Orange County Fire Authority

2023 Unit Strategic Fire Plan



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This plan was collaboratively developed in conjunction with key stakeholders, including Federal, State, County, and City agencies, as well as other community partners, which are listed in the plan.

- Its purpose is to identify and prioritize both pre-fire and post-fire management strategies and tactics, designed to reduce the loss of values at risk within the Unit.
- The Unit Fire Plan is intended as a planning and assessment tool only, to be used in conjunction with two addendums added in 2017, including Orange County's County-Wide Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) and Orange County Fire Authority's (OCFA's) Fire Danger Operating Plan (FDOP).

It is the responsibility of those implementing the projects to ensure that all environmental compliance and permitting processes are met as necessary.

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Executive Summary

Throughout the history of the fire service in Orange County, the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA), and its predecessor agencies have been recognized as a premier wildland fire agency that effectively manages and provides wildland fire prevention and suppression services. As the County of Orange's fire agency, the Orange County Fire Authority is contracted by the State of California to provide all aspects of wildland fire management for State Responsibility Areas (SRA) within the county.

Consequently, in accordance with the California Fire Plan, Orange County's Unit Strategic Fire Plan was first collaboratively developed as a planning and assessment tool in 2010, in conjunction with key stakeholders and partner organizations, with the goal of reducing total government costs and citizen losses from wildfire in Orange County. This plan addresses such topics as firefighter and public safety, Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) challenges, impactful cost-effective solutions, community preparedness, prioritization, collaborative partnerships, program, project and policy evaluation and adaptability.

Guided by this plan, notable progress has been made in terms of pre-fire management planning and program implementation. Compared to 2010, there are now better vegetation management and roads improvement programs, a more collaborative approach to wildfire planning and prevention efforts with our partners, and the community, and an ongoing forum for discussions about how together, our efforts can help Orange County become even more resilient to wildfire and its associated losses. Among recent key accomplishments are:

- Addition of Wildland Resource Technician (2023) A new position will be filled in 2023 to help support the wildland pre-fire section. This position will report to the Wildland Resource Planner and assist with pre-fire, community wildfire mitigation, and suppression repair activities.
- CALFIRE Grants (2018-2022) OCFA was awarded two CALFIRE grants totaling approximately \$5.5 million. One grant
 focuses on addressing the invasive shot hole borers that have killed thousands of trees in Orange County and threaten to kill
 hundreds of thousands more. Due to the challenges of completing work during COVID, a request to extend this grant was
 granted through March of 2025. Additionally, the grant funded flights to produce normalized difference vegetation index (NDVI)
 data throughout the SRA area. This data is hosted by OCFA for use by the major landowners throughout the county. The
 second grant provided funding for the installation of remote wildfire cameras and meteorological sensors throughout Orange
 County.
- Community Risk Reduction/Special Operations Pre-Fire Management Annual Fuel Reduction Projects (2018-2022) OCFA crews and equipment continue to conduct large vegetation management projects, road grading and brushing operations throughout the county in partnership with USFS, OC Parks, SCE, SDG&E, State Parks, and large landowners.
- Drone/NDVI Mapping (2017-2022) –Through grant funding, OCFA purchased a drone equipped with a normalized difference vegetation index (NDVI) camera and mapping software that will be used to map and monitor vegetation health and trends, especially in hard-to-access areas. Additionally, in 2020 the Pre-Fire Management section gained a drone with a thermal camera that will be used to detect and map hot spots on vegetation fires
- **Direct Award Grant (2022)** OCFA received a direct award grant from Cal Fire for the removal of vegetation throughout the county and the purchase of equipment for pre-fire vegetation management fuel reduction. Equipment purchases are in progress and coordination of new road maintenance areas for ingress/egress into USFS are in development.
- Addition of OCFA Hand Crew 2 (2022) Crew 2 was added in November 2022 on a full-time basis to support fire suppression
 and vegetation management projects throughout Orange County. Crew 2 consists of a superintendent, assistant superintendent,
 three squad bosses and 20 hand crew firefighters.
- Addition of Wildland Resource Planner (2022) Due to a resignation, t a new Wildland Resource Planner was hired in September 2022 in the OCFA Pre-Fire Management section.
- Addition of a Deputy Fire Marshal for Pre-Fire Management (2020) A DFM was hired in 2020 to support and lead the OCFA Pre-Fire Management section. This civilian position provides longevity, oversight, direction, and support of the pre-fire management mission at OCFA.
- Remote Wildfire Detection Equipment (2017 2021) In addition to the two remote detection cameras previously installed on Orange County Sheriff's (OCSD) towers that can only be viewed by OCFA and the OCSD, the program has been recently expanded through a partnership with COAST, SCE, SDG&E, the University of California, and the County of Orange. Two new point-tilt-zoom (PTZ) cameras with meteorological sensors have been installed on additional towers secured by SCE and SDG&E to expand remote detection across Orange County and to provide visibility to the public.
- Satellite Notifications Since October 2017, OCFA utilizes NOAA's satellite-based "Hot Spot" notifications which have proven to be effective.

- Demonstration Garden (2017- 2022) A new grant-funded exhibit is under construction at the Aliso Woods Canyon Visitors
 Center, located adjacent to the SRA. The exhibit will showcase both a Native Plant Demonstration Garden and a Structure Built
 with 7A Construction Features to illustrate to residents how to help protect their homes and community from wildfire. Due to the
 project becoming larger than originally anticipated, plants are being obtained to potentially complete the demonstration garden
 by the end of 2023.
- CWPP Completion (2017-2021) Funded by an SRA grant, plus OCFA and other Orange County stakeholders, Orange County
 developed a CWPP in 2017 with a prioritized project library for SRA/SRA-Threat areas. The CWPP was revised to include
 additional stakeholders and project needs in 2021.
- Fire Danger Operating Plan Completion (FDOP) (2017-2022) OCFA's FDOP has scientifically-based data thresholds that now trigger leveled resource and communication responses, plus the FDOP also denotes who is responsible for each component. This plan is updated yearly and attached to the Strategic Plan as an appendix. The plan is currently under study to potentially decrease fire danger rating areas.
- OCFA GIS Wildland App Implementation (2016-2022) OCFA's Community Risk Reduction/Special Operations Pre-Fire
 Management section and Information Technology Departments collaboratively developed a multi-faceted tablet application used
 for wildland and field inspections and was expanded to support suppression operations. Revisions and new layers are
 edited/added as Operations identifies new needs.
- Tree Mortality (2015 2022) OCFA continues to participate on an active Tree Pest Workgroup and assists with the removal, monitoring and treatment efforts for trees affected by drought and invasive pests identified by partners.
- Grant Completions (2016-2018) In 2018, OCFA completed a grant for additional clearance in Emerald Bay, and another
 grant for East Orange County Canyons to improve emergency road clearance. Additionally, in 2017, OCFA finished installing
 grant-funded canyon area signage that features interchangeable prevention messages.
- Emerging Tree Pests of Orange County Task Force Formation (2015-2022) In collaboration with the City of Irvine,
 OCFA continues to participate in the coordinated effort in Orange County to deal with the growing issue of invasive pests (i.e.,
 gold spotted oak borer, polyphagous and Kuroshio shot hole borers, etc.) that present a fire hazard and environmental
 concerns.
- Additional RAWS Station (2015 2016, 2020) In cooperation with SDG&E, a third RAWS station in coastal Southern
 Orange County was installed in 2016 and now feeds data that will enable better decision making. In 2020, OCFA installed an
 additional RAWS at Chino Hills State Park at San Juan Hill.
- New Third Weather Zone for Orange County (2015) This new NWS weather zone for Orange County is an important decision-making tool for resource deployments, facility closures, and activity restrictions.
- Fully Staffed & Reconfigured OCFA Community Risk Reduction/Special Operations Pre-Fire Management Section (2015) –In 2015, OCFA Community Risk Reduction/Special Operations Pre-Fire Management section was reconfigured and comprised of three sub-sections which includes Wildland Resource Planning, Community Wildfire Mitigation and Crews & Heavy Equipment to help ensure Gray Book obligations are fulfilled and to better serve the community.
- Acquisition of Additional Mechanized Equipment (2014 2022) A masticator, excavator, mower, chipper, and an all-terrain skid steer tractor were purchased to improve efficiencies for vegetation management and roads projects. In 2019, OCFA purchased a second skid steer and mini skid steer, and in 2020, OCFA purchased an additional D6 bulldozer. OCFA also received a 2021 CALFIRE grant to purchase a third skid steer and applied for a tactical water tender for pre-fire management projects through a CALFIRE grant in 2022.
- Adoption of MOU for OCFA and OC Parks (2014) This is an important step for fuels mitigation and training.
- Formation of COAST (2013-2022) A consortium of key organizations that have a vested interest in wildfire prevention and
 planning in Orange County. COAST is an active advocate to influence policy and to bring awareness of Southern California's
 challenges as they relate to wildfires. . This group has received grant funding for a staff position to coordinate and make shovelready, projects identified in the 2021 CWPP.

Except for a few minor updates and amendments, this plan remained virtually the same since 2010. However, in 2017, with the completion of Orange County's CWPP, and an updated CWPP in 2021, and OCFA's FDOP, this plan is now designed to be used in conjunction with both documents, which are included as addendums. Additionally, invasive pests, and the resulting tree mortality and fire danger remain a big concern in Orange County and will continue to play a bigger role in this plan in the future. Also, on our radar, fire risks associated with the increasing unhoused population in Orange County will need to be factored into this plan if the current trend continues.

Original 2010 Key Objectives

To evaluate progress to date on the key objectives that were originally outlined in 2010 when this plan was first developed, in 2016, a scoring system of 1-10, with 10 being best, was incorporated for each objective. In general, there's been meaningful progress on most of the objectives since then, but opportunity always exists for continued improvement.

2022 Progress Report for Key 2010 Objectives

- Establish any relationships, partnerships, and councils necessary to reduce wildfire ignitions, risks, and losses by emphasizing community-level resources and solutions. Leverage partners with common interests/or motivations.
 - ➤ 2022 Score: 9.0 There's been tremendous progress in establishing and leveraging relationships and partnerships. In particular, the 2013 formation of the County of Orange Safety Task Force (COAST), which is a group of key organizations with a vested interest in wildfire planning and preparedness, and who have the influence to implement change, has proved invaluable. However, more work is still needed, particularly at the community level, such as with establishing additional fire safe councils, and other grass roots initiatives.
- Develop and sustain a portfolio of high-impact, least-cost, stakeholder-driven solutions for reducing wildfire ignitions, risks, and losses by creating and sustaining new solutions, eliminating low-impact solutions, and streamlining highcost solutions.
 - 2022 score: 9.0 The CWPP has facilitated progress in developing new grants, processes, and program suggestions, which will be continually evaluated, and hopefully implemented. However, as an ongoing process, there will always be more opportunities for improvement.
- Develop the Unit Fire Plan, using the key elements identified by CAL FIRE, and support the county and smaller communities with the development of their local CWPP.
 - **2022 Score: 10.0 -** As previously mentioned, Orange County recently completed a County-Wide Protection Plan (CWPP), so this objective was completed in 2017. Our CWPP is planned to be updated in 2021/2022 as well.
- Engage collaborative partners to lead and drive the effort to protect communities from wildfire. OCFA's role transitioned into a support-oriented role, focusing primarily on active participation, facilitation, and evaluation of program results.
 - **2022 Score: 9** Primarily through COAST, additional collaborative partners continue to be engaged, with OCFA often functioning as a facilitator or evaluator, such as with the Emerging Tree Pests of Orange County Task Force.
- Ensure the community understands, accepts responsibility, and takes necessary action to mitigate wildfire ignitions and risk, thereby preventing lives and property from being lost or damaged in wildfires.
 - > 2022 Score: 7 This is a long-term process that has been, and will continue to be, limited by budget and staffing constraints. Consequently, more creative solutions are still needed.
- Develop regularly publicized motivational performance measurements regarding wildfire to facilitate change in cultural attitudes and implement a systematic mitigation of risk for the public.
 - **2022 Score: 7** Regularly publicized motivational performance measurements that monitor the shift in cultural attitudes have not been developed yet, but ongoing vegetation management and roads projects do contribute to systematic risk mitigation.
- Facilitate change in the local "cultural attitude" about wildfire risks from apathy and unawareness to alertness and empowerment, through mass marketing and outreach.
 - 2022 Score: 7 OCFA uses the "Ready, Set, Go!" message, along with messaging in high-risk canyon areas to help facilitate this much needed cultural shift. However, financial, and staffing constraints hinder progress on mass marketing and outreach initiatives.

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Section I: Unit Overview

Unit Description



Geography

Orange County is Southern California's smallest county, with a total area of 947.98 square miles, of which 789.40 square miles (83.27%) is land, and 158.57 square miles (16.73%) is water.

The Pacific Ocean is its southwest border, with Los Angeles County as its northern border, and San Diego County as its southeastern border. Moving inland, Orange County is bordered on the northeast and east by both San Bernardino County and Riverside County.

While there is no formal geographic division, the county is often divided into north and south, with the 55 Freeway as the informal transition between the generally older established areas closer to Los Angeles County, and the more affluent and recently developed areas to the south.

In terms of OCFA's SRA responsibilities, it's important to note that the geography extends beyond Orange County's borders, with OCFA being responsible for protecting designated adjacent SRA lands in both Riverside and San Diego Counties.

Topography

Topographically, Orange County rises from sea level, along the Pacific Ocean, to the Santa Ana Mountains, which are located within the Cleveland National Forest. The highest Santa Ana Mountain peaks are Santiago Peak at 5,689 feet, and Modjeska Peak at 5,489 feet.

Another prominent topographic feature is Loma Ridge, located west and parallel to the Santa Ana Mountains, which runs through the central part of the county. Loma Ridge is separated from the Santa Ana Mountains by Santiago Canyon.

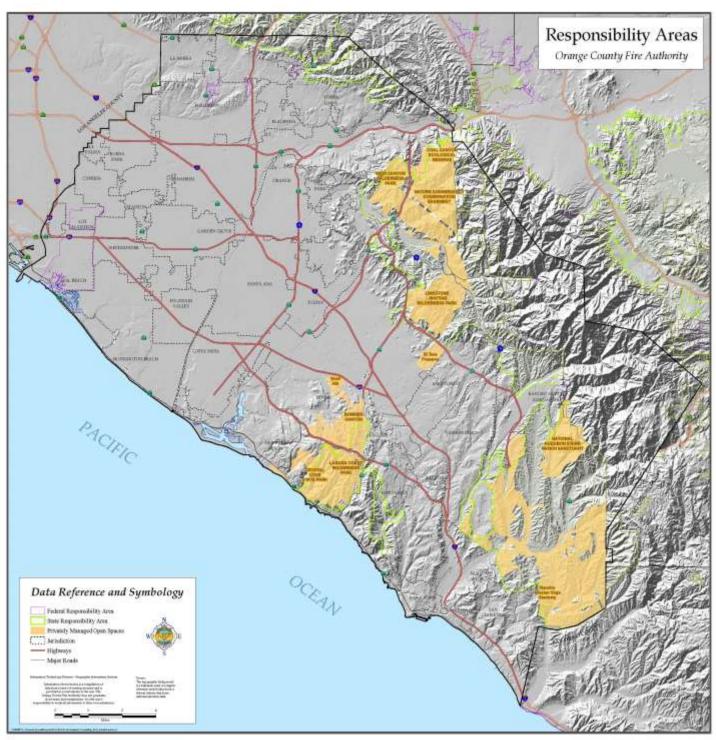


The county's major watercourse is the Santa Ana River, which flows from the Inland Empire, through the middle of the county from northeast to southwest and terminates at the Pacific Ocean on the Huntington Beach-Newport Beach border.

Public Lands

Public lands within, or adjacent to, Orange County's SRA lands play an important role in the management of natural resources, as well with pre-fire management planning, and include Camp Pendleton Marine Base, Cleveland National Forest, Chino Hills State Park, Crystal Cove State Park, plus Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) and Transportation Corridor Agency (TCA) lands.

Public Lands Map



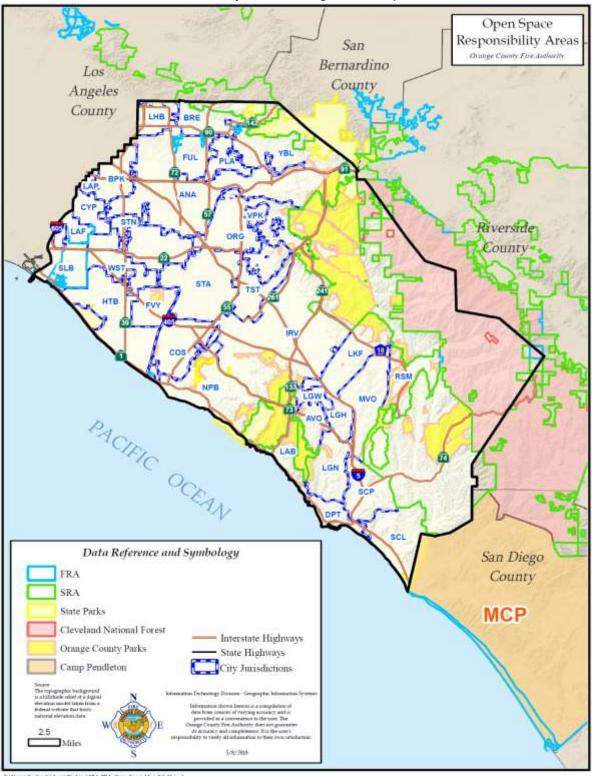
Note: There are several other Federal. State. and local government land holdings that do not have a role in this

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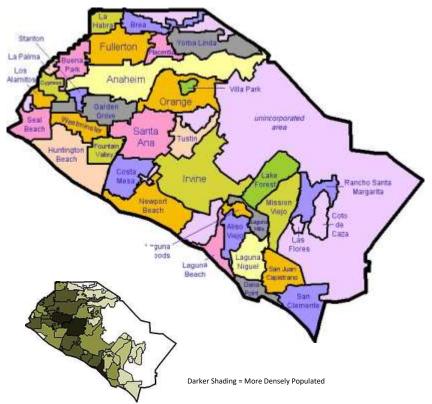
Privately Managed Lands

Similarly, there are also privately owned and/or managed open space lands in, and near, the SRA that play an important role, which include Audubon Starr Ranch, Irvine Ranch Conservancy, Natural Communities Coalition (formerly known as Nature Reserve of Orange County), and Rancho Mission Viejo Land Trust.

Privately Owned/Managed Land Map



Population



Orange County has 3.18 million residents, who reside in 1.0 million housing units. Orange County also has the distinction of being the second most densely populated county in the state and includes 34 incorporated cities, plus 16 unincorporated areas. Santa Ana is the county seat.

According to the 2010 Census, compared to California overall, Orange County is relatively more educated, affluent, and increasingly diverse.

- Median HH Income: OC \$100.0K vs. CA \$69.7K
- Bachelor's Degree +: OC 42.1% vs. CA 35.3%
- Home Ownership: OC 57.0% vs. CA 55.5%
- MDU's: OC 34.2% vs. CA 31.0%
- Foreign Born: OC 29.4% vs. CA 26.5%
- Non-English (spoken at home): OC 45.1% vs. CA 43.9%

Major Transportation Arteries



With so many people and limited public transportation, Orange County roadways are of critical importance in keeping the resident population moving, along with the large daily influx of commuters from outside the county.

However, most of the major roads pass through wildfire prone SRA lands and open space areas, and are often the site of roadside g



Vegetation Types

Vegetation types dominating the open spaces are annual grasses, woodland, desert brush, riparian, coastal sage scrub, and chaparral. The general condition of the vegetation covers a broad spectrum from healthy to decadent and from new growth to old growth. Approximately 60% of the wildland vegetation has experienced at least one catastrophic fire within the last decade. However, as drought conditions persist, the fuels have become increasingly hazardous.

Consequently, fuel moistures are measured at two locations monthly to help evaluate their potential as a wildfire risk factor. One location is in Black Star Canyon, in the northern part of the county, while the other location is in South County, near CA 74 (Ortega Highway).

Weather

Like most of Southern California, Orange County is considered to have a Mediterranean climate, where precipitation occurs during the winter months and summers are typically hot and dry. The average daily temperature is 70 °F, with average annual rainfall ranging from 10-14 inches. Weather phenomena characteristic of Orange County, includes:

- Microclimate Conditions Where temperatures can vary as much as 18°F from inland areas to the coast, with a temperature gradient of over one degree per mile.
- May Gray/June Gloom Often brings morning overcast skies to the coastal cities that usually give way to sunny skies by noon, during the late spring and early summer.
- Santa Ana Winds Per the National Weather Service (NWS), Santa Ana Winds are "strong down slope winds that blow through the mountain passes in Southern California". They can easily exceed 40 miles per hour, are warm and dry, and can severely exacerbate brush or forest fires, especially under drought conditions.



OCFA uses 3 remote weather stations to help monitor weather conditions and the associated wildfire risk. Additionally, in late 2014, OCFA, in partnership with COAST and NOAA, was successful in implementing a third weather zone for Orange County. This has proven to be invaluable for OCFA, as well as for other private and public organizations, to help make more informed decisions regarding resource deployments, facility closures, and activity restrictions.



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Unit Preparedness & Firefighting Capabilities

The Orange County Fire Authority

The Orange County Fire Authority operates as a Joint Powers of Authority, and contracts with 24 of Orange County's 34 incorporated cities to provide a full spectrum of fire protection services. Additionally, OCFA is contracted by the County of Orange to protect its 16 unincorporated communities, as well as Orange County Parks. CAL FIRE also contracts with OCFA to protect Orange County's SRA lands, which include 2 State Parks, plus portions of the Cleveland National Forest Trabuco Ranger District.

OCFA is headquartered in Irvine, CA at the Regional Fire Operations Training Center (RFOTC), and has 79 fire stations, all of which are equipped with wildland firefighting capabilities, including 22 with specialized wildland apparatus.



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OCFA Programs	OCFA Apparatus
Air and Wildland Section	Type I Engines – All with wildland capabilities
Helicopter program	Type II Engines
Hand Crew and Heavy Equipment Program	Type III Engines
Investigations (includes Fire Friends Arson Intervention	Type VI Engines with CAFS capabilities
Program)	Tactical Water Tenders
Community Risk Reduction	Support Water Tenders
Community Education	
Wildland Pre-Fire Management	
Prevention Field Services	
Planning and Development	
Geographic Information Systems (GIS)	

Orange County Fire History

Recent history illustrates that Orange County is prone to large scale wildfires in, and near the SRA, including the following:

	Recent Wildfire History		
• Oct. 1978: Soquel Fire	Jul. 1989: Ortega Fire	• Feb. 2002: Green Fire	• Oct. 2020: Silverado
(5,428 acres)	(8,170 acres)	(2,234 acres)	Fire (12,465 acres)
• Sep. 1979: Paseo Fire	• Oct. 1989: Assist #108-	Feb. 2006: Sierra Peak	• Oct. 2020: Blue
(3,644 acres)	Mateo Fire (13,478 acres)	(10,506 acres)	Ridge Fire (13,694
• Oct. 1980: Owl Fire	Jun. 1990: Carbon Canyon	• Mar. 2007: 241/Windy	acres)
(18,332 acres)	(6,664 acres)	Ridge Fire (2,036 acres)	 Dec. 2020: Bond Fire
• Nov. 1980: Carbon	• Jul. 1990: Yorba (7,884	Oct. 2007: Santiago Fire	(6,680 acre)
Canyon Fire (14,613	acres)	(28, 517 acres)	
acres)	Oct. 1993: Laguna Fire	 *Nov. 2008: Freeway 	
Nov. 1980: Indian Fire	(14,337acres)	Complex Fire (30,305	
(28,408 acres)	Oct. 1993: Ortega Fire	acres)	
Oct. 1982: Gypsum Fire	(21,010 acres)	 **Sep. 2017: Canyon I Fire 	
(19,986 acres)	Oct. 1997: Baker Fire	(2,662 acres)	
Sep. 1987: Silverado Fire	(4,835)	Oct. 2017: Canyon II Fire	
(5,988 acres)	Aug. 1998: Santiago	(9,217 acres)	
Sep. 1988: Ortega Fire	Canyon (7,760 acres)	 Aug. 2018: Holy Fire 	
(2,471 acres)		(22,885 acres)	

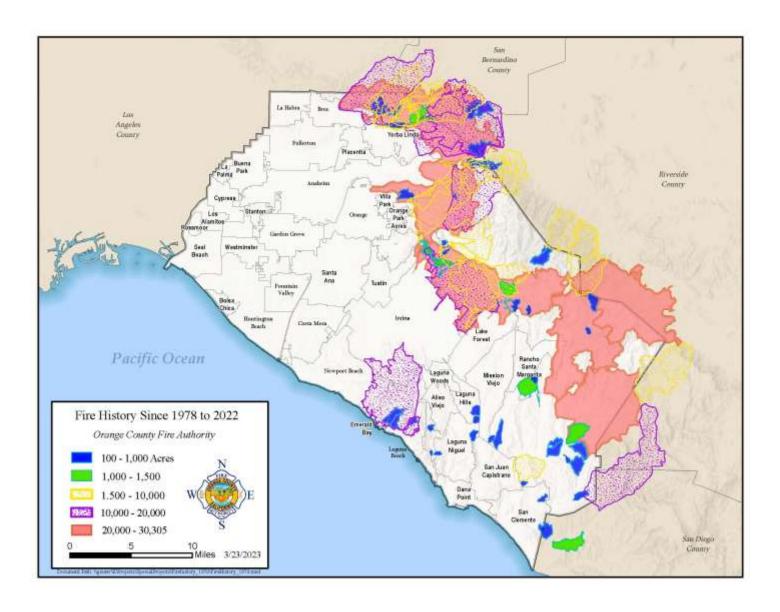
^{*}Notes: (1) The November 2008 Freeway Complex Fire started in Riverside County, but burned into Orange County

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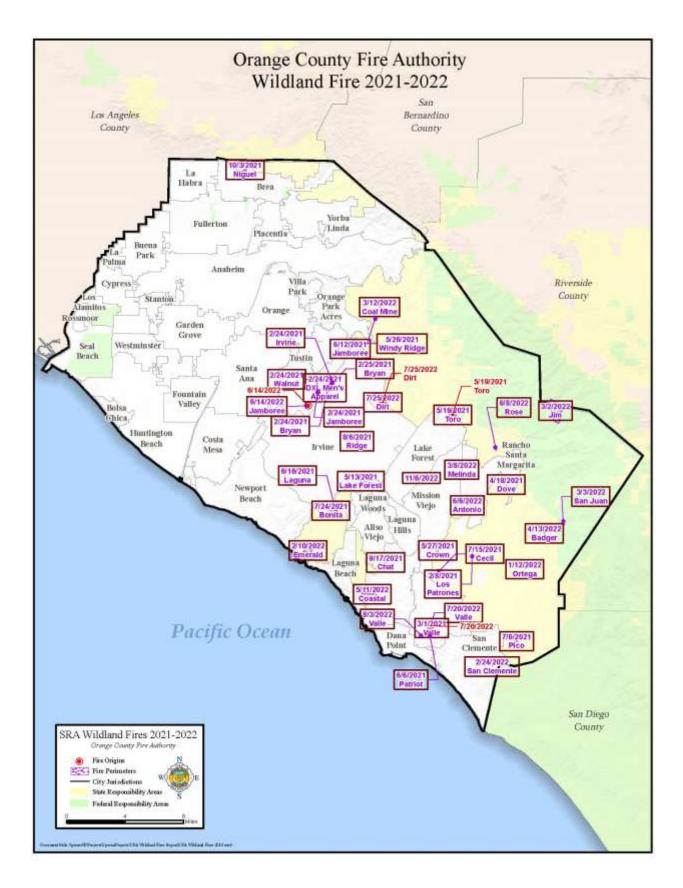
^{**(2)} The September 2017 Canyon I Fire started in Anaheim, but burned into OCFA jurisdiction.

Orange County Fires - Perimeter Acreage History

It's not unusual for Orange County's wildfires to have perimeters in excess of 10,000 acres, with some having perimeters of up to 30,000 acres.

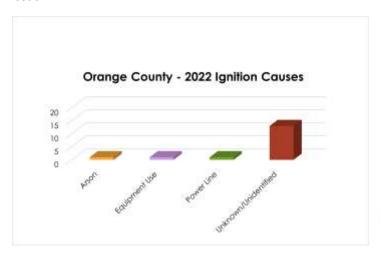


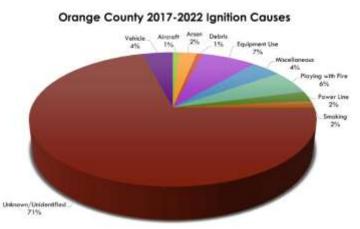
2021-2022 Orange County Vegetation Fires



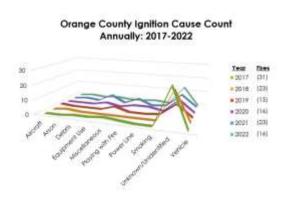
Ignitions

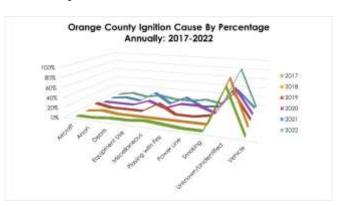
OCFA's Investigations Section attempts to determine the cause of all Orange County fires that are in, or are a threat to SRA areas, but for the vast majority, the cause remains Unknown/Unidentified or Miscellaneous. However, to combat roadside ignitions, which are of particular concern in Orange County, OCFA is partnering with COAST member organizations, including Caltrans, the Transportation Corridor Agency (TCA), and the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) to develop preventive measures to better address this issue.





Over the past few years, as drought conditions persisted, the only definitive trend is that there are more fires, and a corresponding increase in the percentage of Unknown/Unidentified and Miscellaneous ignition causes.





Source: OFCA Fire Origin and Perimeter Data.

Disclaimer: Prior Orange County coding practices have resulted in data inconsistencies with CFIRS and NFIRS. Efforts are underway to correct this issue.

Challenges

In remote and rural areas of the county, firefighters are often faced with a limited water supply and lack of hydrant taps. Rural areas are characteristically outfitted with small diameter pipe water systems, which are inadequate for providing sustained firefighting flows. While not all these issues are within OCFA's control, prevention efforts for the ones that are, such as road clearance, fuels reduction, defensible space inspections and resident education will continue to be incorporated into this plan.

Some of the most difficult fire protection problems encountered in the Wildland Urban Interface are:

- Multiple stories, wood frame, high-density developments
- Large contiguous built-up areas with combustible roofing materials
- Response times for emergency equipment
- Street structure, such as truck trails, non-surfaced private roads, and/or curvilinear roads, with dead-ends and narrow street widths
- Inadequate and unreliable water supply with poor hydrant distribution

However, perhaps the most pressing problem overall is public apathy and unawareness regarding wildfire risks. The ongoing challenge will be for people to understand that surviving a wildfire may depend on their willingness to accept personal responsibility for protecting their homes, families, and communities, by implementing proven preparedness and prevention strategies before fire occurs.



Section II: Collaboration

When this plan was originally developed in 2010, OCFA enlisted input from outside organizations (see Appendix H), including Bon Terra Consulting (restoration ecology), California State Parks, Habitat Restoration Services (HRS), the Fire Safe Council of East Orange County Canyons, Irvine Ranch Conservancy, Orange County Parks, Rancho Mission Viejo Ranch Operations & Land Trust, The Irvine Company Agricultural Operations and The City of Irvine. During that process, the following activities were identified as requiring collaborative efforts from both private and public sector agencies:

Collaborative Programs (Identified in 2010)	Progress to Date (as of April 2022)
CWPP Management	OCFA has continued to develop partnerships, as well as
 Develop and document partnership(s) with stakeholders to recognize and understand risks from wildland fire and hazardous fuels Develop and document strategies to mitigate risks from wildland fire and hazardous fuels 	strategies, that will help reduce hazardous fuels and mitigate wildland fire risks. With the 2017 CWPP completion, some key projects listed in it are now being planned and implemented. For example, in 2018, the hand crew completed a hazardous fuel reduction project at Mason Park, on OC Parks land. This project not only increased fire safety to the nearby homes, but decreased invasive plant species in the park and opened habitat for native species. In addition, the CWPP was re-written in 2021 to include additional cities and landowners.
Fire Hazard Mapping	In 2016, OCFA's CRR/Special Operations Pre-Fire Management
Develop a map of all wildland areas that will illustrate the locations of all assets at risk from wildland fire	efforts and IT Sections launched a Wildland GIS App that contains FHSZ layers and various assets at risk. Information continues to be collected and updated. OCFA is working on a CALFIRE grant to acquire Normalized Difference Vegetation Index mapping of fuels within the SRA Threat Zone to gain better information regarding vegetation conditions and moistures as they change throughout the year.
Fuel Break Program	Existing fuels breaks are routinely maintained and more have
 Develop a fuel break system to identify logical and potential locations Construct new fuel breaks in strategic positions, clear existing old fuel breaks and provide a mechanism for periodic (at least annual) maintenance 	been added since 2010. Ongoing input from participating partners is coordinated for additional locations.
Fuel Reduction Program	OCFA conducts annual defensible space inspections on private
 Have property owners, or agencies having jurisdiction, become more aware of hazardous fuels on their respective properties Have mechanisms in place to assist in the removal of hazardous fuels 	and commercial properties in the SRA, and in other Very High and High Fire Hazard Severity Zones. Owners, land managers and residents are issued correction notices when hazardous conditions exist and are re-inspected to ensure compliance. Also, OCFA often assists in the removal of hazardous fuels on a project basis and helps with Chipper Days and other events to assist private residents in SRA and WUI areas.
Prescribed Fire Program	Prescribed fire has been an ongoing challenge in Orange County
mitigating risks from wildland fire and for hazardous fuel reduction	for many years, but recently, OCFA has been able to get the conversation started again.
Road Maintenance	OCFA's Crews & Heavy Equipment section are contracted to
Ensure annual maintenance is completed on all roads and trails prior to the wildland fire season	perform maintenance on SCE roads, most of which are also fire access roads. Other road and trail maintenance are done regularly as time allows.

Source: 2014 ORC Strategic Unit Fire Plan & OCFA Pre-Fire Management

Since 2010, in keeping with the original vision of this plan, collaborative efforts continue, and now regularly include ongoing dialogues and interactions, both within OCFA, and externally, with residents, cities and communities within OCFA's jurisdiction, local fire safe councils, HOA's, other fire agencies, COAST organizations, and with many others. Regular collaborators by category include:

- OCFA Operations, GIS, Crews & Equipment, Wildland Pre-Fire Management, Planning & Development, and Corporate Communications
- Community Residents, volunteers, HOA's, cities and unincorporated communities
- **Fire Safe Councils** North Tustin FSC, Fire Safe Council of East Orange County Canyons, Emerald Bay Community Association, and the Inter-Canyon League
- **COAST -** Refer to the COAST member list on the following page

COAST Background

In an effort to facilitate a more comprehensive, and effective approach to addressing wildfire issues for Orange County, the County of Orange Area Safety Task Force (COAST) was formed in 2013. COAST members include large open space landowners and managers, city, county, state and federal government organizations, utilities, road agencies, OCFA, and other fire agencies, as well as others, all who have a vested interest in preventing wildfire ignitions and limiting the associated losses. Member organizations can influence policy and ensure progress is made.

Among other accomplishments, COAST can be credited with helping to institute a new NWS third weather zone for Orange County. Additionally, discussions with the transportation agencies are underway about possible barriers and/or treatments to help prevent roadside ignitions. Another current endeavor is working toward implementing HPWREN cameras for Orange County.

Furthermore, COAST has been instrumental in helping to champion the CWPP process, which is now complete and updated in 2021.

The ultimate goal of collaboratively developing a more comprehensive, and inclusive fire protection plan, through a CWPP, is to reduce the losses from wildfire (i.e., people, property, possessions, critical infrastructure and services, ecology, Threatened & Endangered Species, commerce, etc.) by helping to reduce ignitions and limit the impact, which in Orange County, requires a concentrated effort in, and around SRA and open space lands.

The CWPP:

- (1) Better identifies impactful, yet cost effective projects
- (2) Analyzes and prioritize them
- (3) Will help secure funding to complete them

Projects include, but are not limited to, planning, mapping, fuels reduction, vegetation management, structure hardening, roads hardening, infrastructure improvements, education, training, and equipment purchases/upgrades.

COAST Members

County Organizations

- Orange County Parks (OC Parks)
- OCFA
- County of Orange

State Organizations

- CA Department of Fish & Wildlife
- CA State Parks (Chino Hills & Crystal Cove State Parks)
- CA Fish & Game, South Coast Region

Federal Agencies

- USFS Cleveland National Forest
- US Fish & Wildlife
- Camp Pendleton

Other Fire Agencies

- Anaheim Fire
- Laguna Beach Fire
- Newport Beach Fire
- Orange City Fire
- Brea/Fullerton

Transportation Agencies

- Cal Trans
- Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)
- Transportation Corridor Agency (TCA)

Utilities

- Southern California Edison (SCE)
- San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E)
- Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD)
- Metropolitan Water District (MWD)

Large Land Managers

- Audubon Starr Ranch
- Irvine Ranch Conservancy (IRC)
- Natural Communities Coalition (formerly NROC)
- Rancho Mission Viejo Land Trust (RMV)
- The Wildlands Conservancy

Other Participants

- UC Irvine
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- UC Riverside
- CAL FIRE

Other Collaborative Relationships

SOLAR - An initial attack, communications, and response plan between the counties of San Bernardino, Orange, Los Angeles, and Riverside

PROS - An initial attack, communications, and response plan between Camp Pendleton Marine Base, and the counties of Riverside, Orange, and San Bernardino.

Response Agreement with Riverside County Fire Department – To ensure the closest resource responds.

Response Agreement with Cleveland National Forest – To ensure the closest resource responds.

Response Agreement with San Diego County Fire Authority – To ensure the closest resource responds.

Response Agreement with Camp Pendleton – To ensure the closest resource responds.

Emerging Tree Pests of Orange County Task Force – Formed to address the growing problem of invasive pests, exacerbated by drought, which has increased hazardous fuels and impacted the ecosystem. This group includes UC Riverside, most of the COAST organizations, OC Waste & Recycling and various subject experts.

Camp Pendleton Dozer and Fire School - Cooperative wildland training for OCFA and other local fire agencies at Camp Pendleton.

Regional Heavy Fire Equipment Workshop - Cooperative wildland training for OCFA and other local heavy fire equipment agencies.

Chief Officer Exchange Program with MVU, RRU and MCP - Opportunity to share best practices among regional fire agencies.

Cooperative MOU & Training Program with OC Public Works and OC Waste & Recycling - Designed to effectively utilize heavy equipment resources as needed.



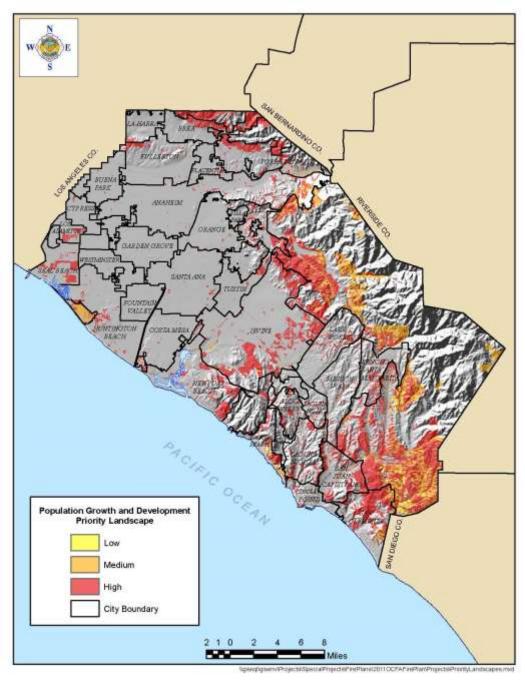
Section III: Values

(A) Values at Risk

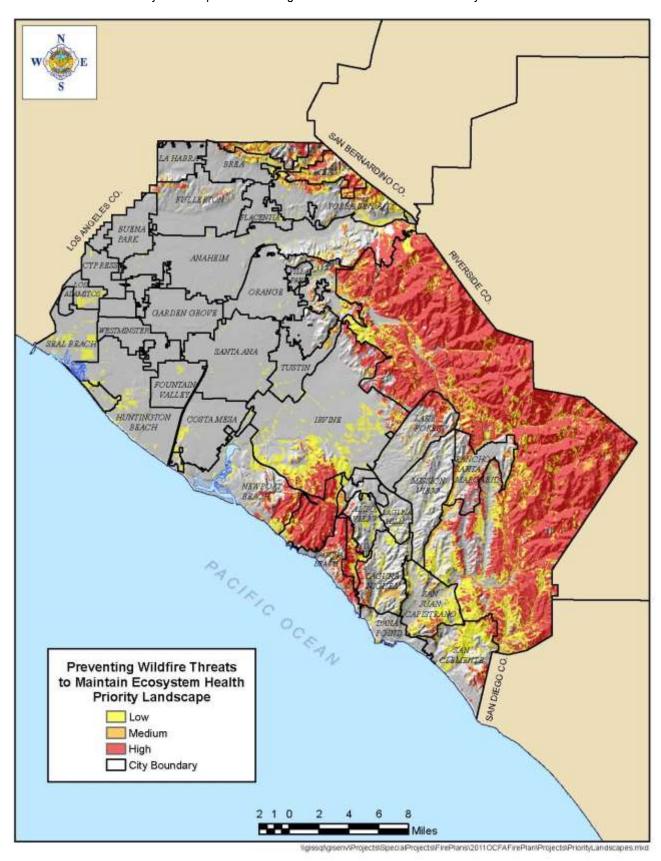
CAL FIRE's <u>California's Forest and Rangeland's 2010 Assessment</u> was developed to identify and address the State's key wildfire risk issues pertaining to community water, ecosystem health, forest and range economics, infrastructure, recreation, open space, and wildlife. These areas of concern are spatially categorized as "Priority Landscapes". The 11 types of Priority Landscapes that were determined to be most applicable to Orange County are identified below, with graphic representations regarding where, and to what degree, each one is of concern:

Orange County's Priority Landscapes

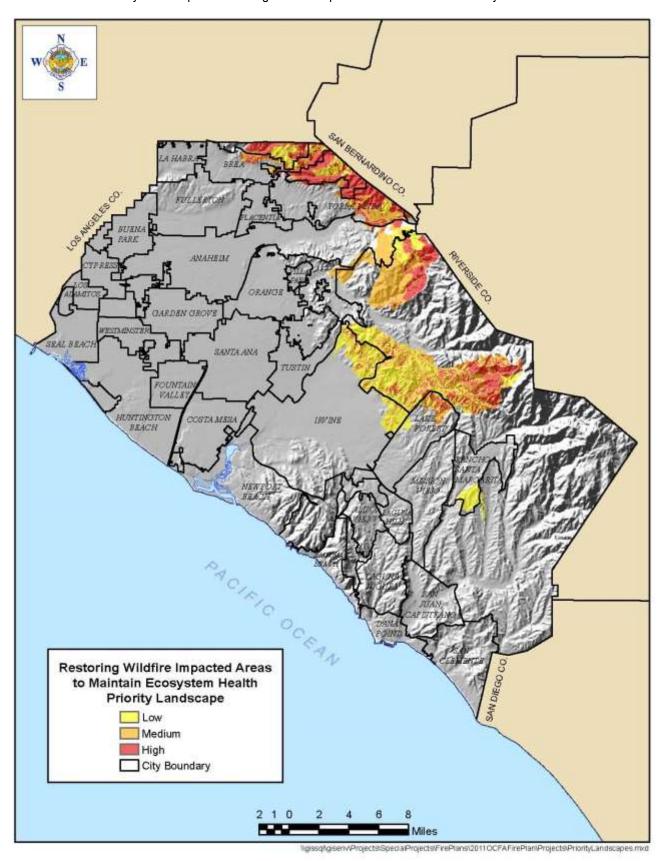
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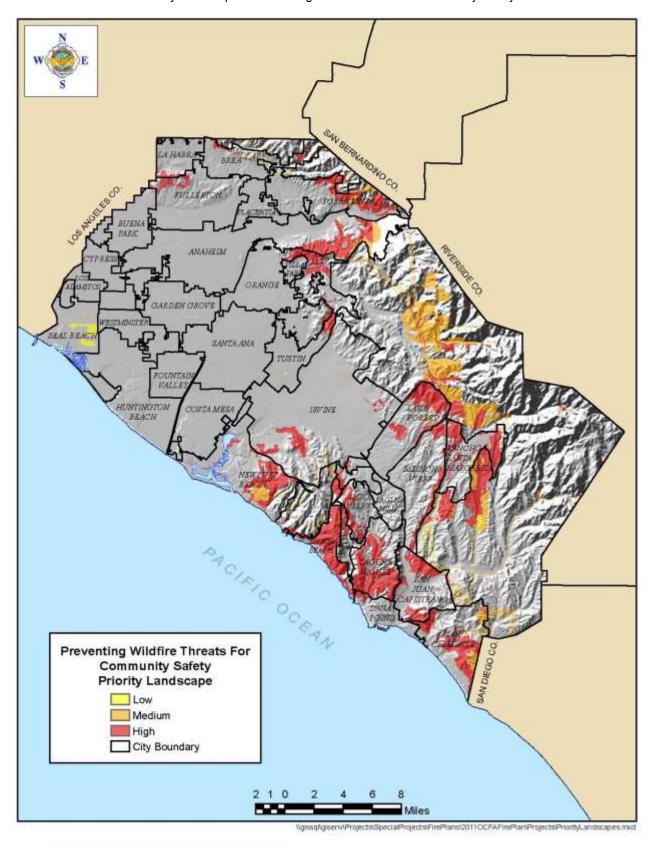
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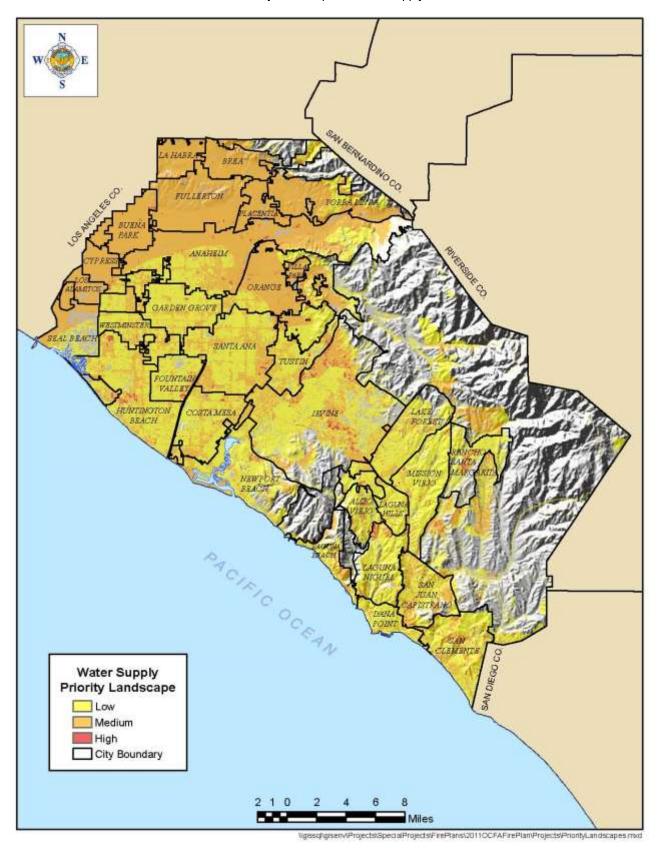
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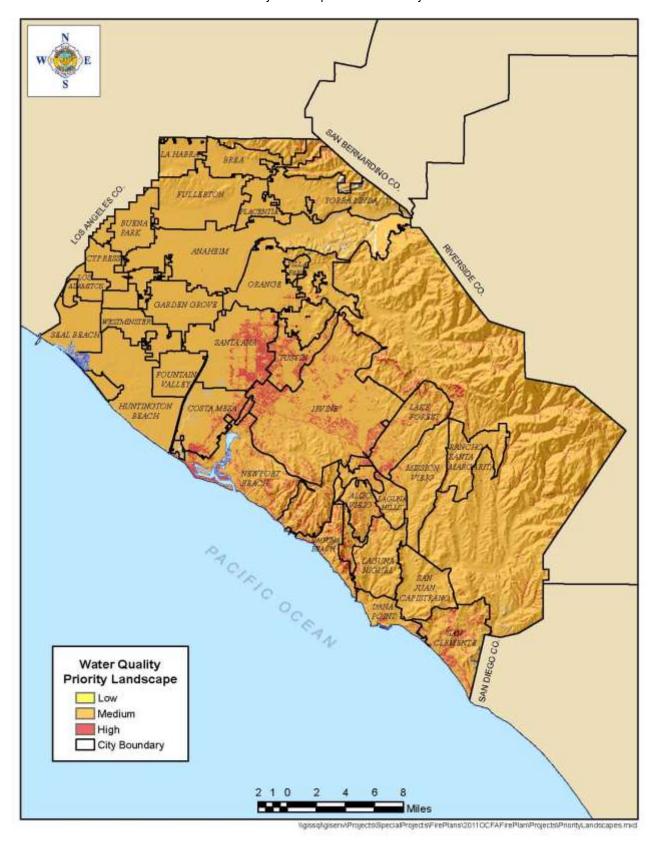
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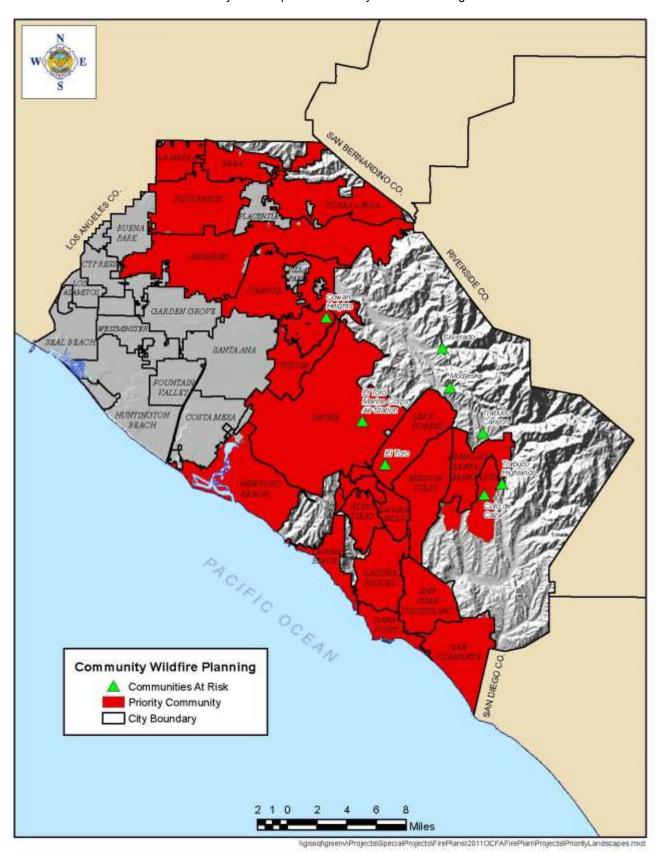
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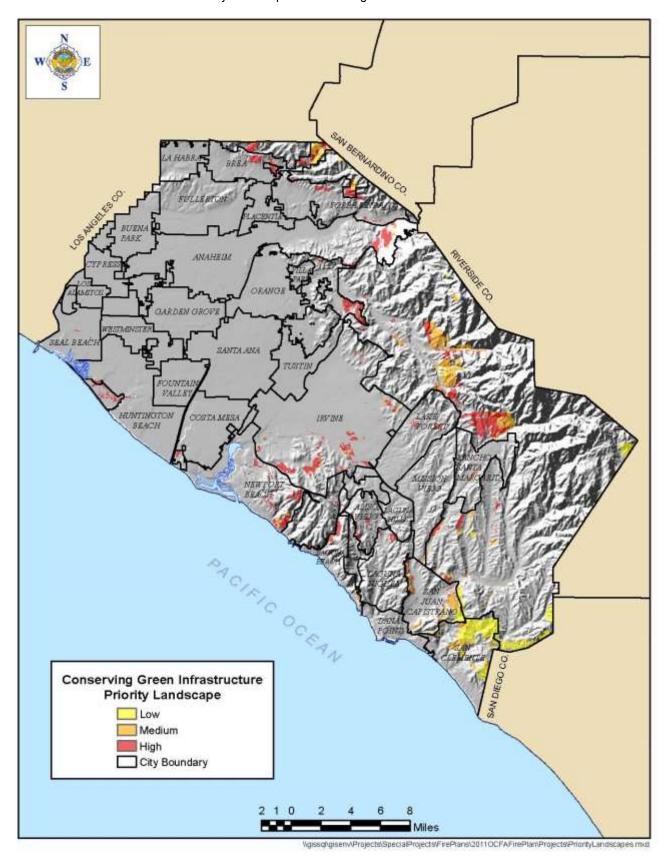
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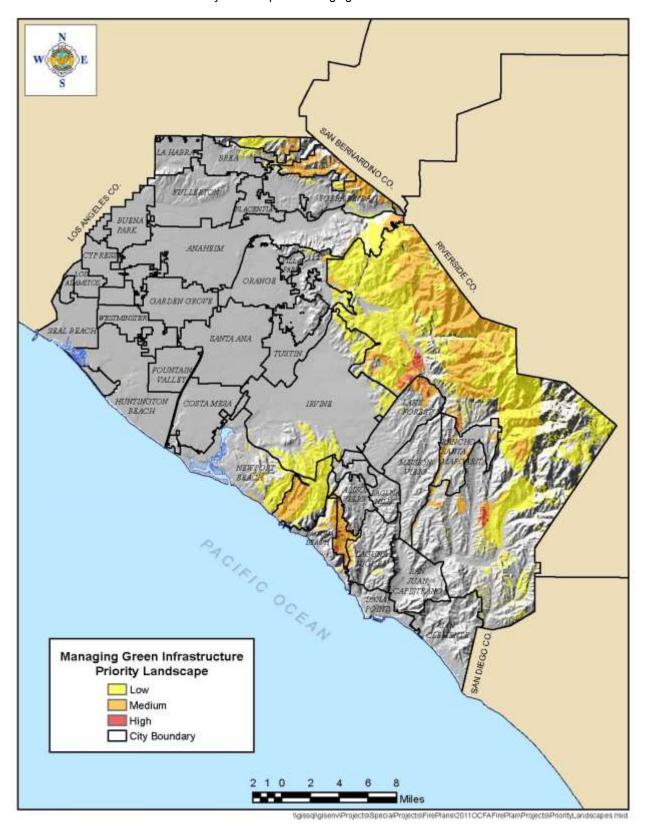
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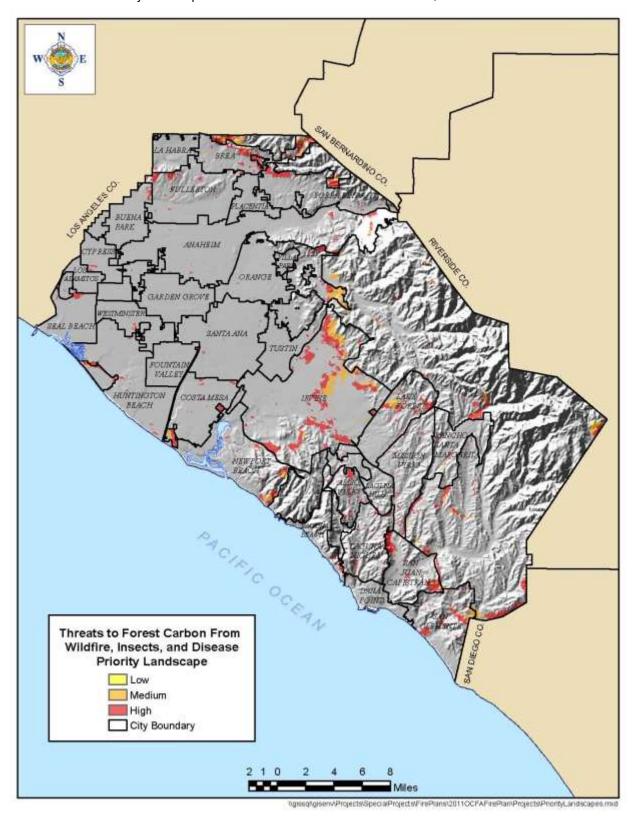
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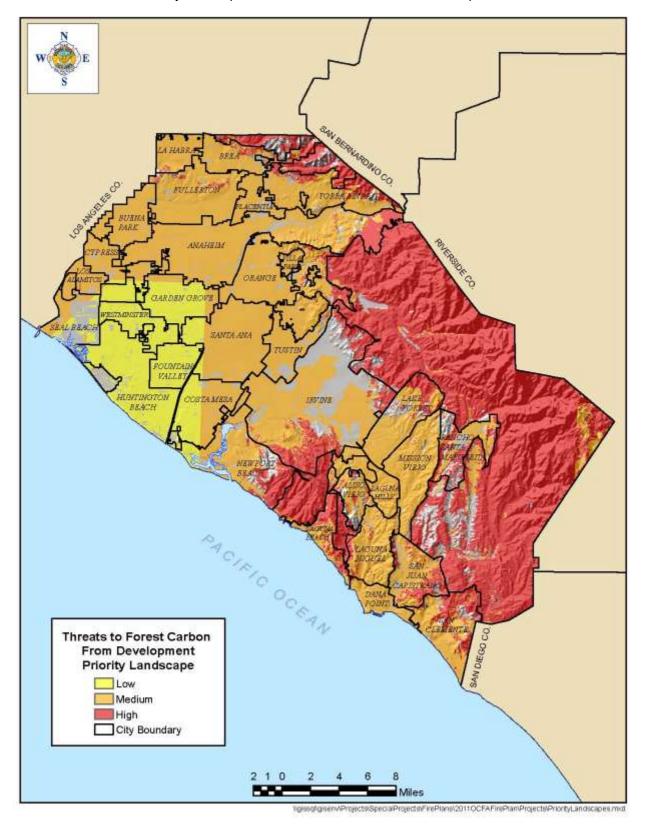


Orange County's Priority Landscapes (continued) Priority Landscape 10: Threats to Forest Carbon from Wildfire, Insect & Disease



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Orange County's Priority Landscapes (continued) Priority Landscape 11: Threats to Forest Carbon from Development



Based on these 11 Priority Landscapes, the following "values" (i.e., assets) at risk were identified as Orange County's highest concern, and should be addressed first:

Ecosystem - (as threatened by localized development and landscape level development).

Localized structure and landscape development, and its resulting ecological disruption or damage, can influence the impact of
a severe fire event, both in terms of possibly contributing to more frequent ignitions, and how it can affect the localized
development should fire strike. Additionally, altered fuel conditions can promote even further ecological damage (e.g. mortality
within larger tree sizes, soil impacts, etc.)

Structures, Major Roads & Transmission Lines - (as threatened from wildfire).

- The value of housing, as it pertains to density, and other infrastructure, are particularly susceptible to damage/loss from exposure to wildfire.
- Power delivery and communications sites are also susceptible to extended loss of service due to fire. Even the simple interruption of these services is a public safety/public welfare issue, which is also the case for major roads.

Water Supply & Water Quality – (as threatened by wildfire, and the effects of wildfire, on soil surfaces, plus threats to and from <u>localized</u> <u>development</u>, watersheds, and climate changes.)

Watersheds can burn in the dry season and then discharge torrents of debris into downstream populated plains during severe
storms in following wet seasons. Historically, California's South Coastal Plain has suffered the worst effects of the flood-fire
sequence because it has the greatest concentration of fire prone, high debris producing watersheds that discharge into
populated areas. Impacts include damage to downstream values, such as homes, roads, debris basins, and other infrastructure.



(B) Communities at Risk

Expanding on the <u>2001 National Fire Plan</u> that identified communities near federal lands that are at risk from wildfire, CAL FIRE developed an even more comprehensive list for California that went beyond the federal lands criteria. This list is now managed by the California Fire Alliance and includes 24 Orange County communities as "Nationally Recognized Communities at Risk". Most are within OCFA's jurisdiction, but a few are protected by other fire agencies, as indicated.

In addition, OCFA has identified several other communities as being at risk from wildfire, including:

- Emerald Bay
- Lake Forest
- Lemon Heights/North Tustin
- Santiago Canyon
- Tustin Heights

Nationally Recognized Communities At Risk				
Community Name	Jurisdiction	Federal Threat	Federally Regulated	
Aliso Viejo	OCFA			
Anaheim	Non-OCFA			
Brea	Non-OCFA		X	
Coto de Caza	OCFA		X	
Cowan Heights	OCFA			
Dana Point	OCFA	Χ		
Irvine	OCFA		X	
Laguna Beach	Non-OCFA	Χ		
Laguna Hills	OCFA	Χ		
Laguna Niguel	OCFA			
Laguna Woods	OCFA			
Mission Viejo	OCFA			
Modjeska	OCFA	X		
Newport Beach	Non-OCFA			
Orange	Non-OCFA			
Rancho Santa Margarita	OCFA		X	
San Clemente	OCFA		X	
San Juan Capistrano	OCFA			
Silverado	OCFA	X		
Trabuco Canyon	OCFA	Χ		
Trabuco Highlands	OCFA	Χ	X	
Villa Park	OCFA			
Yorba Linda	OCFA		X	

Beyond the previously listed Communities at Risk are a number of other high consequence values that require consideration, but are not included in this plan such as:

- Commerce: Various shopping, entertainment, business and restaurant locations
- Recreation: Various recreational venues (i.e. Irvine Lake, camp grounds, sports facilities, parks, beaches, etc.)
- Nature Preserves: Various ecological and habitat preserves (i.e. wetlands, tide pools, etc.)
- Historical Sites: Mission San Juan Capistrano, Richard Nixon Library, and numerous other historically significant places
- Military: Seal Beach Naval Weapons, Camp Pendleton, Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base, etc.
- Transportation: John Wayne Airport, and various railroads, harbors, bridges and roads, etc.
- Utilities: Communications infrastructure, oil and gas facilities, water and power facilities, including the San Onofre and UCI nuclear facilities, etc.
- Educational Facilities: Universities (i.e. UCI, Cal State Fullerton, Chapman, etc.), community colleges, and K-12 facilities

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Section IV: Community Risk Reduction/Special Operations Pre Fire Management Efforts

(A) Fire Prevention

As mentioned previously, Orange County is the 2nd most densely populated county in the state, with wildfire as its number one fire risk. Consequently, continued residential, commercial, and industrial growth presents an ongoing challenge. In the Wildland Urban Interface, efforts to prevent ignitions and limit wildfire losses, led by OCFA's fully staffed **Community Risk Reduction/Special Operations Pre- Fire Management**, which includes Wildland Resource Planning and Community Wildfire Mitigation Programs, hinge on the efforts for hardening structures and creating defensible space through a multi-faceted approach, sometimes referred to as the "4-E's", which includes Engineering, Enforcement, Education and Evaluation.

Engineering & Ignitions

It's interesting to note that much of Orange County has adopted regulations that are actually more stringent than California regulations. To engineer effective defensible space into the development process, **Community Risk Reduction/Special Operations Pre-Fire Management** uses proven vegetation management practices when reviewing and approving all landscaping and fuel modification zone plans. For structures, ignition prevention efforts start with OCFA's Planning & Development section, which ensures that comprehensive pre-emergency planning has been done, and that fire protection measures are engineered into the design of both residential and commercial structures, for both new construction and remodels. Chapter 7-A building requirements are incorporated, as well as Title 24, Title 19, Title 14, PRC 4290, and PRC 4291, to identify and address potential wildfire hazards, and to help develop mitigation measures that will aid in making the structures more defensible.

Enforcement

For existing structures, OCFA is actively involved in enforcing codes and ordinances, and conducts regular inspections to ensure a reasonable degree of fire protection exists in facilities and occupancies, and that they remain compliant with existing fire codes.

In terms of enforcing vegetation management guidelines, OCFA also conducts annual defensible space inspections for homes and structures within the Very High and High Fire Severity Zones to ensure they remain in compliance. The same is true for Fuel Modification Zones and Homeowners Association properties, which are also inspected. Similarly, OCFA also inspects power poles annually to help prevent ignitions by ensuring that adequate vegetation clearance exists and to help provide to provide defensible space.

Education

OCFA staff participates in ongoing training programs, designed to ensure that they stay current with codes, regulations, current issues, and best practices. In addition, OCFA champions the "Ready, Set, Go!" message to promote wildfire education and conduct outreach programs. Based on the premise that during a major wildfire, there may not be enough firefighting resources to protect every home, "Ready, Set, Go!" encourages residents to take personal responsibility for preparing their property and family to become part of a solution for the problem of increasing fire losses during wildfires. Special emphasis is focused on ember intrusion and the actions that homeowners can take to lower their risk, such as retrofitting homes with ignition resistive features, and creating defensible space around their property, such as with trimming and regular maintenance, and planting with ignition resistive plants. This is of particular importance for residents in Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) areas, where wildfire survivability relies more heavily on the landowner's personal initiative to take measures to protect his or her own life and property. Additional information regarding the preparation of family emergency plans and kits, contact phone numbers, and evacuation plans are also discussed.

Additionally, OCFA offers free home consultations that focus on home hardening and improving defensible space and conducts community presentations all year long to various groups, such as HOAs, schools, clubs, etc. on wildfire preparedness and a variety of safety topics. All information is available electronically from OCFA.org/RSG and related links, as well as from printed materials.

Other actions that contribute to the education and safety of the communities include:

- Developing and testing marketing initiatives, plus education and outreach materials, to obtain intended behavioral change
- Continued relationship building with local partners and agencies to target and distribute information
- Encouraging community participation with stakeholder groups, and supporting fire safe council formation
- Mapping and risk ranking of communities affected by WUI issues
- Development of an interactive, GIS-based computer model that provides risk information to the public

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Additionally, in 2013, OCFA, in conjunction with other key emergency related agencies, conducted the first ever Community Evacuation Drill for Cowan Heights, a community with limited access and at risk from wildland fire. Not only was this exercise designed to help educate and prepare residents for an actual emergency, but also to help participating organizations fine tune their response plans. It proved to be a valuable learning and outreach experience that may be replicated in other vulnerable communities in the future.

Evaluation

OCFA works to identify the need for amendments when issues arise and collaborates with regulatory agencies to improve regulations that will result in maximum effectiveness with minimum environmental impact. Additionally, mapping hazardous fire zone areas is also done to aid in the evaluation and planning process.

(B) Vegetation Management

Vegetation management remains at the forefront of fire prevention efforts in Orange County. As watering is increasingly rationed, landscaping and previously irrigated fuel modification zones are drying up, exacerbating the already hazardous conditions. In addition, invasive plant species are proliferating, and drought stressed trees have become more vulnerable to destructive pests, such as the polyphagous shot hole borer and the gold spotted oak borer, which are killing trees, and adding to the fire danger. Consequently, to adapt, OCFA is encouraging a shift towards landscaping and replanting with native species, which are more drought tolerant and fire resistive.



When they are not fighting fires, OCFA's Hand Crew and Heavy Equipment Operators routinely work on hazardous fuels reduction projects for a variety of organizations, including Southern California Edison, OC Parks. State Parks. and large landowners/managers. They also assist with targeted community initiatives, such as Chipper Days, sponsored by local fire safe councils, etc.

OCFA's Community Risk Reduction/Special Operations Pre-Fire Management section works with developers, open space partners, and homeowner associations to engineer and re-engineer fuel modification zones and landscaping that reflects the new reality of less water, and the need to return to a native species plant palate to help reduce hazardous vegetation. They also conduct annual defensible space inspections in high-risk areas help ensure vegetation management guidelines are maintained.



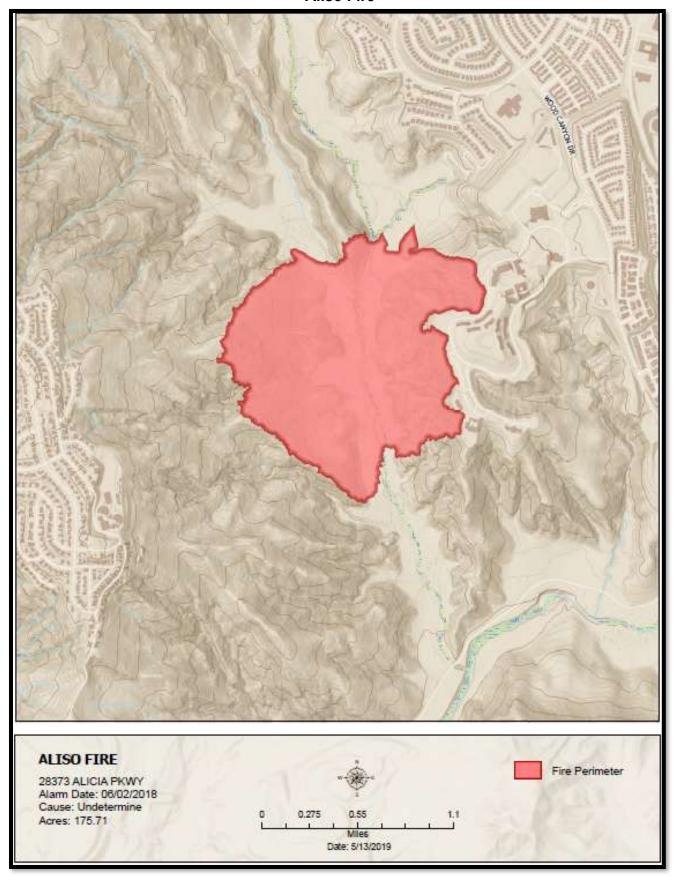
Residents can refer to several online and printed resources, including OCFA.org for tips on fire resistive plants, plus proper spacing and maintenance.

Additionally, to address the problem of roadside and contractor-caused ignitions, typically due to unsafe equipment use practices in wildfire risk areas, OCFA has been working with large landowners/managers, landscapers, and other stakeholders to help educate and enforce equipmentuse guidelines in wildfire risk areas. Efforts have included training, infographic decals, posters flyers, and other messaging targeted at contractors, landscapers, HOA's and others.

When put to the test, OCFA's focus on vegetation management and defensible space has repeatedly paid off, as evidenced with the perimeter maps of five recent Orange County fires, the Reata, San Juan, Trabuco, Tortoise and Emerald fires, that were held in check due to these best pre-fire management practices:

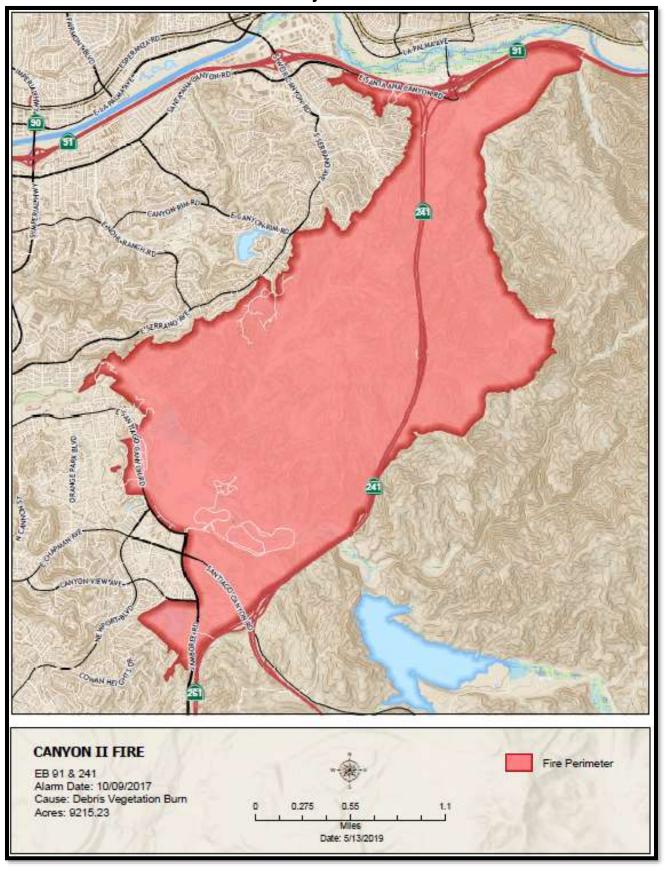
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Aliso Fire

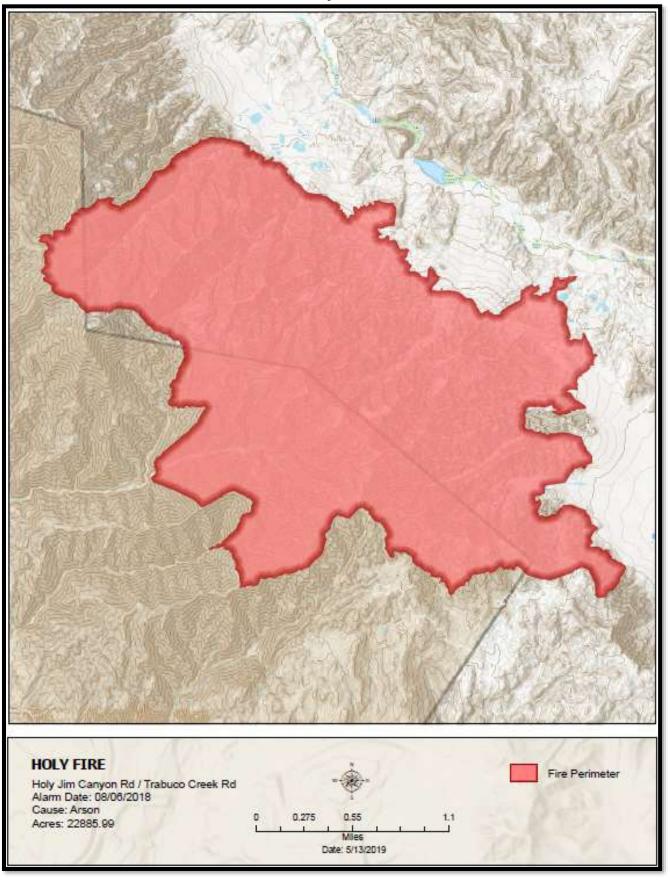


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Canyon II Fire



Holy Fire



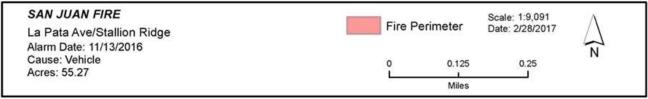
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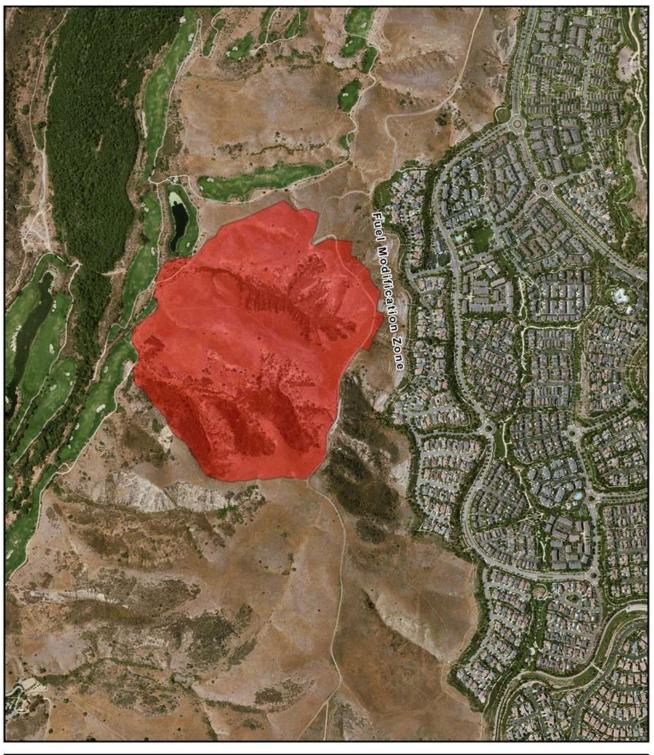


San Juan Fire





Trabuco Fire



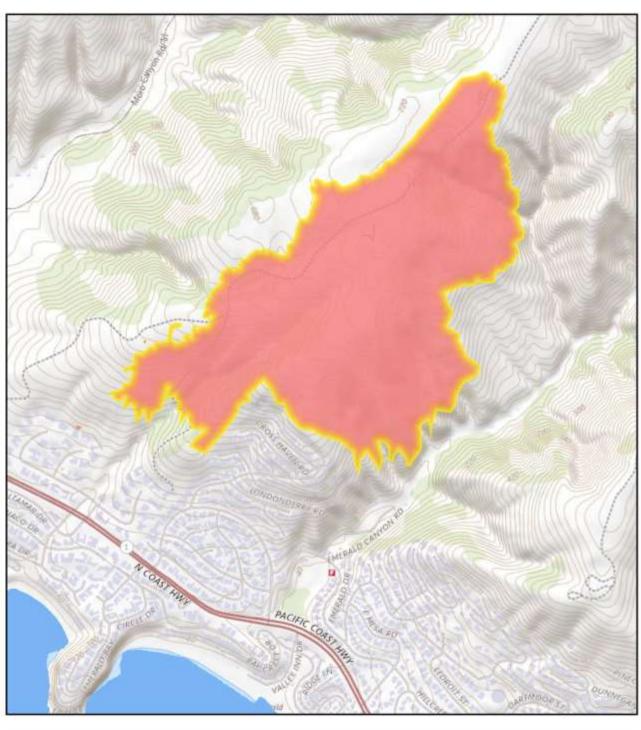


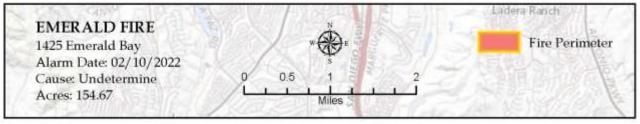
Tortoise Fire





Emerald Fire





Section V: Community Risk Reduction/Special Operations Pre Fire Management Tactics

The Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) has a wide variety of programs and plans that have been, or are in the process of being, developed to help mitigate wildfire ignitions and limit the losses for communities in, and adjacent to, the county's SRA and open space lands. The plans and programs are either tactical or strategic in nature, are typically developed collaboratively with OCFA's Community Risk Reduction/Special Operations Pre-Fire Management section and/or Emergency Planning and Coordination (EPAC) sections and are available upon request from EPAC. Examples include:

- OCFA Tactical Fire Suppression Plans Tactical response plans
- Outside Organization Fire Plans Provided to OCFA by outside organizations, and often developed with OCFA's input
- County of Orange Area Safety Task Force (COAST) Plans Proposed by COAST member organizations, which are now housed in the CWPP, and usually include input from OCFA
- OCFA Division/Battalion Recommendations Generated by annual battalion inspections of 1st due areas near SRA and open space lands

Tactical Fire Suppression Plans

OCFA developed these plans to guide fire and law enforcement agencies during major wildfire occurrence in large areas of intermingled open spaces and densely populated residential and commercial developments that lie within unincorporated and incorporated cities. Within the plans, sections identify the needs for residents to evacuate, and the safest means of evacuations and potential rendezvous sites. OCFA has individual plans for the following areas:

San Clemente	San Juan Capistrano
Rancho Carrillo	El Cariso
Casper's Park	Rancho Mission Viejo
Laguna Beach	Laguna Niguel
Ladera Ranch	Coto de Caza and Wagon Wheel
Trabuco Canyon	Robinson Ranch
Dove Canyon	Portola Hills
Los Alisos-Mission Viejo	Foothill Ranch
Modjeska Canyon	Silverado Canyon
Baker Canyon	Williams Canyon
Laguna Hills	Portola Hills
Shady Canyon-Quail Hill	Turtle Rock-Turtle Ridge
Newport Back Bay	Buck Gully-Newport Coast
Cowan and Lemon Heights	East Orange
Anaheim Hills	Yorba Linda
Carbon Canyon	Brea-Tonner Canyon
Portola-Irvine	Las Flores
Aliso Viejo	

Outside Organization Fire Plans

Developed by outside agencies, with technical assistance from OCFA. Plans are available upon request from each organization. Examples include:

• Natural Communities Coalition (formerly known as NROC) Tactical Fire Suppression Plan and the NCC Strategic Plan: The Tactical Plan addresses pre-suppression, suppression, and post-suppression tactics. The suppression tactics identify desired actions and locations, while the post-suppression tactics identify the actions and responsibilities for fire suppression repair. The Strategic Plan is near completion, noting that NCC hired a consultant to work with OCFA and all stakeholders to complete the plan. This plan is the conduit to discuss and develop pre-suppression and prevention activities to reduce the loss of life, property, environment, and suppression costs.

- The Southern Sub-Regional Wildland Fire Management Plan Rancho Mission Viejo: Developed by a consultant firm for the Rancho Mission Viejo Land Trust, it's designed to manage the natural resources of the ranch lands of Rancho Mission Viejo. OCFA, California Department of Fish and Game, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, the RMV Land Trust and a variety of other regulatory agencies were involved in the development. This plan addresses suppression tactics by identifying desired actions and locations, plus post-suppression tactics for actions and responsibilities for fire suppression repair. This plan is the conduit to discuss and develop pre-suppression and prevention activities to reduce the loss of life, property, environment, and suppression costs.
- The Irvine Ranch Conservancy Wildland Fire Ignition Reduction Strategy: A collaborative effort between the Irvine Ranch Conservancy (IRC) and OCFA, this plan focuses on actions that will reduce the probability of wildland fire ignitions, particularly during Santa Ana Wind conditions. The plan highlights five (5) major action areas: Fire Watch Network, Fire-Hardening Roadways, Power line Safety, Wildland Access, and Urban-Wildland Edge. Once again, this plan is the conduit to discuss and develop pre-suppression and prevention activities to reduce the loss of life, property, environment, and suppression costs. However, emphasis on ignition reduction for environmental concerns is the highest priority.
- The Cowan Heights Peters Canyon Project: This recently completed project was a collaborative effort between Orange County Public Works, Orange County Fire Authority and Orange County Parks and Recreation. The intended result was to reduce hazardous fuels to a minimum of 50% of the current available hazardous fuels (responsible agency OCFA) and the restoration of the Lower San Diego Creek riparian area (responsible agency OC Public Works). OCFA conducted outreach and education activities on the necessities of vegetation clearance and maintenance, plus home improvements that will add to survivability during a wildfire.

CWPP

As part of the CWPP development process, OCFA, along with partner agencies, developed a library of projects, which are categorized as follows:

- Ignition Prevention Action Plan
- Communication, Education & Awareness
- Fuel Management on Public & Large-Scale Private Lands
- Firefighting & Mitigation
- Planning
- Structure Survivability & Defensible Space

Initiatives in this library will be implemented as funding becomes available, and as a dynamic document, projects will be added and updated as necessary. These projects continue to build on the multi-faceted approach to developing, expanding, and maintaining initiatives primarily designed to help prevent ignitions and prevent fire spread and to improve structure survivability. Limiting loss, whether it's life, property or habitat is the ultimate goal. Projects will range from planning and vegetation management treatments, to new technologies and public education and outreach. Projects are discussed in further detail in the attached CWPP, but examples include:

- Remote Surveillance Expansion (i.e., Cameras, Fire Watch, HOA's, etc.)
- Mapping of Fuel Loads, Invasive Species and Tree Mortality
- Comprehensive Road Ignition Program
- Collaborative Partner's Joint Messaging
- Multi-Agency Training Programs

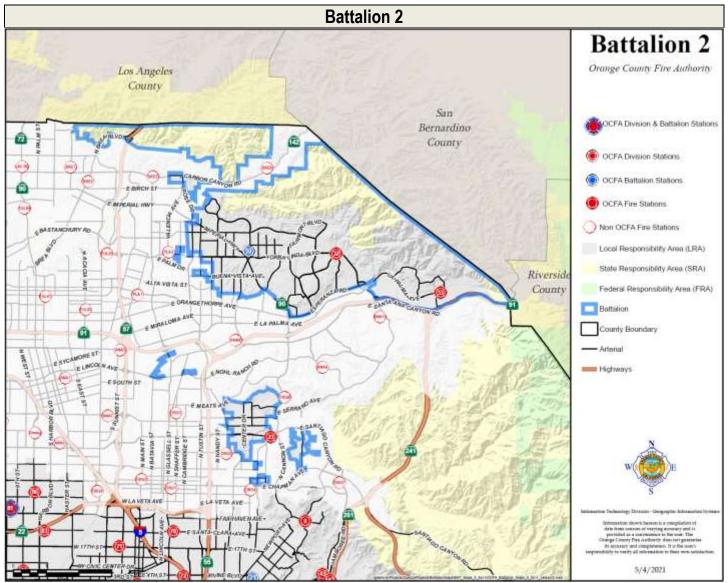
OCFA Division/Battalion Recommendations

Each year, the OCFA Divisions and Battalions that include SRA and open space areas evaluate their territories and make recommendations for pre-fire management projects to help reduce the fire risk. Typically, the projects are vegetation management, or roads and access related. Below are each Battalion's suggested projects:

Pertinent to all OCFA Battalions:

Over the past few years, Orange County has seen a significant increase in the amount of Invasive Shot Hole Borers (ISHB), which are killing thousands of trees within the SRA, open spaces, and the urban landscape. The death of these trees has created not only millions of dollars in damages and significant loss socially, economically, and environmentally, but also created a significant fire potential. ISHB, whether it be the Kuroshio or Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer or the Gold Spotted Oak Borer, either exists within all Battalions in Orange County, or it will soon be spread to these Battalions due to the rapid reproduction and spread of these insects. OCFA holds a bi-monthly "Emerging Tree Pest of Orange County Task Force" meeting, attended by key stakeholders, where issues are identified, discussed, and potential control options are identified through the work that the University of California Cooperative Extension is conducting. However, control options, such as spray treatments or tree removal, are expensive and not fully tested. More information can be found at pshb.org and gsob.org.

It is important in all Divisions and Battalions to ensure annual maintenance is completed on all dirt roads and trails prior to the wildland fire season. In some cases, OCFA's Crews and Heavy Equipment section are contracted to perform maintenance on SCE roads, most of which are also fire and emergency access roads. Other road and trail maintenance are done regularly as time allows. Using the OCFA hand crews to brush these roads creates a shaded fuel break that allows for safer emergency ingress and egress for crews and equipment during wildland fires and other emergencies, such as remote rescues.



Battalion 2 is in the northeast corner of Orange County and borders Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties, plus a sliver of Riverside County, and includes the cities of Placentia and Yorba Linda. Of concern are Chino Hills State Park, plus the following roads/areas:

- Telegraph Road
- CA 57
- CA 71 (not OCFA jurisdiction)
- CA 91
- Carbon Canyon
- Tonner Canyon
- · Many access roads and trails for Chino Hills State Park

Telegraph Rd & Chino Hills State Park Nature Center

Hazard - Natural vegetation throughout canyon; power lines along the east end of the North Canyon

Potential -Yorba Linda homes along the South Ridge and the Daimler Water Plant & Pump Station are at risk

Suggested Mitigation - Improve / reconstruct North Ridge Trail to reestablish access to Chino Hills State Park Visitor Center area. Also, minor soft limb trimming is needed for overhead clearance; improve Diemer Trail for access from Telegraph Canyon

Lambert - 57-Carbon Canyon-71/Tonner North & South

Hazard - Natural vegetation; power lines

Potential - Sleepy Hollow is problematic in a mega-fire scenario due to density, no hardening, and tight access (not OCFA jurisdiction, but probable OCFA involvement)

Suggested Mitigation - Sleepy Hollow early evacuation is a must; brush back county roads; construct additional safety zones on existing roads

Hollydale Mobile Home Estates

Hazard – Vegetation around community

Potential - High volume of structural loss

Suggested Mitigation - Needs brush clearance and fuel modification around community

Brush Canyon Road and Vegetation Management project

Hazard - Access problem; Heavy fuel loading adjacent to homes and in open space composed of a thick stand of eucalyptus and non-native vegetation

Potential - Loss of existing fire break, fires spreading from/into SRA causing structure loss

Suggested Mitigation -

Improve/maintain existing ingress and egress; manage vegetation in open space and adjacent to homes

Slaughter Canyon Road (from Bane Canyon)

Hazard - Chino Hills State Park is overgrown/impassable

Potential - Loss of existing road/fire break

Suggested Mitigation – Maintain and improve existing road/fuel break

Scully Ridge (lower portion from Lower Aliso Road)

Hazard - Erosion; vegetation

Potential - Loss of fire break and access to Chino Hills State Park if erosion continues

Suggested Mitigation - Road improvement/maintenance; vegetation clearance

Wire Springs Spur Trail

Hazard - Access; vegetation

Potential - Loss of control line if vegetation

growth continues

Suggested Mitigation - Maintenance; vegetation clearance

Telephone Line Road

Hazard - Access; vegetation

Potential - Loss of fire break and access to Soquel Canyon

Suggested Mitigation - Improve road; clear vegetation

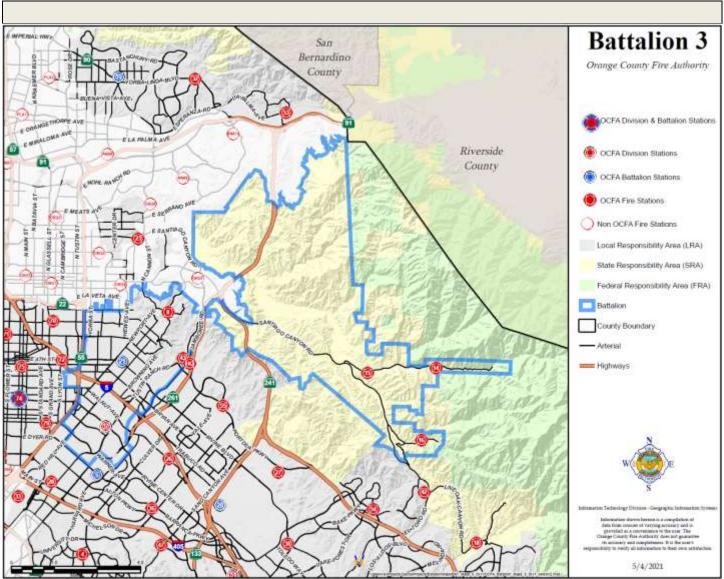
Telephone Line "Spur Road"

Hazard - Access; vegetation

Potential - Loss of fire break and access to Carbon Ridge

Suggested Mitigation - Improve road; clear vegetation

It was noted that while the Casino Ridge Road area has high value homes, more are scheduled to be built in the near future, which will add to the Values-At-Risk.



Battalion 3: Southern - Borders Riverside County and encompasses the communities of Villa Park, Tustin, Cowan/Lemon Heights, and the canyon areas, including:

- Silverado Canyon
- Williams Canyon
- Baker Canyon
- Limestone Canyon
- Loma Ridge

Major roads that pass through or near the SRA include the 241 and 261 Toll Roads and Santiago Canyon Road.

Battalion 3 – Southern (continued)

Silverado Canyon

Hazard - Limited defensible space within box canyon, which has a heavy home inter-mix

Potential - Major structure losses and potential loss of life due to poor access in/out of canyon; limited defensible space; no firefighter safety zones

Suggested Mitigation - Community prevention and education efforts (RSG, inspections, media campaigns, etc.) to increase awareness, harden the community, and improve defensible space

Williams Canyon

Hazard - Limited defensible space within box canyon, which has a heavy home inter-mix

Potential - Major structure losses and potential loss of life due to poor access in/out of canyon; limited defensible space; no firefighter safety zones

Suggested Mitigation - Community prevention and education efforts (RSG, inspections, media campaigns, etc.) to increase awareness, harden the community, and improve defensible space

Major "PAVED" Roads and Highways That Intersect the SRA

- A. Santiago Canyon Road
- B. 241 & 261 Toll Roads
- C. State Highway 133
- D. Silverado Canyon RoadE. Black Star Canyon Road

Hazard - Excessive roadside fuels are a receptive bed for starts (vehicle fires, arson, etc.)

Potential - Fires could move into large open space and push into nearby communities

Suggested- Mitigation - Develop graduated roadside fuel modification zones to eliminate ladder and ground fuels

Major "<u>UNPAVED</u>" Fire and Access Roads In/Adjacent to SRA

- A. Main Divide
- B. Black Star
- C. Harding Truck TrailD. Maple Springs
- E. Limestone Canyon and Ridgeline
- F. Chinon Wash

Hazard - Roads in poor condition, which limits access (overgrown, washed out, etc.)

Potential - Small fires can turn into large ones due to poor access and no compartment control zones

Suggested Mitigation - Maintain fire and access roads with grading and shaded fuel breaks or fuel modifications

Baker Canyon

Hazard - Industrial mulching operation, retreat center and RV park in box canyon with limited defensible space, as well as poor access in/out of the canyon

Potential - Fire starts from mulching operation could spread to RV park and nearby communities

Suggested Mitigation - Community prevention and education efforts (RSG, inspections, media campaigns, etc.); limit mulching operation and protect with fire prevention enforcement; use fuel modification and fuel breaks around the property to prevent fire escape

Limestone Canyon Wilderness Area

Hazard - Large open space with no compartment control zones

Potential - Small fires could turn into large ones with no compartment control zones; potential for high volume structural loss, both business and residential, west, in Irvine, or east, in Silverado, Williams or Modjeska Canyons

Suggested Mitigation - Shaded fuel breaks to help create compartment control zones for large non-wind driven fires

Loma Ridge

Hazard - Large open space with no compartment control zones

Potential - Small fires can turn into large ones due to the absence of compartmental control zones

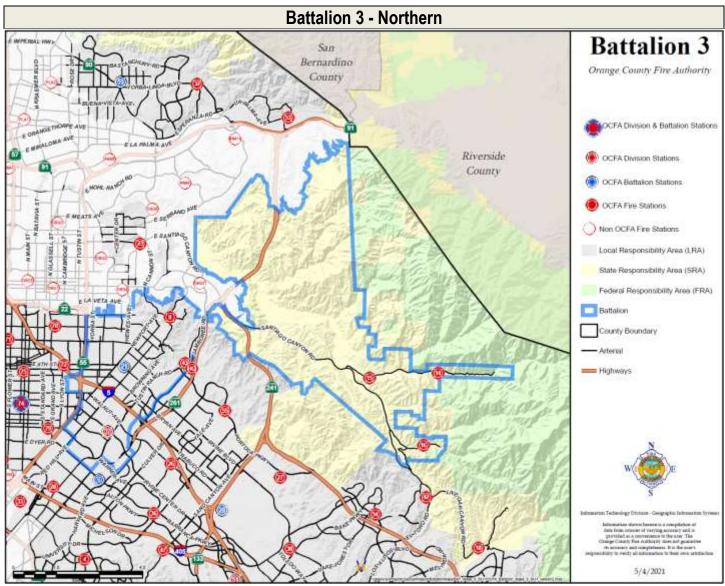
Suggested Mitigation - Shaded fuel break to help create compartment control zones for large non-wind driven fires

Dead, Dying and Diseased Trees within Canyons

Hazard – Trees infested with GSOB/ISHB and/or drought stressed within Canyon neighborhoods cause ingress/egress problems and dead fuel accumulation.

Potential – Dead trees/limbs can fall and block emergency ingress/egress. Dead trees/debris can cause heavy fuel accumulation.

Suggested Mitigation – OCFA and the Canyons FSC received CALFIRE grants to help address the problem by removing dead, diseased and dying trees.



Battalion 3: Northern - Is responsible for the following wildfire prone areas, including:

- Gypsum Canyon
- Coal Canyon
- Fremont Canyon
- Weir Canyon
- Cowan/Lemon Heights
- Irvine Park
- Irvine Lake
- Blackstar Canyon
- Santiago Landfill

East/Corona South (Sierra Peak, Gypsum Canyon, Coal Canyon, Fremont Canyon)

Hazard - Mixed fuel types in heavy concentration; extreme terrain; high voltage transmission lines

Potential - Extreme fire behavior; rapid rates of spread; unchecked fire entering the Wildland-Urban-Interface areas in the cities of Orange, Anaheim, and unincorporated North Tustin

Suggested Mitigation - Update all plans, both Pre-Fire and Suppression, to reflect current fuel conditions; continued communication with Federal partners regarding conditions and plans for Forest Service lands

South/Orange/Tustin (Cowan Heights, Lemon Heights, Panorama Hill, Weir Canyon, Irvine Park)

Hazard - Limited defensible spaces; dense older home construction in the Wildland-Urban-Interface and SRA

Potential - Major structure losses; potential loss of life due to poor access/egress in canyon and hillside areas; limited or no defensible space; limited firefighter safety zones

Suggested Mitigation - Community prevention and education efforts (RSG, inspections, media campaigns, etc.) to increase awareness, harden the community, and improve defensible space; update outside agency agreements, training, and fire plans

East (Blackstar Canyon, Fremont Canyon, Irvine Lake, Santiago Landfill)

Hazard - Excessive roadside fuels are a receptive bed for starts (vehicle fires, arson, etc.); fuels consumed in 2006 Sierra Fire are re-established; increased access to the public may result in increased fire activity

Potential - Fires could move into the large open space and threaten nearby communities with the potential for a large volume of structure loss

Suggested Mitigation - Develop graduated roadside fuel modifications; maintenance of access roads; update fire plans and outside agency agreements

Orange/Tustin - (Cities of Orange - east side, Villa Park, Anaheim and Unincorporated - Orange Park Acres)

Hazard - Overgrown vegetation, both ornamental and natural; older residential construction; ingress/egress issues for fire apparatus, as well as residents; dense Wildland-Urban-Interface mix

Potential - Small fires can turn into large ones with poor access and no compartment control zones

Suggested Mitigation - Maintain fire and access roads with grading and fuel modifications; update fire plans and outside agency agreements

Williams Canyon

Hazard - No fuel break between homes and vegetation

Potential - Significant structure loss

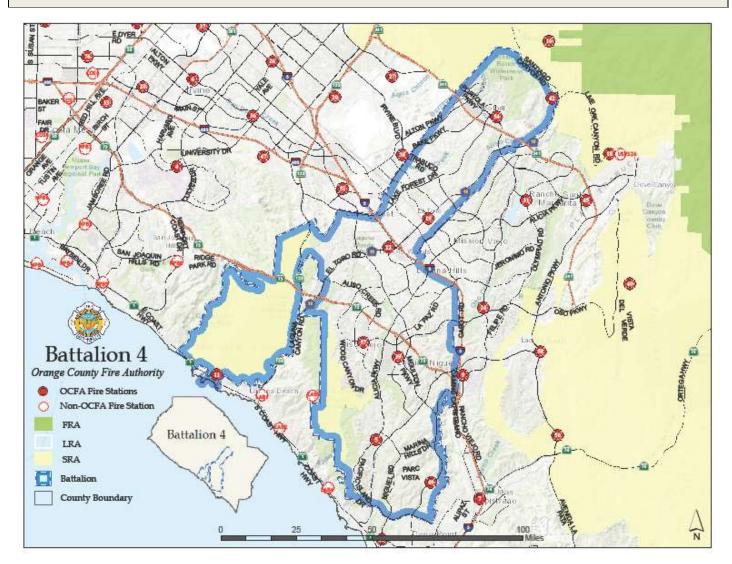
Suggested Mitigation - Construction of fuel break

Modjeska Canyon

Hazard - No fuel break between homes and vegetation

Potential - Significant structure loss

Suggested Mitigation - Construction of fuel break



Battalion 4 - This southern Orange County battalion's boundaries include the communities of Laguna Niguel, Laguna Hills, Laguna Woods, Lake Forest, Aliso Viejo, and Emerald Bay. In addition to the 73 Toll Roads and 405 and 5 freeways, primary areas of concern include:

- Laguna Coast Wilderness Park
- Aliso Canyon Wilderness Park
- Wood Canyon Wilderness Park
- Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park
- Santiago Canyon Wilderness

Battalion 4 (continued)

Laguna Coast Wilderness Park (Aliso Viejo)

Hazard - No fuel breaks between Laguna Coast Wilderness Park and City of Aliso Viejo

Potential - Significant structure loss in Aliso Viejo

Suggested Mitigation - Construction of fuel breaks; improve fire breaks; brush back vegetation; maintain wildland access roads for emergency response.

Laguna Coast Wilderness Park (Laguna Woods)

Hazard - No fuel breaks between Laguna Coast Wilderness Park and City of Laguna Woods

Potential - Significant structure loss in Laguna Woods

Suggested Mitigation - Construction of fuel breaks; improve fire breaks; brush back vegetation; maintain wildland access roads for emergency response.

Aliso & Wood Canyons Wilderness Parks (Top of The World)

Hazard - No fuel breaks between Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Parks and City of Laguna Beach (Top of the World)

Potential - Significant structure loss in the communities surrounding Aliso and Woods Canyon Wilderness Park. Of particular concern is the community of Top of the World, Laguna Beach where ridge top building, older construction and limited access make defense of the community difficult.

Suggested Mitigation - Construction of fuel breaks; improve fire breaks; brush back vegetation; maintain wildland access roads for emergency response.

Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Parks (South Laguna)

Hazard - No fuel breaks between Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Parks and City of Laguna Beach (South Laguna)

Potential - Significant structure loss in South Laguna

Suggested Mitigation - Construction of fuel breaks; improve fire breaks; brush back vegetation

Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Parks (Laguna Canyon)

Hazard - No fuel breaks between Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Parks and City of Laguna Beach (Laguna Canyon)

Potential - Significant structure loss in Laguna Canyon

Suggested Mitigation - Construction of fuel breaks; improve fire breaks; brush back vegetation

Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Parks (Laguna Niguel)

Hazard - No fuel breaks between Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Parks and City of Laguna Niguel

Potential - Significant structure loss in Laguna Niguel

Suggested Mitigation - Construction of fuel breaks; improve fire breaks; brush back vegetation

Aliso & Wood Canyons Wilderness Parks (Aliso Viejo)

Hazard - No fuel breaks between the Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Parks and Aliso Viejo

Potential - Significant structure loss in Aliso Viejo

Suggested Mitigation -

construct/improve fuel breaks; brush back vegetation

Laguna Coast Wilderness Park (Newport Coast)

Hazard - No fuel breaks between Laguna Coast Wilderness Park and the City of Newport Beach (Newport Coast)

Potential - Significant structure loss in Newport Coast

Suggested Mitigation - Construction of fuel breaks; improve fire breaks; brush back vegetation

Laguna Coast Wilderness Park (Emerald Bay)

Hazard - No fuel breaks between Laguna Coast Wilderness Park and the residential area of County-Unincorporated Emerald Bay

Potential - Significant structure loss in Emerald Bay

Suggested Mitigation - Construction of fuel breaks; improve fire breaks; brush back vegetation

Crystal Cove State Park (Newport Coast)

Hazard - No fuel breaks between the Crystal Cove State Park and the City of Newport Beach (Newport Coast)

Potential - Significant structure loss in Newport Coast

Suggested Mitigation - Construction of fuel breaks; improve fire breaks; brush back vegetation

Crystal Cove State Park (Laguna Beach)

Hazard - No fuel breaks between the Crystal Cove State Park and the City of Laguna Beach

Potential - Significant structure loss in Laguna Beach

Suggested Mitigation - Construction of fuel breaks, improve fire breaks and brush back vegetation

Crystal Cove State Park (Emerald Bay)

Hazard - No fuel breaks between Crystal Cove State Park and the residential area of County-Unincorporated, Emerald Bay

Potential - Significant structure loss in Emerald Bay

Suggested Mitigation - Construction of fuel breaks, improve fire breaks and brush back vegetation

Roadside Ignitions (73, 133 7 241 Toll Roads)

Hazard - Roadside ignitions along the 73, 133 and 241 Toll Roads

Potential - Wind driven wildfire /Santa Ana Winds can threaten nearby communities including Irvine, Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, Laguna Beach, Laguna Niguel, Aliso Viejo, and Rancho Santa Margarita

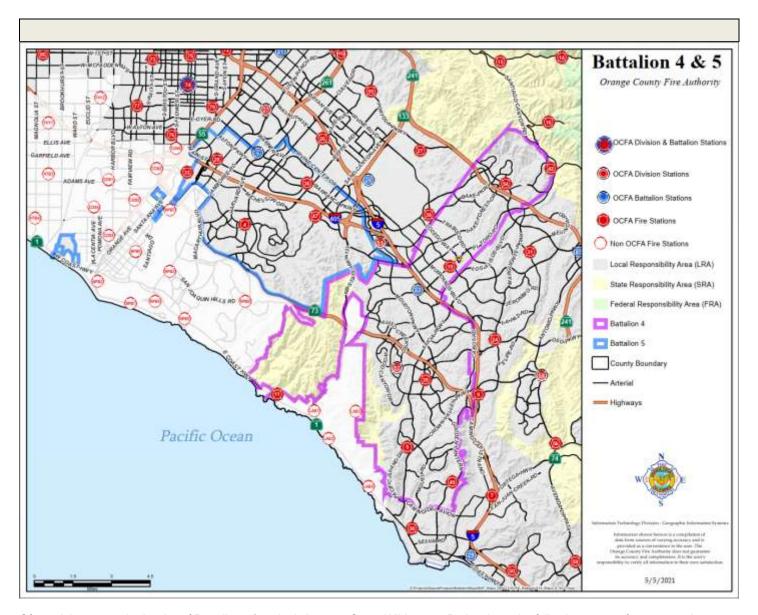
Suggested Mitigation – Roadside hardening

The City of Lake Forest The Communities of Foothill Ranch and Portola Hills

Hazard - No Fuel Breaks between the Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park, Santiago Canyon, and the City of Lake Forest, particularly the communities of Foothill Ranch and Portola Hills.

Potential - Significant Structure loss in the communities surrounding Whiting Ranch and Santiago Canyon.

Suggested Mitigation – Construction of fuel breaks; improve fire breaks; brush back vegetation; maintain wildland access roads for emergency response.



Of special note, on the border of Battalions 4 and 5 is Laguna Coast Wilderness Park, where the following areas of concern exist:

Laguna Coast Wilderness Park (Laguna Beach & Canyon)

Hazard - No fuel breaks between the

Laguna Coast Wilderness Park and City of Laguna Beach and Laguna Canyon

Potential - Significant structure loss in Laguna Canyon

Suggested Mitigation - Construction of fuel breaks; improve fire breaks; brush back vegetation

Laguna Coast Wilderness Park (North Laguna)

Hazard - No fuel breaks between the Laguna Coast Wilderness Park and City of Laguna Beach (North Laguna)

Potential - Significant structure loss in North Laguna Canyon

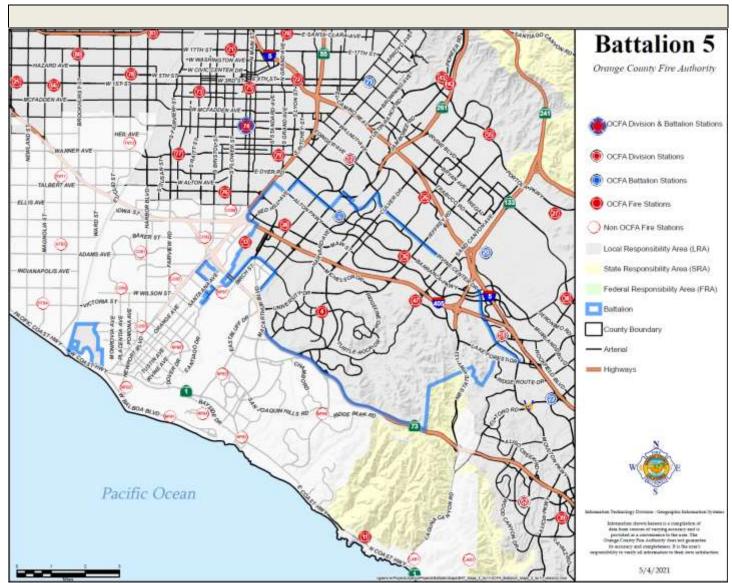
Suggested Mitigation - Construction of fuel breaks; improve fire breaks; brush back vegetation

Laguna Coast Wilderness Park (Top of The World)

Hazard - No fuel breaks between the Laguna Coast Wilderness Park and City of Laguna Beach (Top of The World)

Potential - Significant structure loss in Top of The World

Suggested Mitigation - Construction of fuel breaks; improve fire breaks; brush back vegetation



Battalion 5 - The 73 and 133 Toll Roads, plus Jamboree and Portola Pkwy are the major paved roads for this battalion, which encompasses the community of Irvine, including UC Irvine and John Wayne Airport. Areas of concern include:

- Laguna Coast Wilderness Park
- Toll Roads

Laguna Coast Wilderness Park (Shady Canyon)

Hazard - No fuel breaks between Laguna Coast Wilderness Park and the City of Irvine (Shady Canyon)

Potential - Significant structure loss in Shady Canyon

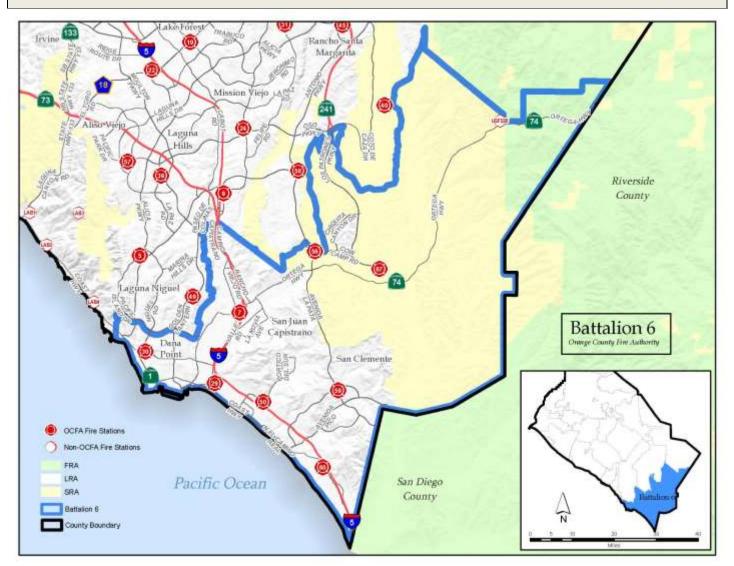
Suggested Mitigation - Construction of fuel breaks; improve fire breaks; brush back vegetation

Roadside Ignitions (73, 133, 241 Toll Roads)

Hazard - Roadside ignitions along the 73, 133 and 241 Toll Roads

Potential - Wind driven wildfire /Santa Ana Winds can threaten nearby communities including Irvine, Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, Laguna Beach, Laguna Niguel, Aliso Viejo, and Rancho Santa Margarita

Suggested Mitigation – Roadside hardening



Battalion 6 - This southernmost OCFA battalion serves the communities of Dana Point, San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano, and Rancho Mission Viejo and borders both the Riverside County and San Diego County lines. The Cleveland National Forest is also within its boundaries. Major roads passing through or near the SRA are 241 Toll Road, Ortega Highway and Antonio Parkway. Areas of concern include:

- The Ortega Hwy corridor
- El Cariso Village
- Rancho Mission Viejo WUI
- Casper's Wilderness Park
- Starr Ranch Audubon

Hwy 74 Roadside Ignitions

Hazard – Roadside ignitions off Ortega Hwy (Hwy 74)

Potential – Significant vegetation fire extending into OC Parks and structures in adjacent communities of Rancho Mission Viejo (RMV) and San Juan Capistrano with threats to MCCP, Riverside County, Cleveland National Forest, and San Diego County.

Suggested Mitigation - Improve and maintain fire breaks; brush back vegetation; reduce roadside ignitions through vegetation management projects; increased signage along highway

Proximity to Marine Corps Camp Pendleton (MCCP)

Hazard – Frequent ignitions on MCCP spreading into SRA and adjacent communities of South Orange County, Riverside County, and Cleveland National Forest.

Potential - Significant structure loss in San Clemente, RMV, and South Orange County.

Suggested Mitigation - Construction and maintenance of fuel breaks; improve fire breaks; brush back vegetation

Casper's Wilderness Park and Starr Ranch Audubon

Hazard - No fuel breaks between Casper's Wilderness Park or Starr Ranch and the residential areas

Potential - Significant structure loss in Rancho Mission Viejo, Coto de Caza, Dove Canyon, rural communities, and threat to Riverside County and Cleveland National Forest natural resources.

Suggested Mitigation – Construction and maintenance of fuel breaks; improve fire breaks and access roads; brush back vegetation along roadways; work with park staff to increase awareness

WUI Growth

Hazard – Residential expansion threatens to increase WUI, cut off fire roads, and increase assets at risk

Potential – Significant vegetation fires could extend into growing communities such as Rancho Mission Viejo and numerous established communities throughout Southern Orange County

Suggested Mitigation – Improve and create fire breaks; brush back vegetation; increase and maintain emergency vehicle access; work with landowners on the need to maintain defensible space

South Orange County Residential Communities

Hazard – Existing non-conforming communities built adjacent to WUI with limited defensible space

Potential - Significant structure loss in these areas

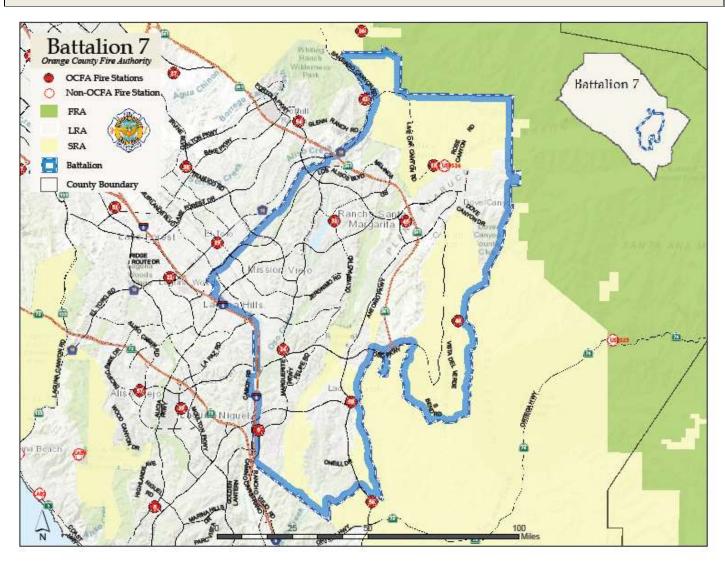
Suggested Mitigation – Community education; work with HOAs on the construction of fuel modification zones; ensure and maintain fire access roads

Hwy 74 Wilderness Areas

Hazard – Continuous old growth vegetation, limited fuel breaks or control points are conducive to large fire growth which threaten rural residential communities

Potential - Significant structure loss and life threat in rural communities due to limited or extended ingress or egress

Suggested Mitigation – Community education; defensible space; road and fuel break maintenance and construction; brush back roadside vegetation



Battalion 7 - Serves the cities of Rancho Santa Margarita, and Mission Viejo, plus the unincorporated communities of Coto de Caza, Ladera Ranch, Las Flores, and Trabuco Canyon, as well as Williams Canyon and Audubon Starr Ranch.

The major road passing through, and near the SRA is the 241 Toll Road, as well as a stretch of Santiago Canyon Road.

South Orange County WUI Communities

Hazard – Heavily populated residential communities with direct WUI/Intermix and limited access/escape routes

Potential – Significant structure loss in Dove Canyon/Coto De Caza, Wagon Wheel, Ladera Ranch, Las Flores, and Robinson Ranch

Suggested Mitigation – Improve and create fire breaks, community education, maintain emergency vehicle access, work with landowners on maintaining defensible space.

Starr Ranch Sanctuary

Hazard - No fuel break between homes and vegetation

Potential - Significant structure and life loss

Suggested Mitigation - Construction of fuel break, maintain existing road network as a shaded fuel break.

Trabuco Canyon

Hazard - No fuel break between homes and vegetation. Large areas of residential design intermix

Potential - Significant structure loss due to intermix communities

Suggested Mitigation - Construction of fuel breaks, community education, work with landowners on clearance and defensible space, brush back vegetation along roads to improve ingress and egress.

Battalion 7 (continued)

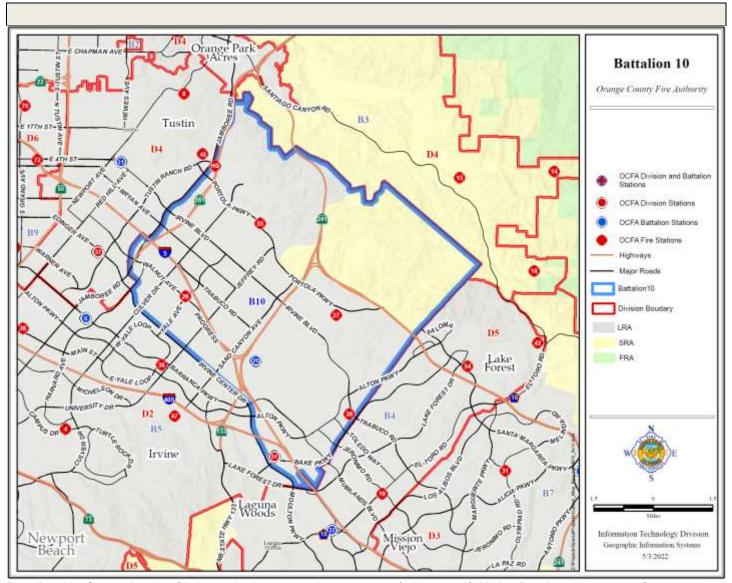
Live Oak Canyon Road

Hazard - No fuel break between homes and vegetation

Potential - Significant structure loss

Suggested Mitigation - Fuel modification





Battalion 10 - Serves the city of Irvine and unincorporated open space of with parts of Whiting Ranch and Limestone Canyon, as well as the Bowerman Landfill

The major roads passing through, and near the SRA is the 241 and 261 Toll Roads as well as a stretch of Hwy 133.

WUI Growth Bee Canyon/Bowerman Landfill **Roadside Ignitions** (133, 241, 261 Toll Roads) **Hazard** – Composting operation at/nearby **Hazard** – Residential expansion threatens **Hazard -** Roadside ignitions along the 73, the dump within the City of Irvine 133 and 241 Toll Roads to increase WUI, cut off fire roads, and increase assets at risk Potential - Wind driven wildfire /Santa Ana Potential - Onshore wind driven event can threaten SRA while Santa Ana wind event Potential - Significant vegetation fires Winds can threaten nearby communities could extend into growing communities in including Irvine, Lake Forest, Mission threatens thousands of structures in Irvine and near Irvine. Viejo, Laguna Beach, Laguna Niguel, Aliso Suggested Mitigation - Improve and Viejo, and Rancho Santa Margarita Suggested Mitigation create fire breaks; brush back vegetation; Establishing/maintaining clearance/buffers increase and maintain emergency vehicle and annual inspections Suggested Mitigation - Roadside access; work with landowners on the need hardening to maintain defensible space

Appendix A: Priority Community Risk Reduction/Special Operations Pre Fire Management Projects

High Priority Pre-Fire Management Projects

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Battalion Planning Area	Project Number	Project Name	Status	Estimated Completion Year	Project Type	Activity Areas	Net Acres
2010-2013	Nullibel			Completion real		Aleas	Acres
2		Olinda Village Fuel Break/Chino Hills State Park	С	Annual /2016			15
3		Cowan Heights/Peter's Canyon Fuels Reduction	C	2013 (Actual 2015)			20
3&7		Canyon Clean Sweep – Hazardous Fuels Reduction	O/M	Annual			100
4		Anneliese's School Hazardous Fuels Reduction	С	2012			UNK
6		Horseshoe Bend Fuel Break	O/M	Annual			10
ALL		READY, SET, GO	A/P/O		Ongoing		
ALL		Fire Safe Council – County Wide	A/P/O		O		
ALL 2,3,6& 7		Wize Website Red Flag Patrol	C A/O		Community Awareness		
2,3 & 7		Fire Safe Council East Orange County Canyons - CWPP	P				
2,5 & 7		Rancho Mission Viejo Land Trust	A/P/O		Rx Burn		850
		Loma Ridge EOC	C	Annual/ 2016	Hazard Fuel Mitigation		50
		Fire Safe Council-Foothill Communities	A/O	7411100117 2010	riazara raoriniagacon		NA
		CWPP Approved Fire Wise Community					
		Grove Hazard Tree Removal	A/P	2014	Tree Removal Training		NA
2014 Updates							
2		Telegraph Rd/Chino Hills State Park-Nature Center	Р		Veg Mgmt. & Grading		
2		Lambert-57-Carbon Canyon-71/Tonner North & South	Р		Veg Mgmt. & Grading		
2	ļ	End of Casino Ridge Road	P		Veg Mgmt. & Grading		
2	1	Brush Canyon (Single Track) Road	P		Grading	-	-
2		Slaughter Canyon Road (from Bane Canyon)	P P		Veg Mgmt. & Grading		
2		Scully Ridge (lower portion) from Lower Aliso Road)	P		Veg Mgmt. & Grading Veg Mgmt. & Grading		
2		Wire Springs Spur Trail Telephone Line Road	P		Veg Mgmt. & Grading Veg Mgmt. & Grading		
2		Telephone Line "Spur Road"	P		Veg Mgmt. & Grading		
2		Hollydale Mobile Home Estates	P		Veg Mgmt. & Grading		
3-S		Silverado Canyon	A/O/M		Education & Veg Mgmt.	1	
3-S		Williams Canyon	A/O/M		Education & Veg Mgmt.		
3-S		Major "PAVED" Roads and Highways Intersecting SRA	P		Veg Mgmt.		
3-S		Major "UNPAVED" Fire and Access Roads In/Adjacent to SRA	Р		Veg Mgmt. & Grading		
3-S		Baker Canyon	A/O		Education		
3-S		Limestone Canyon Wilderness Area	Р		Education & Veg Mgmt.		
3-S		Loma Ridge	Р		Education & Veg Mgmt.		
3-N		ORC East/Corona South (Sierra Peak, Gypsum Cyan., Coal Cyan., Fremont Canyon)	P/O		Education		
3-N		ORC South/Orange/Tustin (Cowan & Lemon Hts., Panorama Hill, Weir Cyn, Irvine Park)	A/O/M		Education		
3-N		ORC East (Blackstar Canyon, Fremont Canyon, Irvine Lake, Santiago Landfill)	A/O/M		Education		
3-N 4		Orange/Tustin (City of Orange/ east, Villa Park, Anaheim & Uninc. Orange Park Acres)	A/O/M A/O/M		Education		
4		Laguna Coast Wilderness Park - Aliso Viejo Laguna Coast Wilderness Park - Laguna Woods	A/O/M		Veg Mgmt. Veg Mgmt.	-	
4		Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park - Top of The World	P P		Veg Mgmt.		
4		Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park - South Laguna	A/O/M		Veg Mgmt.		
4		Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park - Laguna Canyon	A/O/M		Veg Mgmt.		
4		Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park - Laguna Niguel	A/O/M		Veg Mgmt.		
4		Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park - Aliso Viejo	A/O/M		Veg Mgmt.		
5-Apr		Laguna Coast Wilderness Park - Laguna Canyon	A/O/M		Veg Mgmt.		
5-Apr		Laguna Coast Wilderness Park - North Laguna Canyon	A/O/M		Veg Mgmt.		
5-Apr		Laguna Coast Wilderness Park - Top of The World	A/O/M		Veg Mgmt.		
5		Laguna Coast Wilderness Park - Irvine/Shady Canyon	A/O/M		Veg Mgmt.		
5	ļ	Laguna Coast Wilderness Park - Newport Beach/Newport Coast	A/O/M		Veg Mgmt.		
5	_	Laguna Coast Wilderness Park - Unincorporated/Emerald Bay	A/O/M		Veg Mgmt.	1	
5	1	Crystal Cove State Park - Newport Beach/Newport Coast	A/O/M		Veg Mgmt.	-	-
5	 	Crystal Cove State Park - Laguna Beach	A/O/M		Veg Mgmt.	1	-
7	1	Crystal Cove State Park - Unincorporated/Emerald Bay	A/O/M P		Veg Mgmt.	-	-
7	+	Williams Canyon Modjeska Canyon	P		Veg Mgmt. Veg Mgmt.	1	-
7	 	Trabuco Canyon	P		Veg Mgmt.	1	1
7		Starr Ranch Sanctuary	P	+	Veg Mgmt.		-
7	1	Live Oak Canyon Road	P		Veg Mgmt.		
2		Olinda Village Fuel break - (Chino Hills St. Park)	0		Annual		15
3	İ	Cowan Heights/Peter's Canyon Fuels Reduction	P		2013	1	20
3&7		Canyon Clean Sweep – Hazardous Fuels Reduction	O/M		Annual		100
4		Anneliese's School Hazardous Fuels Reduction	P		2012		UNK
6		Horseshoe Bend Fuel break	O/M		Annual		10
ALL		READY, SET, GO	A/P/O				
ALL		Fire Safe Council – County wide	A/P/O				
ALL		Wize Website	A/P/O				

Status Guide: A = Active, P = Planning, C = Completed, O = Ongoing, M = Maintenance

Appendix A (continued): Priority Community Risk Reduction/Special Operations Pre Fire Management Projects

High Priority Pre-Fire Management Projects (continued)

2,3 & 7	y Roads Analysis e Watch – Smokey Bear Signs e Education	A/O P A/P/O A/P/O A/O A/O A/P P P P P P P	Annual 2014	Rx Burn Hazard Fuel Mitigation Tree Removal Training Veg Mgmt. & Grading Veg Mgmt. & Grading	vity Area s	850 50 NA
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Appendix A-1: Unit Strategic Fire Plan Amendments

Fire Plan Amendments

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2012 Updates				
6/1/2012	Executive Summary and Key Objectives	i & ii	Amended text to add the necessity of reducing wildfire ignitions	George Ewan
6/1/2012	Section I Unit Overview	1 & 2	Reflects updates from the addition of Santa Ana to OCFA Jurisdiction	George Ewan
6/1/2012	Section II Collaboration	3 & 4	Reflects updates from the addition of Santa Ana to OCFA Jurisdiction	George Ewan
4/20/2012	Exhibit 3: Division 1, Battalions 1 & 8	20	Reflects updates from the addition of Santa Ana to OCFA Jurisdiction	GIS Mapping
4/20/2012	Exhibit 4: Division 2, Battalion 5	21	Reflects updates from the addition of Santa Ana to OCFA Jurisdiction	GIS Mapping
4/20/2012	Exhibit 5: Division 3, Battalions 6 & 7	22	Reflects updates from the addition of Santa Ana to OCFA Jurisdiction	GIS Mapping
4/20/2012	Exhibit 6: Division 4, Battalions 2 & 3	23	Reflects updates from the addition of Santa Ana to OCFA Jurisdiction	GIS Mapping
4/20/2012	Exhibit 7: Division 5, Battalion 4	24	Reflects updates from the addition of Santa Ana to OCFA Jurisdiction	GIS Mapping
4/20/2012	Exhibit 8: Division 6, Battalion 9	25	Reflects updates from the addition of Santa Ana to OCFA Jurisdiction	GIS Mapping
4/20/2012	Exhibit 9: Unit Preparedness and Fire Fighting Capabilities	26	Reflects updates from the addition of Santa Ana to OCFA Jurisdiction	GIS Mapping
6/15/2012	Appendix A	13	Updates priority projects	George Ewan
2013 Updates				
4/25/2013	Executive Summary and Key Objectives	i	Amended text to add SRA Statement	Tamy Rivers
4/25/2013	Section II Collaboration	4	Reflects updates to plan development team	Tamy Rivers
4/25/2013	Section V Pre-Fire Management Tactics	11&12	Updated formatting	Tamy Rivers
4/25/2013	Appendix A	13	Reflects new and current projects	Tamy Rivers
4/25/2013	Appendix A	14	Removed Blank page, subsequent pages renumbered	Tamy Rivers
2014 Updates				
5/30/2014	Appendix A	13	Updated priority projects; updated formatting; pages renumbered	Kim Gomi
6/10/2014	Appendix D	28	Added Ignitions; pages renumbered	Kim Gomi
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5/1/23	Perimeter Acreage update	11	Updated with current information	Scott Hatch
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5/2/23	Ignitions Map	13	Updated with new map	Scott Hatch
5/1/23	Emerald Fire	40	Updated with new map	Scott Hatch
5/1/23	Battalion 6 Map	56	Updated with new map	Scott Hatch
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Appendix B: 2023 Unit Fire Plan Annual Accomplishments

In 2022/2023, major accomplishments include the following:

CALFIRE Grants: Significant progress has been made in assessing tree infestations, tree health, treating and removing infested trees. Over 1,100 infested trees have been removed to date.

GIS Wildland App - OCFA's Pre-Fire Management and Information Technology Departments updated and added more information layers to their collaboratively developed multi-faceted tablet application that assists in wildland and field inspections

Defensible Space Inspections - Completed annual defensible space inspections

Purchased additional equipment for the use of vegetation management activities using a Cal Fire direct award

Fire Road & Truck Trail Annual Maintenance - Completed annual road maintenance on 130 miles of roads used for fire suppression and prevention

Camp Pendleton Dozer School- OCFA assisted with organizing and running dozer school for two weeks on Marine Base Camp Pendleton, where HFEOs come to train on the base by opening existing fire breaks.

Crews and Equipment conducted vegetation management projects throughout the county

Appendix B: 2022 Unit Fire Plan Annual Accomplishments

In 2021/2022, major accomplishments include the following:

CALFIRE Grants: Significant progress has been made in assessing tree infestations, tree health, treating and removing infested trees. The remote wildfire cameras have already been successful in helping to monitor several fires.

GIS Wildland App - OCFA's Pre-Fire Management and Information Technology Departments updated and added more information layers to their collaboratively developed multi-faceted tablet application that assists in wildland and field inspections

Defensible Space Inspections - Completed annual defensible space inspections

Collection of Fire Perimeters - OCFA Pre-Fire Management maps every SRA vegetation fire to identify trends and determine where fuel modification zones are effective and where improvements in fuel modifications can be made

Cleveland National Forest Project - The Santiago Crew participated in mutually beneficial prescribed fire projects and OCFA Equipment assisted with mutually beneficial roads projects with CNF.

Fire Road & Truck Trail Annual Maintenance - Completed annual road maintenance on roads used for fire suppression and prevention

Camp Pendleton Dozer School- OCFA assisted with organizing and running dozer school for two weeks on Marine Base Camp Pendleton, where HFEOs come to train on the base by opening existing fire breaks.

Crews and Equipment conducted vegetation management projects across the County, including in the City of Irvine, Rancho Mission Viejo, City of Yorba Linda,

Camp Pendleton Fire School- OCFA participated in the annual prescribed fire event on Marine Base Camp Pendleton, where prescribed fires are completed to protect the base from wildfire.

Appendix B 1: 2021 Unit Fire Plan Annual Accomplishments

In 2020/2021, major accomplishments include the following:

CALFIRE Grants: Significant progress has been made in assessing tree infestations, tree health, treating and removing infested trees, and installing remote wildfire cameras. The cameras have already been successful in helping to monitor several fires.

GIS Wildland App - OCFA's Pre-Fire Management and Information Technology Departments updated and added more information layers to their collaboratively developed multi-faceted tablet application that assists in wildland and field inspections

Defensible Space Inspections - Completed annual defensible space inspections

Collection of Fire Perimeters - OCFA Pre-Fire Management maps every SRA vegetation fire to identify trends and determine where fuel modification zones are effective and where improvements in fuel modifications can be made

Cleveland National Forest Project - The Santiago Crew participated in mutually beneficial prescribed fire projects

Fire Road & Truck Trail Annual Maintenance - Completed annual road maintenance on roads used for fire suppression and prevention

Installation of remote wildfire cameras: Through a CALFIRE grant and in partnerships with SCE, UCSD, and many others, OCFA will be installing up to six remote wildfire cameras throughout Orange County to help monitor and confirm wildfires.

Camp Pendleton Dozer School- OCFA assisted with organizing and running dozer school for two weeks on Marine Base Camp Pendleton, where HFEOs come to train on the base by opening existing fire breaks.

OCFA assisted the County with COVID-19 vaccinations by staffing a vaccination team and clinic

Camp Pendleton Fire School- OCFA participated in the annual prescribed fire event on Marine Base Camp Pendleton, where prescribed fires are completed to protect the base from wildfire.

Region 5 Dozer Academy- OCFA dozer apprentices participated in the Region 5 academy in San Bernardino to hone their skills and complete a training academy.

Appendix B 2: 2020 Unit Fire Plan Annual Accomplishments

In 2019/2020, major accomplishments include the following:

CALFIRE SRA Review- In 2019, the OCFA Pre-Fire Management conducted the SRA review within Orange County and included acreage to return from SRA to LRA in the South Orange County area.

CALFIRE Grants: Significant progress has been made in assessing tree health and installing remote wildfire cameras. The cameras have already been successful in helping to monitor several fires.

Addition of Crew 2: Crew 2 is a 17-person hand crew that assisted with fire suppression and vegetation management projects throughout Orange County. In 2019, the crew conducted vegetation management within ~90 acres.

Addition of a Deputy Fire Marshal for Pre-Fire Management- In 2020, a civilian DFM will be hired to oversee the Pre-Fire Management section to provide continuity and support for the OCFA PFM mission.

Update to RSG website- Using funding provided by CALFIRE, OCFA will be updating the OCFA Ready Set Go website with an improved and updated online Home Assessment application. This application will be available online, as well as through a phone application, and will be used by OCFA staff and homeowners throughout the County to identify ways to protect and harden their homes from wildfire.

Fuel Reduction Projects- Completed numerous fuel reduction projects throughout the County, including invasive eucalyptus, pepper, and palm tree removals, hazard tree removals, and creating shaded fuel breaks along fire access roads.

Installation of remote wildfire cameras: Through a CALFIRE grant and in partnerships with SCE, UCSD, and many others, OCFA will be installing up to six remote wildfire cameras throughout Orange County to help monitor and confirm wildfires.

Tree Mortality - OCFA assisted with the continual removal, mapping, monitoring and treatment of drought and pest infested trees

GIS Wildland App - OCFA's Pre-Fire Management and Information Technology Departments updated and added more information layers to their collaboratively developed multi-faceted tablet application that assists in wildland and field inspections

SCE Annual Roads Project - Completed 120 miles of brushing and/or grading SCE access roads

Fire Road & Truck Trail Annual Maintenance - Completed annual road maintenance on roads used for fire suppression and prevention

Defensible Space Inspections - Completed annual defensible space inspections

Cleveland National Forest Project - The Santiago Crew participated in mutually beneficial prescribed fire projects

Collection of Fire Perimeters - OCFA Pre-Fire Management maps every SRA vegetation fire to identify trends and determine where fuel modification zones are effective and where improvements in fuel modifications can be made

Appendix C: 2019 Unit Fire Plan Annual Accomplishments

In 2018/2019, major accomplishments include the following:

CALFIRE Grants: Received \$5.4million in CALFIRE grants to conduct surveys and tree removals for Invasive Shot Hole Borer invaded trees. OCFA also received \$90,000 in CALFIRE grants to install remote wildfire cameras.

Addition of Crew 2: Crew 2 is a 17-person hand crew that will assist with fire suppression and vegetation management projects throughout Orange County.

Fuel Reduction Projects- Completed numerous fuel reduction projects throughout the County, including invasive eucalyptus, pepper, and palm tree removals, hazard tree removals, and creating shaded fuel breaks along fire access roads. Installation of remote wildfire cameras: Through a CALFIRE grant and in partnerships with SCE, UCSD, and many others, OCFA will be installing up to six remote wildfire cameras throughout Orange County to help monitor and confirm wildfires.

Tree Mortality - OCFA assisted with the continual removal, mapping, monitoring and treatment of drought and pest infested trees

GIS Wildland App - OCFA's Pre-Fire Management and Information Technology Departments updated and added more information layers to their collaboratively developed multi-faceted tablet application that assists in wildland and field inspections

SCE Annual Roads Project - Completed 120 miles of brushing and grading SCE access roads

Fire Road & Truck Trail Annual Maintenance - Completed annual road maintenance on roads used for fire suppression and prevention

Defensible Space Inspections - Completed annual defensible space inspections

Cleveland National Forest Project - The Santiago Crew participated in mutually beneficial prescribed fire projects

Collection of Fire Perimeters - OCFA Pre-Fire Management maps every SRA vegetation fire to identify trends and determine where fuel modification zones are effective and where improvements in fuel modifications can be made

Appendix D: 2018 Unit Fire Plan Annual Accomplishments

In 2018, major accomplishments include the following:

Remote Surveillance – Installed remote fire/emergency detection cameras on Sheriff's Towers, as well as cameras on Santiago Peak with associated meteorological sensors

Fuel Reduction Projects- Completed numerous fuel reduction projects throughout the County, including invasive eucalyptus tree removals, hazard tree removals, and creating shaded fuel breaks along fire access roads.

Acquisition of Additional Mechanized Equipment - A grader was purchased to improve efficiencies for vegetation management and roads projects

Tree Mortality - OCFA assisted with the continual removal, mapping, monitoring and treatment of drought and pest infested trees

GIS Wildland App - OCFA's Pre-Fire Management and Information Technology Departments updated and added more information layers to their collaboratively developed multi-faceted tablet application that assists in wildland and field inspections

Grants - OCFA completed three grant projects, including one for Emerald Bay for additional clearance, another for East Orange County Canyons, for emergency road clearance, and installed SRA canyon area signage with interchangeable prevention messages

SCE Annual Roads Project - Completed 119 miles of brushing and grading SCE access roads

Fire Road & Truck Trail Annual Maintenance - Completed annual road maintenance on roads used for fire suppression and prevention

Defensible Space Inspections - Completed annual defensible space inspections

Cleveland National Forest Project - The Santiago Crew participated in mutually beneficial prescribed fire projects

Fuel Mapping- OCFA Pre-Fire Management purchased NDVI mapping technology to map fuels throughout the county to monitor vegetation trends and identify areas for fuel reduction projects.

Collection of Fire Perimeters- OCFA Pre-Fire Management maps every SRA vegetation fire to identify trends and determine where fuel modification zones are effective and where improvements in fuel modifications can be made

Support of CALFIRE Mission- OCFA provided a letter of support for the CALFIRE Vegetation Treatment Program Environmental Impact Report (VTP EIR)

Appendix E: 2017 Unit Fire Plan Annual Accomplishments

In 2017, major accomplishments include the following:

Remote Surveillance - Secured approval to install remote fire/emergency detection cameras on Sheriff's Towers

CWPP - Completed Orange County's CWPP

Chipper Days Events - Conducted 5 Chipper Days in the SRA communities of Trabuco, Silverado, and Modjeska Canyons

Tree Mortality - OCFA assisted with the continual removal, monitoring and treatment of drought and pest infested trees

GIS Wildland App - OCFA's Pre-Fire Management and Information Technology Departments added more information layers to their collaboratively developed multi-faceted tablet application that assists in wildland and field inspections

Grants - OCFA implemented three grant projects, including one for Emerald Bay for additional clearance, another for East Orange County Canyons, for emergency road clearance, and installed SRA canyon area signage with interchangeable prevention messages

SCE Annual Roads Project - Completed 119 miles of brushing and grading SCE access roads

Fire Road & Truck Trail Annual Maintenance - Completed annual road maintenance on roads used for fire suppression and prevention

Defensible Space Inspections - Completed annual defensible space inspections

FDOP - Completed OCFA's Fire Danger Operating Plan

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Appendix F: 2016 Unit Fire Plan Annual Accomplishments

In 2016, major accomplishments included the following:

HP WREN - Secured approval to establish an HP WREN backbone in Orange County, to provide remote fire/emergency detection using cameras and sensors

CWPP - A consultant was hired, and work has started on Orange County's CWPP

Chipper Days Events - Conducted 7 Chipper Days in the SRA communities of Trabuco, Silverado, and Modjeska Canyons

Tree Mortality - OCFA assisted with the continual removal, monitoring and treatment of drought and pest infested trees

RAWS Station - A third RAWS station is being installed in coastal Southern Orange County

GIS Wildland App - OCFA's Pre-Fire Management and Information Technology Departments collaboratively developed and is beta testing a multi-faceted tablet application to assist in wildland and field inspections

Grants - OCFA was awarded three grants, including one for Emerald Bay, for additional clearance, another for East Orange County Canyons, for emergency road clearance, and one for canyon areas signage with interchangeable prevention messages

SCE Annual Roads Project - Completed 119 miles of brushing and grading SCE access roads

Fire Road & Truck Trail Annual Maintenance - Completed annual road maintenance on roads used for fire suppression and prevention

Defensible Space Inspections - Completed annual defensible space inspections

SRA Project Tracking - Developed a quick-reference spreadsheet to better track SRA-related project work

Cal Mapper - OCFA worked with CAL FIRE to analyze and update Cal Mapper data to more accurately reflect OC project/fire data

Canyon Area Signage - Ordered and installed GSOB and other prevention message signage in SRA areas

Appendix G: 2015 Supplement (For Historical Reference)

In 2014 and 2015 year-to-date, some of OCFA's major accomplishments include the following:

Acquisition of Additional Mechanized Equipment - A masticator, mower, chipper, and all-terrain skid steer tractor were purchased to improve efficiencies for vegetation management and roads projects

Additional Orange County Weather Zone – OCFA, working in partnership with COAST and NOAA, implemented a new third weather zone for Orange County, which is very helpful for making decisions regarding resource deployments, facilities closures, and activity restrictions.

Adoption of MOU Between OCFA and OC Parks - For fuels mitigation and training.

Bell Ridge & West Ridge Roads - Completed Phase I of converting an existing road to a fuel break.

Bent Tree Park – Completed a grant funded project to remove over 75 large eucalyptus trees and other invasive species, then replanted the area with native vegetation, including 50 sycamores and 25 ceanothus plants.

Chipper Days Events - Conducted six Chipper Days events, in conjunction with local fire safe councils, to help reduce hazardous vegetation in the wildfire risk prone areas of Cowan Heights, and the canyon communities of Silverado and Modjeska.

Cleveland National Forest Project - A mutually beneficial prescribed fire project.

Defensible Space Inspections - Completed annual defensible space inspections for structures in SRA areas, and in the Very High and High Fire Severity Zones in LRA areas, and for power poles.

El Cariso Defensible Space SRA FPF Project – A mutually beneficial and cooperative community-based vegetation management project on the border of Orange County and Riverside County

Emerging Tree Pests of Orange County Task Force - OCFA took the lead to launch a coordinated effort in Orange County to deal with the growing issue of invasive pests (i.e., gold spotted oak borer, polyphagous shot hole borer, etc.)

Development of New Pre-Fire Management Section - OCFA's Pre-Fire Management is now comprised of three sub-sections, which include Wildland Defense Planning, Community Wildfire Mitigation and Crews & Heavy Equipment. This new configuration will help ensure that Gray Book obligations are fulfilled and will better serve the community.

Peters Canyon Project - Removed a grove of 75 invasive palm trees in Peter's Canyon

Re-Establishment of Relationship with CAL FIRE - To facilitate improved communications in order to better execute CAL FIRE's mission.

SCE Roads Project - Completed 119 miles of brushing and grading SCE access roads.

Appendix H: 2013 Supplement (For Historical Reference)

The Orange County Fire Authority continues efforts to increase public awareness to the hazards presented by wildland fire due to hazardous and flammable vegetation and older construction standards and associated flammable building materials. OCFA has undertaken an aggressive approach to develop fire prevention cooperation through collaboration and partnerships.

Ready, Set, Go! (RSG) (Update: Please note that as of 2015, RSG is now considered "the message" vs. "the program")

Ready, Set, Go! (RSG), our wildfire mitigation program, is an expanding effort motivating communities, partners, and stakeholders to take action. Vegetation management and wildfire preparedness are becoming evident through these partnerships. Whether it is property management, a landowner, a natural resource manager, contractor, construction material supplier, another agency or just someone interested in the program, we have all joined the effort to understand where wildfire hazards exist and educate impacted communities. Community members are proactively identifying hazards and are working to solve community problems as well as publishing and distributing information within their communities. On a larger scale, those parties with direct responsibility for managing issues, lands, and policies related to wildfires are meeting to problem solve and strategize solutions. Additionally, efforts are underway with the building industry, commercial sector, environmental conservancies, and the full range of government agencies ranging from cities up to and including the Federal levels, public utilities, and other infrastructure agencies throughout the county.

Fire Safe Councils

OCFA continues to assist in the development of local Fire Safe Councils in the canyon and foothill communities. In CY2012, there were four (4) Fire Safe Councils in Orange County, as of this report two (2) of these councils have upgraded to Firewise Communities. OCFA is in the early developmental stages of forming a countywide Fire Safe Council with the concept of integrating property management companies, landscape companies, HOAs and other valuable partners to become educated on wildland fire mitigation and more readily identify and share fire prevention activities, concerns, issues, and solutions on a broad scale. It is OCFA's expectation that this will bring overall public awareness to a greater understanding of potential problems and solutions.

County of Orange Area Safety Taskforce (COAST)

Another endeavor that is being led by OCFA is COAST. Presently, this is in the early stages of development. COAST is a coalition of agencies, jurisdictions, landowners, conservancies, public utilities, transportation authorities and others that can affect policy to insure safety and reduce loss of property and life. The levels of individuals that represent the participating organizations are at the policy level of their respective professions. OCFA's goal is that through this coalition it will become apparent that wildland fire is everyone's problem and that they can play a major role in helping prevent ignitions, protection of life, property natural resources and the economy.

Other Activities

Hazard tree removal, this past year, OCFA has held discussion concerning the removal of hazard trees in an avocado grove. The hazard trees are wind rows of Eucalyptus trees that have an abundant amount of either dead or dying trees. Many of the dead trees are a result of the Santiago Incident of 2007 and pose both a fire hazard should another fire occur and a safety hazard to personnel working in the grove. Efforts to gain approval for the removal are underway with the City of Irvine and The Irvine Company.

Hazardous fuels mitigation, a proposal for OCFA to cut and remove hazardous vegetation surrounding the County of Orange EOCC has been discussed. This will become fuel break requiring annual maintenance and surrounding the county's primary emergency communications site.

OCFA and Rancho Mission Viejo Land Trust and Ranch Operations have entered discussions concerning the use of prescribed fire to start reducing hazardous vegetation in preparation for future community development. These activities are in accordance with the Southern Sub Regional Wildland Fire Management Plan.

Last, OCFA continues to build cooperative efforts with the local Fire Safe Councils and canyon communities in their efforts to reduce the effects of wildland fire.

Appendix I: Priority Goals and Objectives For 2010 2012 (For Historical Reference)

Orange County Fire Authority is undertaking the development of the READY, SET, GO! Program. The Program goals are aligned with the 2010 California Fire Plan and its objectives as listed below: (*Update: Please note that as of 2015, RSG is now considered "the message" vs. "the program"*)

State Goal	State Objective	OCFA Goal
State Goal 1 - Improve availability and use of information on hazard and risk assessment	State Goal Objective B - Engage and participate with local stakeholder groups (i.e., fire safe councils and others) to validate and prioritize the assets at risk	OCFA Goal 1 - OCFA will establish any relationships, partnerships, and councils necessary to reduce wildfire risks and losses by emphasizing community-level resources and solutions. Leverage partners with common interests/or motivations
State Goal 2 - Land use planning: including general plans, new development, and existing developments	State Goal Objective B - Assist the appropriate governmental bodies in the development of a comprehensive set of wildland and wildland urban interface (WUI) protection policies for inclusion in each county general plan or other appropriate local land use planning documents	OCFA Goal 2 - OCFA will develop and sustain a portfolio of high-impact, least-cost, stakeholder-driven solutions for reducing wildfire risks and losses by creating and sustain new solutions, eliminate low-impact solutions, streamline high-cost solutions
State Goal 3 - Shared vision among communities and the multiple fire protection jurisdictions, including county-based plans and community-based plans such as Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP)	State Goal Objective B - Emphasize coordination of Unit fire plans with community wildfire protection plans to encourage and support one consistency approach. Develop county or regional fire plans by bringing together community-based groups, such as fire safe councils and affected fire and land management agencies	OCFA Goal 3 - OCFA is developing the Unit Fire Plan, using the key elements identified by CAL FIRE and supporting smaller communities with the development of their local CWPP
State Goal 3 - Shared vision among communities and the multiple fire protection jurisdictions, including county-based plans and community-based plans such as Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP)	State Goal Objective C - Create and support venues in which individual community member can be actively involved in local fire safe councils, community emergency response teams, FIREWISE and other community-based efforts to develop readiness plans and educate landowners to mitigate the risks and effects of wildland fire	OCFA Goal 4 - OCFA's collaborative partners lead and drive the effort to protect communities from wildfire. OCFA's role is transitioned into a support-oriented role, focusing primarily on active participation, facilitation, and evaluation of program results
State Goal 4 - Establishing fire resistance in assets at risk, such as homes and neighborhoods	State Goal Objective A - Educate landowners, residents and business owners about the risks and their incumbent responsibilities of living in the wildland, including applicable regulations, prevention measures and preplanning activities	OCFA Goal 5 - Orange County communities understand, accepts responsibility, and takes necessary action to mitigate wildfire risk, thereby preventing lives and property from being lost or damaged in wildfires OCFA Goal 6 - OCFA will develop regularly publicized motivational performance measurements in order to facilitate change in cultural attitudes, systematic mitigation of risk
State Goal 4 - Establishing fire resistance in assets at risk, such as homes and neighborhoods	State Goal Objective C - Increase the number and effectiveness of defensible space inspections and promote an increasing level of compliance with defensible space laws and regulations using CAL FIRE staffing as available, public, and private organizations, and alternative inspection methods	OCFA Goal 7 - OCFA will institute a change in local cultural attitude about wildfire risks from apathy and unawareness to alertness and empowerment through mass marketing and outreach

Appendix J: 2010 Unit Strategic Plan Collaborators (For Historical Reference)

Representatives involved in the original development of the Orange County Fire Authority's Unit Fire Plan are included in the following table.

2010 Plan Development Team

Organization	Representative (Title)	
Orange County Fire Authority	Wildland Fire Defense Planner	
Orange County Fire Authority	GIS	
Orange County Fire Authority	Fire Prevention	
Orange County Public Works	Projects & Regulatory Permits Unit	
BonTerra Consulting	Senior Project Manager – Restoration Ecology	
Orange County Parks	Director	
Orange County Parks	Environmental Coordination	
Orange County Parks	Park Rangers	
HRS (Habitat Restoration Services)	n Services) Restoration Specialists	
Irvine Ranch Conservancy	Director	
Irvine Ranch Conservancy	Director, Planning and Field Operations	
Irvine Ranch Conservancy	Field Operations Manager	
Fire Safe Council Canyons of East Orange County	Ad hoc Committee	
California State Parks	District Environmental Scientist	
Rancho Mission Viejo Land Trust	VP – Open Space and Resource Management	
Rancho Mission Viejo Ranch	Ranch Operations	
The Irvine Company – AG Operations	VP – Agricultural Operations	
City of Irvine	Open Space Coordinator	

Addendum 1: Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)

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Addendum 2: Fire Danger Operating Plan (FDOP)