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How to utilize the California Specific Three-Year Action Plan

Please note that defensible space is required at all times for all buildings or structures within California's State Responsibility Area under Public Resource Code 4291 and for Local Governments with designated Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones under Government Code 51182. Consult your local fire authority for local defensible space requirements if your community is outside of the land classifications above.

1. Double click in the header area and enter the name of your Firewise Community and enter the three-year span that this action plan will apply to.
2. Community description. Enter a brief description of your community, an example has been provided for you that you can delete.
3. Enter the year that will apply to the Year 1 efforts. Repeat this step for years 2 and 3, entering the consecutive years.
4. Utilizing the numbered bullet points enter the tasks that have been identified by your community. You can add or delete the number of tasks you have identified for your community; however, the Program Topics must be utilized.
5. The document will auto format as information is entered.
6. Once the document is completed it can be submitted through the Firewise Portal.

Helpful links for creating a three-year action plan.

NPFA Firewise USA, Time and Expanse Investment Examples ([Here](#))

CAL FIRE Defensible Space ([Here](#))

Ready for Wildfire ([Here](#))

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Olympic Valley is an unincorporated community within Placer County, California and situated about 5 miles north of Lake Tahoe. It is the home of Palisades Tahoe Ski Resort, formerly known as Squaw Valley, and was the site of the 1960 Olympics. Being a resort community, the area is home to about 725 households, and about 1200 hotel rooms and condominiums. Olympic Valley is located within the forested area of the northern Sierra Nevada Mountain range, which has seen a series of devastating fires over the past 5 years. Being a box canyon, with only one road in and out, we are acutely aware of the need for wildfire mitigation measures around our homes and in the forested areas around us. This led the Olympic Valley Firewise Committee to be the driving force behind the creation of an Olympic Valley Community Wildfire Protection Plan, and, with this plan, the awarding of our first wildfire mitigation CalFire grant. The Olympic Valley Firewise Committee has achieved many of its first set of objectives laid out 3 years ago, but much work remains to be done. The principal goal of this next 3 years is to continue our educational outreach and evacuation planning, with a shift in our focus (as emphasized in the CWPP) on defensible space and home hardening.

Timeline	Program	Description/Mitigation
Year 1 2023	Education & Outreach	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Continue our efforts (begun 3 years ago) educating our residents about the importance of defensive space around their residences.2. As many of our residences are 2nd homes, implement a program to reach these home owners about the importance of defensible space and home hardening, even though they only part time residents3. In cooperation with local Fire Department, lay out a program to reach the owners of the large tracts of forest just above the residential areas about the importance of creating a defensible barrier4. Financially support the effort of the USFS to fund a NEPA study for forest wildfire mitigation in our neighboring valley, Alpine Meadows
	Home Hardening	<ol style="list-style-type: none">5. Investigate what the possibilities would be for OV Firewise to submit a grant application to CALOES or CalFire to provide % matching funds in support of residential home hardening.6. Implement at least the first step in a program identified in the above. It most likely would finding an appropriate service district partner or filing for our own 501(c) 3

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Fuel Reduction	7. Continue to support and financially sponsor the monthly (May thru Oct) green waste dropoff program begun in 2021. 8. Investigate the feasibility of sponsoring a monthly chipper program through a private contractor or Placer County.
Evacuation Planning & Wildfire Preparedness	9. Continue to organize and support the annual evacuation planning drill in cooperation with Palisades Tahoe (whose parking lot is our “area of refuge” and the neighboring fire departments, Placer County Sherriff, and CHP.

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Timeline	Program	Description/Mitigation
Year 2	Education & Outreach	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue our efforts educating our residents about the importance of defensive space around their residences. 2. Assess 2023 outreach program to reach these 2nd home owners and implement necessary changes, and continue 3. Educate local population about CalFire grant work to begin this year on mitigating fire danger on the ridge north of our community 4. Using the CalFire work (3.) as the lever, and the program begun the previous year, work to get the large landowners to sign up for work on their forest land, and get funding through Forest Futures. 5. Continue to Financially support the effort of the USFS to fund a NEPA study for forest wildfire mitigation in our neighboring valley, Alpine Meadows
2024	Home Hardening	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Begin the work for OV Firewise to submit a grant application to CALOES or CalFire to provide % matching funds in support of residential home hardening.
	Fuel Reduction	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Continue to support and financially sponsor the monthly (May thru Oct) green waste dropoff program begun in 2021. 8. If feasibility was demonstrated, sponsor a monthly chipper day
	Evacuation Planning & Wildfire Preparedness	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Continue to organize and support the annual evacuation planning drill in cooperation with Palisades Tahoe (whose parking lot is our “area of refuge” and the neighboring fire departments, Placer County Sherriff, and CHP.

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Year 3 2025	Education & Outreach	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue our efforts educating our residents about the importance of defensive space around their residences. 2. Make necessary changes to 2023 outreach program identified in previous year assessment 3. Continue to work to get the large landowners to sign up for work on their forest land, and get funding through Forest Futures. 4. Continue to Financially support the effort of the USFS to fund a NEPA study for forest wildfire mitigation in our neighboring valley, Alpine Meadow
	Home Hardening	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Have OV Firewise submit a grant application to CALOES or CalFire to provide % matching funds in support of residential home hardening.
	Fuel Reduction	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Continue to support and financially sponsor the monthly (May thru Oct) green waste dropoff program begun in 2021. 7. When needed, support the effort (with social media, education programs, etc) of the USFS to implement forest wildfire mitigation in our neighboring valley, Alpine Meadows
	Evacuation Planning & Wildfire Preparedness	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Continue to organize and support the annual evacuation planning drill in cooperation with Palisades Tahoe (whose parking lot is our “area of refuge” and the neighboring fire departments, Placer County Sherriff, and CHP.