



# CAL FIRE

## Office of the State Fire Marshal

### Community Wildfire Preparedness and Mitigation Webinar Series

May 8, 2023

Featuring:

The Land Use Planning Program



# Welcome!

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- ▶ The purpose of this webinar series is to host a live and interactive platform to discuss and educate on Community Wildfire Preparedness and Mitigation (CWPM) topics directly from our Office of the State Fire Marshal CWPM Staff.
- ▶ More information on the webinar series can be found any time at:
  - [osfm.fire.ca.gov/wildfire-public-education/](https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/wildfire-public-education/)
  - If you experience technical difficulties during this presentation, please contact Kara Garrett at (916) 201-5539 or Kara.Garrett@fire.ca.gov.



# Land Use Planning Program

## Speaker Introduction

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#### Resources can be found at:

- <https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/divisions/community-wildfire-preparedness-and-mitigation/land-use-planning/>
- <https://www.readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire/firewise-communities/>
- <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Wildfire/Firewise-USA>



# Firewise USA

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- ▶ Visit the Firewise USA webpage
  - ▶ “How to become Firewise”
  - ▶ Community size: Minimum of 8 dwelling units to maximum of 2,500
  - ▶ Create a board/committee
  - ▶ Complete a Risk Assessment
  - ▶ Create a 3-Year Action Plan
  - ▶ Apply for Recognition
- ▶ Organize it. Plan it. Do it
- ▶ Contact you State Representative for more information



# Your Local Fire Agency

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- ▶ Contact your fire department
- ▶ Guidance
  - ▶ Defensible space requirements
  - ▶ DIY home hardening projects
  - ▶ Evacuation planning and routes
  - ▶ Are there other wildfire planning documents or entities you should be aware of
- ▶ Invite your fire department or Fire Safe Council to speak to your Firewise Community about wildfire preparedness



# Emergency Alerts

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- ▶ A local city or county notification system to the public for;
  - ▶ Fires
  - ▶ Floods
  - ▶ Evacuations
  - ▶ Significant weather events
  - ▶ Chemical spills
- ▶ You Must sign up for this service
- ▶ Visit your city or county's webpage to register



# Questions?

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# Join us for our Next Webinar!

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- ▶ Webinars held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 11:30 AM via Zoom!
- ▶ Join us for our next webinar on May 22<sup>nd</sup> as we discuss:
  - **The Utility Wildfire Mitigation Program:**
    - **Powerline Fire Prevention as well as information on Pole and Conductor Clearances**

