

Community Wildfire Protection Plan

THE PLAN

The City of Escondido has contracted SWCA Environmental Consultants to work in collaboration with local communities, fire protection districts, and City staff to develop the 2025 City of Escondido Community Wildfire Protection Plan Update (CWPP).

A CWPP is designed to assist the City and property owners in mitigating wildfire risk by assessing areas at risk and recommending measures to decrease those risks. You (the public) can play a part in crafting fire mitigation recommendations to reduce risk in your community. Read below to find out more about the collaborative Community Wildfire Protection Plan process and public involvement.



WHAT DOES A COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN DO?

- Identify areas at risk for wildland fire
- Make recommendations for hazardous fuels treatments (vegetation thinning)
- Prioritize areas for wildfire mitigation funding
- Make recommendations for homeowners to reduce fire risk
- Ask the public to share ideas about wildfire prevention and identify community values at risk

WHY YOU SHOULD BE INVOLVED

A CWPP is designed to assist the City and landowners in mitigating wildfire risk. It is important that this process is collaborative. **Please scan the QR code to the right to take a brief survey and give us your feedback on wildfire risk reduction in your community.**



ORIGIN OF COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLANS

CWPPs came out of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act (HFRA) of 2003. This Act provides communities with the opportunity to influence how and where federal agencies implement fuel reduction projects on federal lands and how additional funds may be distributed for projects on non-federal lands. A CWPP is the means through which public citizens can provide their voices in fuels management and fire protection planning for their communities. This 2025 CWPP will identify fire hazards and community values at risk within the City of Escondido and provide recommendations to reduce the risk of wildfire to life and property.

The Goals and Objectives of the City of Escondido CWPP are:

- 1. Wildfire risk:** Use a scientific analysis of the fire behavior potential of the study area (in addition to other attributes) to establish wildfire risk across the planning area from low to extreme.
- 2. Identify values at risk:** Use wildfire risk modeling to create recommendations which aim to mitigate undesirable fire effects to identified values at risk.
- 3. Community risk assessment:** Use community data, wildfire risk modeling, and Core Team expertise to rate the community's risk and create recommendations.
- 4. Develop recommendations:** Provide the City of Escondido with a priority list of recommendations that covers relevant wildfire risk reduction strategies.
- 5. Alignment with future/existing planning:** Ensure proposed strategies align with existing city-wide management plans and resource management objectives.
- 6. Community awareness:** Promote community awareness, action, and resilience to enhance the self-efficacy of the community when it comes to wildfire risk.
- 7. Strategic risk management:** Provide strategic wildfire risk reduction suggestions that will, if implemented by the city and the Core Team, enhance life safety for all members of the community as well as first responders.

