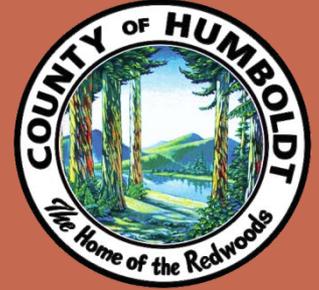


# WILDFIRE PLANNING AND ACTION IN HUMBOLDT COUNTY



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# WHAT IS THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL?

- Established by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors in 2002
- Diverse group made up of representatives from:
  - local Fire Service, Fire Safe Councils, and Firewise Communities
  - Hoopa Tribe
  - County Office of Emergency Services
  - Insurance Industry
  - CAL FIRE
  - Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management (advisors)
- Formed to guide the **Development, Implementation, and Maintenance** of the Humboldt County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)

# UPDATING THE FIRE PLAN

- The CWPP is intended to:
  - **Assess wildfire risk**
  - **Guide and inspire action**
- Updating the 2013 CWPP.
- Process began in early 2017 and will be completed in late winter, 2019.
- Funding provided by a grant from the State Responsibility Area Fire Prevention Fund.
- Updated plan will be leaner, more approachable, and user-friendly
  - **Refining priority actions**
  - **Building more accountability into the action plans**
  - **Developing metrics to measure success**

# PLANNING GOALS

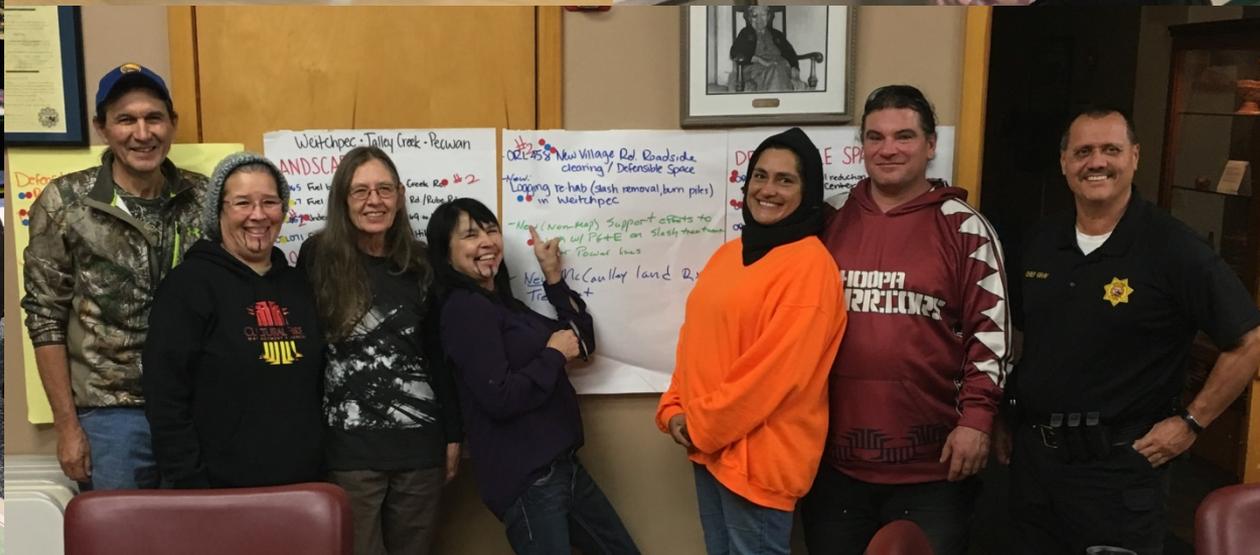
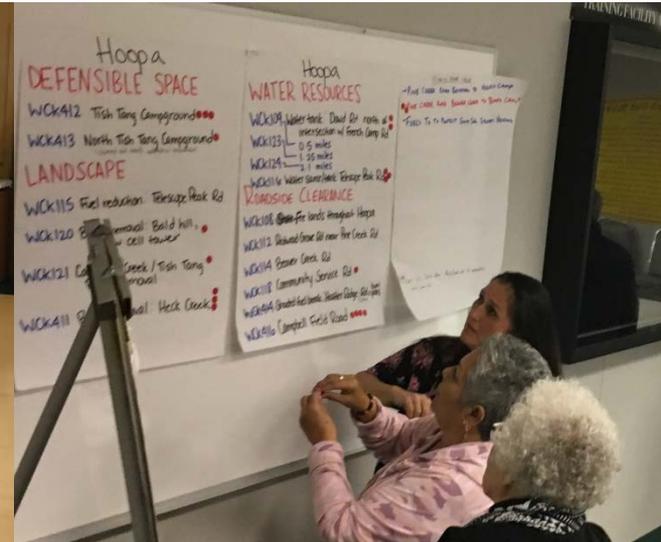
## DRAFT CWPP Goals:

- 1. Wildfire Ignition Prevention:** Reduce human-caused wildfire ignitions
- 2. Wildfire Preparedness:** Increase community resilience and adaptation to wildfire
- 3. Disaster Preparedness:** Prepare residents to live through *[[endure/survive]]* wildfire.
- 4. Fire Protection:** Support fire protection for people, property, communities, and natural resources
- 5. Restored Fire Regimes:** Increase ecosystem and landscape resilience to wildfire
- 6. Integrated Planning:** Maximize integration of planning efforts to improve community and ecosystem resiliency to wildfire

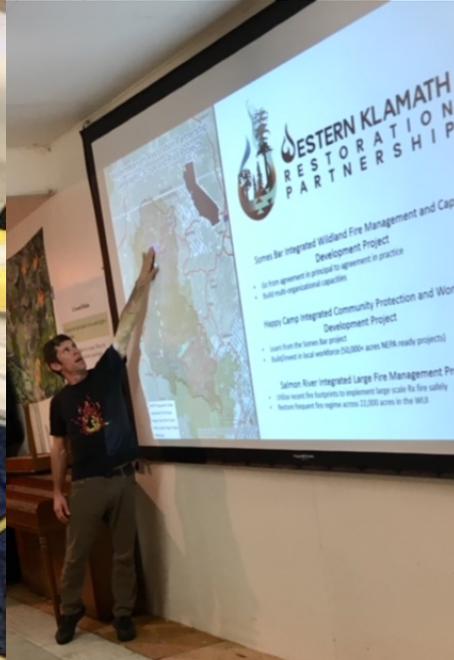
# COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

- Fourteen CWPP update workshops held throughout Humboldt County
- Workshops were well attended and much appreciated (extreme wildfire events on all sides of the county inspired interest and participation)
- Local Groups co-hosted and sponsored venues and meals
- Provided Information: wildfire protection, prevention, preparedness, adaptation, and planning
- Sought Information: community concerns, knowledge and priorities
- Incorporating community input into the updated plan
- Administrative draft targeted for early spring 2018

# COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS



# MORE PHOTOS



# FIRE RESILIENCY INNOVATIONS

- **Fire-adapted Landscapes and Safe Homes (FLASH)**
  - Rebate program
  - Fuels reduction prescription and home risk assessment
  - Over 700 acres treated with several hundred participants
- **Firewise Community support and small grants program**
- **Diverse FSC membership with good geographic representation**
- **Action oriented fire plan**

# INNOVATIONS IN ACTION



# POLICY AND FUNDING STRATEGIES

- **Strengthen working relationship with:**
  - Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network
  - North Wester Regional FSC group
  - California Fire Safe Council
  - CAL FIRE at the regional and state level
- **Develop a funding strategy to support:**
  - Sustained coordination and collaboration
  - Fire plan implementation
- **Identify legislation to address policy and funding needs**
  - County legislative platforms
  - AB 398 - Cap-and-Trade
- **Emphasize multiple benefits:**
  - Healthy watersheds need healthy forests and healthy forests are more wildfire resilient
  - Fire adapted communities are resilient to wildfire and less of a fire risk to wildlands

# RESOURCES

- Humboldt County FSC Webpage:  
<http://humboldtgov.org/firesafecouncil>
- Humboldt County Facebook Page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/HumboldtCountyFSC>
- UC Cooperative Extension, Forestry, Fire and Forest Health:  
<http://cehumboldt.ucanr.edu/Programs/Forestry/>
- Northern California Prescribed Fire Council:  
[www.norcalrxfirecouncil.org](http://www.norcalrxfirecouncil.org)
- Fire Adapted Communities, Learning Network:  
<https://fireadaptednetwork.org/>

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