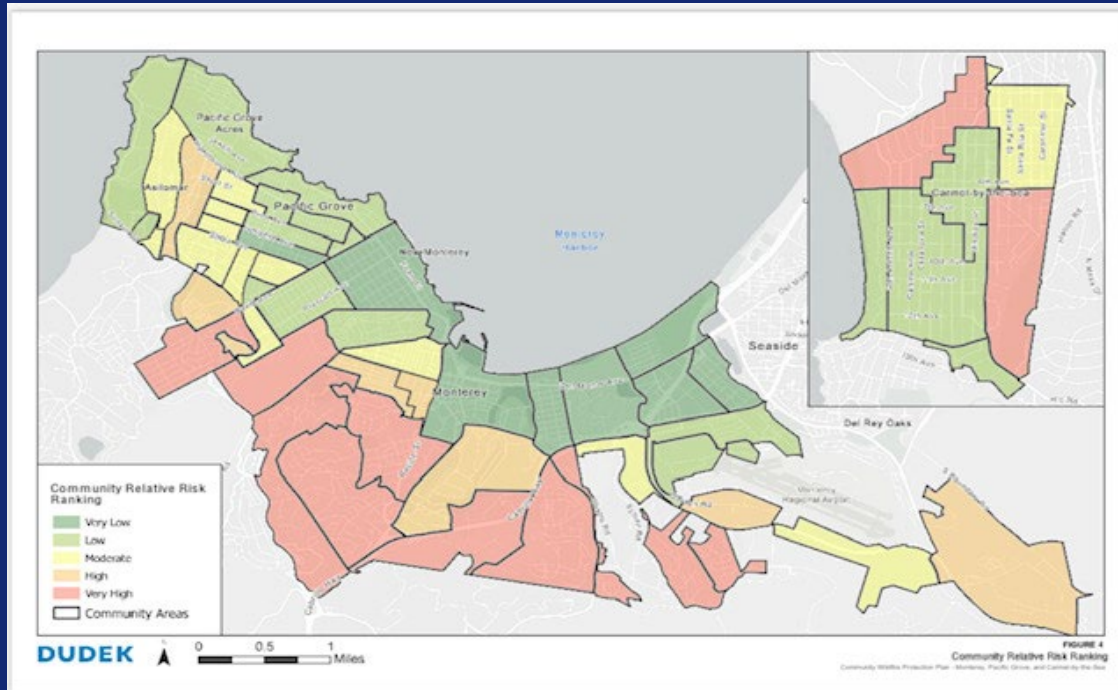
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Plan Area Risk Assessment



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Priority Vegetation Management Project

Fuel Mitigation and Roadside Fuels Reduction

- Develop a Forest Management Plan for La Mesa Village area
- Pursue the creation of shaded fuel breaks along Olmsted and Monhollan Road to protect the Deer Flats and Fisherman's Flats communities from wildfires encroaching from the south
- Create defensible space around Westland House



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Priority Vegetation Management Project Cont.

- Conduct fuels reduction within the Huckleberry Hill Nature Preserve, including thinning, chipping, and fuel breaks (as identified in County CWPP)
- Conduct fuels reduction objectives identified in City of Monterey Greenbelt Fuel Reduction Plan and explore opportunities to expand treatment areas
- Conduct fuels reduction work within the Old Capitol Site in accordance with the Old Capitol Site Forest Management Plan



Value in Management and Mitigation

- Safety for Citizens and First Responders
- For every dollar spent on preventative measures we save millions of dollars on costs to rebuild after a fire
- We are maintaining healthier ecosystems
- Open spaces that can be utilized for recreation



Tools for Mitigation



- Grazing Live Stock
- Masticators
- Chipping
- Tree Felling
- Live Fire

Tools for Mitigation



Goals of Vegetation Management



- Landscapes and open areas will be maintained with environmental protection and respect for cultural significance as a priority
- Fire roads will be improved and maintained
- The Monterey Fire Department and mutual aid partners will be able to perform with higher degree of safety and efficiency



Partners for success

City of Monterey Forester – Thys Norton

City of Pacific Grove Forester – Albert Weissfuss

City of Carmel Forester – Justin Ono



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QUESTIONS?

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