



BUILDING A RESILIENT FUTURE TOGETHER!

Announcing the Ventura County Wildfire Collaborative

Building a more resilient future together!

Prolonged drought and extreme weather impact all of our lives and it's happening now. These impacts are affecting the health and safety of wildlands and communities in California, manifesting themselves into large, devastating fast-moving wildfires.

The Ventura County Wildfire Collaborative is a working collaborative that aims to mitigate the threat of wildland fires to communities in Ventura County, and by association, build resilience to reduce the threat of climate change. The Collaborative will collectively and holistically leverage the resources and knowledge of the Ventura County Resource Conservation District, Ventura Regional Fire Safe Council, Ojai Valley Fire Safe Council, Bell Canyon Fire Safe Council, and Jensen Hughes (Partners) to reduce the risk of wildfire countywide. The Collaborative's mission is to:

“Establish a countywide, collaborative approach to design, implement and maintain a holistic, wildfire resiliency strategy that builds individual, local and regional capacities to better prepare for, prevent, mitigate, respond to, and recover from potential wildfire threats for Ventura County neighborhoods and communities located in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI), now and into the future.”

In its first effort, the Collaborative secured \$2.7 million in funding from CAL FIRE to implement six priority projects that will start to build a county-wide wildfire risk mitigation program currently being developed as part of the update to the Ventura County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). For more information visit the Collaborative's website at www.vccrd.org/vcwc.

Town halls & Listening Sessions in YOUR Region

The Collaborative wants to engage and understand how to better prepare Ventura County for future Wildfires. The group will be hosting upcoming community town halls and listening sessions in YOUR region with wildfire professionals and planners to discuss wildfire prevention, reaction, mitigation, and recovery. Community members are encouraged to join and make YOUR voice heard!

To sign-up and be notified about future town hall meetings, newsletters, and other important wildfire-related information such as insurance plans, visit <https://vcrccd.org/vcwc> or reach out to Andy Spyrka at the Ventura County Resource Conservation District: andyspyrka.vcrccd@gmail.com | (805) 764-5135.

Wildfire is coming, ARE YOU PREPARED?!

Funding for this project provided by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's Fire Prevention Program as part of the California Climate Investments Program. The Ventura County Wildfire Collaborative Project, is part of California Climate Investments, a statewide program that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing GHG emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment— particularly in disadvantaged communities. The Cap-and-Trade program also creates a financial incentive for industries to invest in clean technologies and develop innovative ways to reduce pollution. California Climate Investments projects include affordable housing, renewable energy, public transportation, zero-emission vehicles, environmental restoration, more sustainable agriculture, recycling, and much more. At least 35 percent of these investments are located within and benefiting residents of disadvantaged communities, low-income communities, and low-income households across California. For more information, visit the California Climate Investments Website at <https://www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov>

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