



**JEFF GORELL**

Supervisor, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

**ISRAEL RODRIGUEZ**

Field Representative

Supervisor Jeff Gorell

# REGULAR MEETING

## AGENDA

**March 14, 2024**

**6:00 PM**

**Municipal Advisory Council  
Casa Conejo, California**

**Walnut Elementary School  
Multipurpose Room  
581 Dena Drive  
Casa Conejo, CA 91320**

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MAC Calendar, Agenda, and Minutes

Welcome to the meeting of the Casa Conejo Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) an advisory council for the unincorporated area of Casa Conejo to Ventura County Supervisor Jeff Gorell.



### **MEMBERS OF THE BOARD**

- SCOTT HORN, CHAIR
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**OPENING**

1. Call to Order.
2. Roll Call and Oath of Office for New MAC Members
3. Election of 2024 Chair & Vice Chair for Casa Conejo MAC.
4. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
5. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Casa Conejo Municipal Advisory Council held on Thursday, January 11, 2024.
6. Agenda Review.

7. Consent Agenda Items 11 through 13.
8. Public Comments – Citizen presentations regarding Casa Conejo Municipal Advisory Council related matters NOT appearing on this agenda. (See Guidelines above).
9. Office of Ventura County Supervisor Jeff Gorell’s Comments – Brief announcements and report on County activities.
10. Council Comments – Comments by Council members on matters they deem appropriate. A Council member may ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement, or make a brief report on his or her own activities. A Council member may also provide a reference to staff or other resources for information, or request staff to report back to the body at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter. The Council may also direct staff to place a matter of business on the future agenda.

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### **14. Legislative Sub Committee**

This item was carried over from the previous January 11, 2024, MAC meeting. David Ayers volunteered to be a part of Supervisor Gorell's Legislative Committee but was in the process of being confirmed by the Board of Supervisors. This item requires motion and vote to make it official.

### **15. Conejo Valley Days – Return of the Conejo Valley Day Parade and Possibility of a Newbury Park Float**

Chair Scott Horn to discuss the up-and-coming Conejo Valley Days and the possibility of participating in the parade by entering a Newbury Park float.

### **16. New MAC Meeting Marketing Signs**

The large double-sided signs will help improve awareness and attendance at the MAC meetings. The signs have the location and time as well as a QR code to download the agenda or view a live stream of the meeting. Each MAC member is requested to take custody of two signs, place them 1 week before the meetings and pick them up after the meeting or the next day.

### **17. Presentation on Electric Bicycles from Ventura County Sheriff's Office**

Deputy Sheriff, Sgt. Ogonowski to make a presentation on the impact, regulations, and enforcement of e-bikes in Thousand Oaks and Newbury Park.

### **18. Presentation on Becoming a Certified Firewise Community**

Presentation from Natasha Saxena, Regional Firewise Coordinator & Ventura County Fire Prevention Officer, Larry Williams on what it takes to become a Certified Firewise Community and the benefits you receive as a result.

## **CLOSING**

**19. Adjournment** of the Casa Conejo Municipal Advisory Council meeting to the next meeting, May 9, 2024, at Walnut Elementary School, 581 Dena Drive, Newbury Park, CA 91320



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# MINUTES

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## OPENING

1. Call to Order.
  - a. **Chair, Scott Horn** called the meeting at 6:08 PM.
2. Administering of Oath of Office New Members
  - a. **Supervisor Gorell** administered the Oath of Office to **Brendon Garcia** and **Rob Alvidrez** as new Casa Conejo MAC Members
3. Roll Call.
  - a. MAC Members Present: **Chair Scot Horn, Debbie Hanna, Brendon Garcia, Rob Alvidrez.** Quorum Present.
4. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
5. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Casa Conejo Municipal Advisory Council held on Thursday, September 14, 2023, and Minutes of the meeting from November 9, 2023.
  - a. Motion to accept the September 14, 2023, Minutes made by **Debbie Hanna**, seconded by **Chair Scott Horn.** Motion Passed.
  - b. Motion to accept the November 9, 2023, Minutes made by **Brendon Garcia**, seconded by **Rob Alvidrez.** Motion Passed.
6. Agenda Review.
  - a. **Chair Scott Horn** allowed for presentation from Safety Officers
    - i. CHP Officer, SGT. Orr spoke on the current construction on the CHP scales and provided timelines for construction on the 101 and 118. He briefly spoke on the oversized vehicle ordinance and nearly 100% compliance from the neighborhood. He spoke on the one individual who is allowed to park due to his handicapped placard. **Field Representative Israel Rodriguez** talked about the dimensions that qualifies for an oversized vehicle.
    - ii. **Deputy Sheriff** spoke about the three thefts that occurred regarding two Toyota Tacoma's, a Honda Prius and one work truck. He also mentioned the gang graffiti taking place on the grounds of Walnut Elementary School. **Chair Scott Horn** spoke with Principal Wall, and she mentioned a break in to the counseling office where they wrote on the dry erase board. He mentioned that the school yard was closed.
7. Consent Agenda Items 11 through 14.
  - a. Motion to accept the Agenda Items made by **Debie Hanna**, seconded by **Brendon Garcia.** Motion passed.
8. Public Comments
  - a. **Steve Cooley:** Resident of Casa Conejo for over 45 years and enjoys coming to the MAC meetings. He spoke about a scam coming from what appears to be coming the US Census Bureau and warned it does not come from them and to be careful not to fall prey.

9. Office of Ventura County Supervisor Jeff Gorell's Comments:
  - a. **Supervisor Gorell** talked about year-end accomplishments for 2023 that have been posted on the Casa Conejo website.
  - b. Tonight, we will be developing a Vision Statement that we then align with the goals and objectives for Casa Conejo.
  - c. The Supervisor spoke about the importance of the PIT count for the un-housed as it helps determine budgets for helping the un-housed and drives public policy support from Sacramento. If we ever want to keep people sleeping on the streets, we must have an equal number of beds which is derived from the PIT count.
  - d. Looking at financial challenges coming from Sacramento given there is a \$52 Billion dollar deficit that will have an impact on county budgets services.
10. Council Comments – **Chair Scott Horn** asked the new members to introduce themselves.
  - a. **Rob Alvidrez** spoke about how he and his wife recently talked about serving in the community and shortly after he received a call from Supervisor Gorell's office asking if he would be willing to serve on the MAC. He also talked about crime prevention, possibly going back to the old Neighborhood Watch program.
  - b. **Brandon Garcia** mentioned that he grew up in Newbury Park and moved back to Casa Conejo in 2021. He brought his family back so that his children could attend Newbury Park High School and have a nice community to grow up. Spoke about becoming a Firewise community certification to help lower insurance costs. **Field Representative Israel Rodriguez** spoke briefly about the program and highlighted a brochure that was provided on the table. **Chair Scott Horn** spoke about bringing a subject matter expert to speak.
  - c. **Debbie Hanna** spoke about the 25-mile signs that have been posted and is glad to see the new signs with flags. **Supervisor Gorell** spoke about hearing from the MAC and our office worked hard to make it happen.
  - d. **Chair Scott Horn** brought up the e-bike situation and asked that we have someone come in and speak about the matter. **Field Representative Israel Rodriguez** stated that he spoke with Chief Jeremy Paris and that we have an expert that will more than likely be on the next agenda. He spoke about the need to have a student representative. **Brendon Garcia** mentioned that he might have his daughter be that representative. The Chair also asked about a map. **Debbie Hanna** stated that she has a map. **Chair Scott Horn** also mentioned the need to have new signs. **Supervisor Gorell** stated we will have the signs. He also mentioned that the VCFD is looking to hire more county firefighters and brought up the idea of metal roofs and bringing out a subject matter expert to speak.

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### **11. California Highway Patrol (CHP)**

The California CHP concluded our annual CHIP's Kids for Toy Drive event this past month. Thousands of toys were distributed to kids throughout Ventura County. The California Highway Patrol conducted a Maximum Enforcement Period (MEP) over the holiday period with a focus on impaired drivers. The California Highway Patrol is hiring 1,000 officers to help make California Roads safer. Please see attached report. **RECEIVED AND FILED**

### **12. Ventura County Fire Department**

During heavy rains and storms in December VCFD responded to 231 weather related calls for service and is continuing to prepare for a heavily forecasted El Nino winter. Spark of Love delivered toys to 30,000 children and partnered with Foodshare to help 6,000 families with food during the holidays. In 2023 six Ventura County communities received their Firewise USA designation helping to reduce fires and make their neighborhoods safer. Approximately 40 communities have now started their Firewise certification process. The Ventura Fire Department completed the purchase of the new headquarters at 2400 Conejo Spectrum in Thousand Oaks. This ends a four-year search for a new headquarters. Applications for firefighter jobs will be accepted from January 22 to January 29, 2024. **RECEIVED AND FILED**

### **13. Ventura Sheriff Department (Amended to include Written Report )**

Overall, the Casa Conejo community has little crime to report. The main crimes involved thefts of three catalytic converters from Toyota Tacoma trucks. Toyota trucks and Prius' are usually the main targets for thieves. The best course of action is to lock the vehicle in the garage. In addition, one work vehicle was broken into, and the thieves got away with approximately \$6,000 dollars of tools. There has been an uptick in gang graffiti occurring at Walnut Elementary School between two rival gangs TOCAS (Thousand Oaks California Sur) and CVLS (Conejo Valley Locos). The Special Enforcement Unit is actively investigating the crimes. **RECEIVED AND FILED**

#### **14. 2024 Point in Time (PIT) Homeless Count**

**Field Representative Israel Rodriguez** made a brief presentation on the PIT count and provided a flyer for people who would like to volunteer to participate in the count on Wednesday, January 24, 2024. See the attached flyer in the agenda packet for contact information and to learn how you can register to become a volunteer in this year's PIT count. **RECEIVED AND FILED**

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#### **15. Review of Proposed of 2024 Municipal Advisory Council Meeting Calendar**

MAC members to review the 2024 MAC calendar for consideration. (See attached draft calendar)

a. Motion to accept the 2024 Casa Conejo MAC Calendar made by **Brendon Garcia**, seconded by **Debbie Hanna**. Motioned passed.

#### **16. Legislative Sub Committee**

**Supervisor Gorell** spoke on the purpose of this subcommittee is to keep him informed on legislative items, issues, and opportunities that affect each of the MAC's regions. The members of this committee review the Board of Supervisors Agendas and brief the Supervisor on any items that could/should directly affect Casa Conejo. As part of this agenda item the MAC shall select one additional member to participate along with the MAC Chair in this sub-committee.

a. **David Ayers**, who will be joining the Casa Conejo MAC board at the next meeting volunteered for the committee. As a result, the Item was tabled until the next meeting when he is officially on the board.

#### **17. Public Works Request Update Report – December**

For the month of December 2023 there were four work requests sent to Public Works using the VCPWA Connect Portal. One request was for removal of graffiti in the channel, three requests involving sign or traffic light replacements on Ruth/Wendy, Willaim Drive/Dena Drive, and for sign that was knocked down at a cross walk. Out of the four requests two have been completed and two remain open.

### **18. 3-5 Year Plan – Next Steps**

- a) **Chair Scott Horn** opened the discussion and talked about the planning process to help the new members to get up to speed. He spoke about passed meeting where we performed a SWOT analysis and listed some of the items that we came up from the exercise including over development, a youth center, interaction with Walnut Elementary School, aging infrastructure, no entertainment facilities, Casa Conejo is the first neighbor in Newbury Park and have large backyards and can put in ADUs, proximity to open spaces/parks, and unincorporated.
- b) **Field Representative Israel Rodriguez** handed out forms to help formulate the Vision Statement for Casa Conejo. He started out the process by making the statement, "Our vision for Casa Conejo is...."
- c) **Brendon Garcia** mentioned that he would like Casa Conejo to be a strong, beautiful, safe, and a model of leadership for other MACs, like us to be innovative thinkers and a diverse community. The community is ripe for turnover with a lot of new people moving in and we need to look to the future.
- d) **David Ayers** spoke about being land locked by Thousand Oaks and having limited space need to come up with ideas.
- e) **Field Representative** spoke the top-down approach talking about defining categories like "we need more recreational activities, that leads to idea like teaming up with he Conejo Recreation Center, and tactically we need a bus to the TO Teen Center."

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- a. **Debbie Hanna** brought a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by **Rob Alvidrez**. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.



## CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

To: The Casa Conejo MAC c/o Supervisor Gorell's office

### CHP MOORPARK'S CASA CONEJO MAC TALKING POINTS: (3.14.24)

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- Follow CHP Moorpark on social media for traffic updates, sig alerts, evacuation notices, roadway closures, and general information on what the CHP is doing in your area.

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March 6, 2024

Attn: Supervisor Jeff Gorell and Municipal Advisory Committees

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Sincerely,

Scott Thomsen

Director of Communications and Public Affairs

Ventura County Fire Department

VENTURA COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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**DATE:** March 8, 2024  
**TO:** Supervisor Gorell's Office and the Casa Conejo MAC  
**FROM:** Detective Cody Pietro #5041  
**RE:** March MAC Law Enforcement Report

The Casa Conejo area is generally a quiet neighborhood with little crime to report.

Property crimes during this period continue to be catalytic converter thefts. There were 2 thefts of catalytic converters. One was a Toyota Tacoma truck. The other was from a Coachman Freelanders RV.

The best course of action is to lock the vehicle in your garage. You can look into having a protective shield placed around the catalytic converter or other option to help identify it. There are numerous resources on the internet that can provide further information.

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## Thousand Oaks Police Department Traffic Bureau

### Electric Bicycles vs. Electric Motorcycles - Information Bulletin

The Thousand Oaks Police Department Traffic Bureau would like to take a moment and provide some important information on juveniles and electric bicycles and electric motorcycles. TOPD has seen an uptick in vehicle collisions involving the youth in our community. Also, we have investigated some serious collisions involving juveniles who were driving electric motorcycles on public highways.

Often times, parents are shocked when they learn their child was actually deemed at fault in a collision involving electric motorcycles and or E-bikes.

Anytime pedestrians or bicyclists are mixed with motorists, there is inherently an increased risk. We are hoping through education, we can help avoid the risk of serious injury to your most precious belonging, your children.

First allow us to address bicyclists. The vehicle code requires them to follow the rules of the road and a rider is actually considered a "Motorist," in the event of a traffic collision. So, the kids who ride on the wrong side of the road, run stop signs or cut across lanes will most likely actually be at fault if they were to be struck by a vehicle.

Growing in popularity is the e-bike. A bicycle that can be pedaled with minimal work and travel up to 20 mph, what can go wrong? It goes without saying, once speed is increased, the likelihood of injuries increases as well. Let's discuss electric bicycles.

There are 3 classes of electric bicycles:

#### Electric Bicycles

An electric bicycle is a bicycle equipped with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than 750 watts. Three classes of electric bicycles have been established:

- Class 1: A low speed pedal-assisted electric bicycle equipped with a motor which provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and ceases to provide assistance when a speed of 20 mph is reached.
- Class 2: A low speed throttle-assisted electric bicycle equipped with a motor used exclusively to propel the bicycle and NOT capable of providing assistance when a speed of 20 mph is reached.
- Class 3: A low speed pedal-assisted electric bicycle equipped with a speedometer, and a motor which provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and ceases to provide assistance when a speed of 28 mph is reached.

A Class 3 e-bike has some different requirements for the operator. The operator of a Class 3 electric bicycle:

- **Must** be 16 years old or older.
- **Must** wear a bicycle safety helmet (any age).
- **Must** not transport passengers.
- **May** ride an electric bicycle in a bicycle lane **if** authorized by local authority/ordinance.

All electric bicycle classes are exempt from the motor vehicle financial responsibility, driver license, and license plate requirements (CVC §24016).

You can find this information and much more at the following website;

<https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/handbook/motorcycle-handbook/two-wheel-vehicle-operation/>

### **Electric Motorcycle**

There is one more electric style “Bicycle” we want to address. These are electric motorcycles and are often commonly referred to as “Surrans” because of the brands prevalence in the market, however there are many different manufacturers of electric motorcycles. A Surron is pictured below:



This vehicle does not fit into the any of the three classifications of electric bicycles described above. This means it is not considered an electric bike at all, instead it is considered a motorcycle. This vehicle is not allowed to be operated on the roads without being registered with the DMV. For many of our kids it may look cool and top the list of wants on their Christmas or birthday wish lists. Did you know this vehicle can reach speeds up to 70 mph. Here is some food for thought, for an experienced driver, the total stopping distance at 70 mph is 388 feet! This means by the time a dangerous situation is recognized, this vehicle could travel 388 feet before completely stopping.

To be street legal, these off-highway motorcycles would be required to have headlights, signals, stopping lights, mirrors, registration, a license plate, and insurance to name a few. The rider of this motorcycle would have to have a valid California Driver's License with a motorcycle endorsement and a DOT approved Motorcycle Helmet. These electric motorcycles are sold as off highway motorcycles and can never be operated on the street without the above equipment, license, and registration.

So how do we keep our children safe? Education. Please take the time to educate them on the dangers of the road. Technology is our friend, but sometimes it can be dangerous if not used with respect. Inattention by motorists is real, and although we conduct enforcement for speeding, cell phone use and distracted driving, we cannot catch everyone. Please educate your children to not assume they are being seen by motorists, observe other motorists right-of-way, slow down, ride on the right side of the road, and be diligent with protecting themselves by wearing their helmets.

The Thousand Oaks Police Department hopes this was educational for all parents in the community we serve. We are hoping through education and good partnership, we can avoid collisions and keep our children safe. If you have any questions, please reach out to our traffic unit at (805) 494-8200.



# Ventura County Sheriff's Office E-Bicycle/Motorcycle Enforcement Guide



**Class 1 / Class 2**



**Class 3**



**Moped / Motorized Bicycle**



**Motorized Scooter**

<p>Equipped with an electric motor and pedal assisted (Class 1) and/or throttle assisted (Class 2), reaches the <b>speed of 20 miles per hour.</b> <b>CVC 312.5(a)(1)/(2)</b></p>	<p>Equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the <b>speed of 28 miles per hour</b> and equipped with a speedometer. <b>CVC 312.5(a)(3)</b></p>	<p>Two-wheeled or three-wheeled device having fully operative pedals for propulsion by human power or having no pedals if powered solely by electrical energy, and an automatic transmission and a motor that produces less than 4 gross brake horsepower and can propel the device at a <b>maximum speed of not more than 30 miles per hour.</b> <b>CVC406(a)</b></p>	<p>Two-wheeled device that has handlebars, has either a floorboard that is designed to be stood upon when riding or a seat and footrests in place of the floorboard, and is powered by an electric motor. This device may also be designed to be powered by human propulsion. <b>CVC 407.5(a)</b></p>
<p>CVC 1200.5 DUI Alcohol/Drugs on Bicycle (M) CVC 21202(a) Right half of Roadway CVC 21203 Hitching rides on vehicles CVC 1204(b) Passenger must be seated on permanent seat / Passenger under 4 yrs/40 lbs must be seated away from moving parts CVC 21205 Carrying articles, not holding handlebars CVC 21211(b) Impede/Block others on bicycle trail/path CVC 21212(a) Under 18 must wear helmet CVC 1456.2(a) Failure to obey traffic control signs CVC 21650.1 Travel same direction of vehicles (on roadway) CVC 22110(a)/(b)/(c) Failure to use hand and arm signals <b>EQUIPMENT:</b> CVC 21201(a) Wheel brake required CVC 21201(b) Handlebar height no higher than shoulders CVC 21201(c) Operator able to reach ground CVC 21201(d)(1-4) Lights/reflectors during darkness CVC 21204(a) Must have permanent seat attached CVC 24016(d) Modify/Tamper to increase speed *Property-CANNOT BE TOWED/IMPOUNDED</p>	<p>CVC 1200.5 DUI Alcohol/Drugs on Bicycle (M) CVC 21201(c) Operator able to reach ground CVC 1202(a) Right half of Roadway CVC 21203 Hitching rides on vehicles CVC 1204(b) Passenger must be seated on permanent seat / Passenger under 4 yrs/40 lbs must be seated away from moving parts CVC 21205 Carrying articles, not holding handlebars CVC 1207.5 Riding on bicycle trail/path/lane, hiking/equestrian/recreation trail CVC 21211(b) Impede/Block others on bicycle trail/path CVC 21213(a) Under 16 yrs. old operating CVC 21213(b) No helmet (Any Age) CVC 1456.2(a) Failure to obey traffic control signs CVC 21650.1 Travel same direction of vehicles (on roadway) CVC 22110(a)/(b)/(c) Failure to use hand and arm signals <b>EQUIPMENT:</b> CVC 21201(a) Wheel brake required CVC 21201(b) Handlebar height no higher than shoulders CVC 21201(d)(1-4) Lights/reflectors during darkness CVC 21204(a) Must have permanent seat attached CVC 24016(d) Modify/Tamper to increase speed *Property-CANNOT BE TOWED/IMPOUNDED</p>	<p>CVC 23152(a)-(g) DUI Alcohol/Drugs (M) CVC 14601.1(a) Suspended Driver (M) CVC 12500(b) Unlicensed Driver (M) CVC 12500(b) M1 or M2 Endorsement Required (M) CVC 23127 Unauthorized Vehicle on trail/path (M) CVC 27803(b) Driver DOT Helmet required CVC 27803(c) Passenger DOT Helmet required <b>EQUIPMENT:</b> CVC 5030 Special License Plate required CVC 5037(a) License Plate attached CVC 5200(b) Rear Plate required CVC 24600(a) Tail Lamp required CVC 24603(a) Brake Light required CVC 24607(a) Rear Red Reflector required CVC 25650.5 Lighted Headlamp as engine runs CVC 26311(a) Brakes required both wheels CVC 26709(a) One rear/view mirror required CVC 27000(a) Horn required CVC 27465(b)(1) Bald Tires CVC 4000(a)(1) Registration required CVC 16028(a) Proof of Insurance VEHICLE-MAY BE TOWED OR IMPOUNDED</p>	<p>CVC 1221.5 DUI Alcohol/Drugs (M) CVC 1228 Must ride on right side of roadway CVC 1229(a) Must ride in bicycle lane CVC 1229(b) Unsafe movement out of bicycle lane CVC 1235(b) Shall NOT ride on HWY posted higher than 25 MPH unless in Bicycle Lane CVC 1235(c) Helmet required (Under 18) CVC 1235(d) Must have valid DL or Instruction permit CVC 1235(e) No passengers CVC 1235(f) carrying load preventing at least one hand on handlebar CVC 1235(g) Riding on sidewalk prohibited CVC 1235(h) Handlebars above shoulders on HWY CVC 1235(i) Leavon side blocking sidewalk/pathway CVC 1235(j) Ride while attached to a vehicle CVC 22411 Shall not exceed 15MPH (Max Speed) <b>EQUIPMENT:</b> CVC 1235(a) Must have mechanical brake CVC 1223(a)(1) Front light during darkness / visible 300' CVC 1223(a)(2) Rear red reflector visible 500' CVC 1223(a)(3) Side reflector white or yellow visible 200' CVC 1226(b) Adequate muffler/ Excessive noise CVC 1226(d) Modified exhaust system *Property-CANNOT BE TOWED/IMPOUNDED</p>

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# Ventura County Sheriff's Office E-Bicycle/Motorcycle Enforcement Guide



Motorcycle/Surrons



Motor Driven Cycles



Pocket Bikes

<p>Motor vehicle having a seat or saddle for the use of the rider, designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground.</p> <p>A motor vehicle that has four wheels in contact with the ground, two of which are a functional part of a sidecar, is a motorcycle if the vehicle otherwise comes within the definition of subdivision (a).</p>	<p>Any motorcycle with a motor that displaces less than 150 cubic centimeters.</p>	<p>Two-wheeled motorized device that has a seat or saddle for the use of the rider, and that is not designed or manufactured for highway use. "Pocket bike" does not include an off-highway motorcycle, as defined in Section 436.</p>
<p><b>CVC 400(a)/(b)</b></p> <p>CVC23152(a)-(g) DUI Alcohol/Drugs (M)            CVC23127 Unauthorized Vehicle on trail/path (M)            CVC12500(a) Unlicensed Driver (M)            CVC12500(b) M1 or M2 Endorsement Required (M) not required for 3 wheel            CVC14601 (a) Suspended Driver (M)            CVC27803(b) Driver DOT Helmet required (Unless fully enclosed)            CVC27803(c) Passenger DOT Helmet required (Unless fully enclosed)</p> <p><b>EQUIPMENT:</b></p> <p>CVC5200(b) Rear Plate required            CVC5201(a) License Plate clearly visible/Secure/Horizontal/ 12" from ground/Rear mounted            CVC24012 Turn signal 9" apart rear/16" apart at front            CVC24953(a) Turn signal forward/rear facing            CVC24600(a) Tail Lamp required            CVC24600(f) Tail Lamp min 15" from ground            CVC24601 License plate light required, must be white            CVC24603(a) Brake Light required            CVC24603(c) Brake Light min 15" from ground            CVC24607(a) Rear Red Reflector required            CVC25650 5 Lighted Headlamp as engine runs            CVC26311(a) Brakes required both wheels            CVC26709(a) One rearview mirror required            CVC27000(a) Horn required            CVC27150(a) Muffler required            CVC27155 Fuel Tank cap required            CVC27485(o)(i) Bald Tires            CVC 4000(a)(i) Registration required            CVC16028(a) Proof of Insurance</p> <p>-VEHICLE -May be TOWED OR IMPOUNDED</p>	<p><b>CVC405</b></p> <p>CVC23152(a)-(g) DUI Alcohol/Drugs (M)            CVC23127 Unauthorized Vehicle on trail/path (M)            CVC12500(a) Unlicensed Driver (M)            CVC12500(b) M1 Endorsement Required (M)            CVC14601 (a) Suspended Driver (M)            CVC27803(b) Driver DOT Helmet required            CVC27803(c) Passenger DOT Helmet required</p> <p><b>EQUIPMENT:</b></p> <p>CVC24600(a) Tail Lamp required            CVC24600(f) Tail Lamp min 15" from ground            CVC24601 License plate light required, must be white            CVC24603(a) Brake Light required            CVC24603(c) Brake Light min 15" from ground            CVC24607(a) Rear Red Reflector required            CVC25650 5 Lighted Headlamp as engine runs            CVC26311(a) Brakes required both wheels            CVC26709(a) One rearview mirror required            CVC27000(a) Horn required            CVC27150(a) Muffler required            CVC27155 Fuel Tank Cap required            CVC27465(b)(1) Bald tires            CVC4000(a)(1) Registration required            CVC16028(a) Proof of Insurance</p> <p>-VEHICLE -May be TOWED OR IMPOUNDED</p>	<p><b>CVC473(a)</b></p> <p>CVC21720 May NOT operate on sidewalk, roadway, bicycle/equestrian/hiking/recreational paths/trails or public lands</p> <p><b>IMPOUND:</b></p> <p>CVC 21721(a) Pocket Bike (Held for Min. 48 hrs)</p> <p>-VEHICLE -May be TOWED OR IMPOUNDED</p>

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	Pedal Operated	Max Speed (MPH)	Minimum Age (YRS)	Driver License Required	Registration/ License Plate Required	Helmet Required	Allowed on Bike Paths/Trails	Allowed on Sidewalk	Allowed on the Roadway
Bicycle	YES	N/A	N/A	NO	NO	UNDER 18 VC 21212(a)	YES	YES	YES
Class 1 E-Bike	YES	20	N/A	NO	NO	UNDER 18 VC 21212(a)	YES	YES	YES
Class 2 E-Bike	YES	20	N/A	NO	NO	UNDER 18 VC 21212(a)	YES	YES	YES
Class 3 E-Bike	YES	28	16 VC 21213(a)	NO	NO	YES VC 21213(b)	NO <sup>1</sup> VC 21207.5	YES	YES
Motorized Scooter	NO	15	15 ½	YES VC 21235(d)	NO	UNDER 18 VC 21235(c)	YES	NO VC 21235(g)	=/ > 25 MPH ST UNLESS IN BIKE LN VC 21235(b)
Moped/Motorized Bike	YES/NO	N/A	15 ½	YES VC 12500(b)	YES VC 4000(a)(1)	YES VC 27803(b)	NO <sup>1</sup> VC 23127	NO VC 21663	YES
Motorcycle / Surrans	NO	N/A	15 ½	YES VC 12500(b)	YES VC 4000(a)(1)	YES VC 27803(b)	NO VC 23127	NO VC 21663	YES
Motor Driven Cycles	NO	N/A	15 ½	YES VC 12500(b)	YES VC 4000(a)(1)	YES VC 27803(b)	NO VC 23127	NO VC 21663	YES
Pocket Bikes	NO	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO VC 21720	NO VC 21720	NO VC 21720
Off Highway Motorcycle	NO	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES VC 38170(b)	YES VC 27803(b)	NO VC 23127	NO VC 21663	NO VC 38025
Low Speed Vehicle VC 385.5	NO	25	15 ½	YES VC 12500(a)	YES VC 4000(a)(1)	NO	NO VC 23127	NO VC 21663	=/ > 35 MPH ST VC 21260
Golf Cart VC 345	NO	15	N/A	NO	NO	NO	ONLY IF DESIGNATED	NO VC 21663	=/ > 25 MPH ST VC 21716

<sup>1</sup> Unless local ordinance is adopted authorizing use on trails/paths

## TOW AUTHORITIES FOR DL OR REGISTRATION REQUIRED

- CVC 22651(o)(1) Unregistered/Expired Registration
- CVC 22651(p) No Licensed Driver Present (Not legally parked)
- CVC 14602.6(a) Suspended Driver or Never been issued a DL (30 Day Impound)
- CVC 23109.2(a)(1) Reckless Driving (30 Day Impound)
- CVC 21721(a) Pocket Bike (Held for Min. 48 hrs)

## OTHER MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATIONS:

- CVC 23103 Reckless Driving - (a) on HWY, (b) Off Street Parking Facility (M)
- CVC 23109(c) Exhibition of Speed (M)



# FIREWISE USA<sup>®</sup>

RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS



[VenturaFireSafe.org](http://VenturaFireSafe.org)

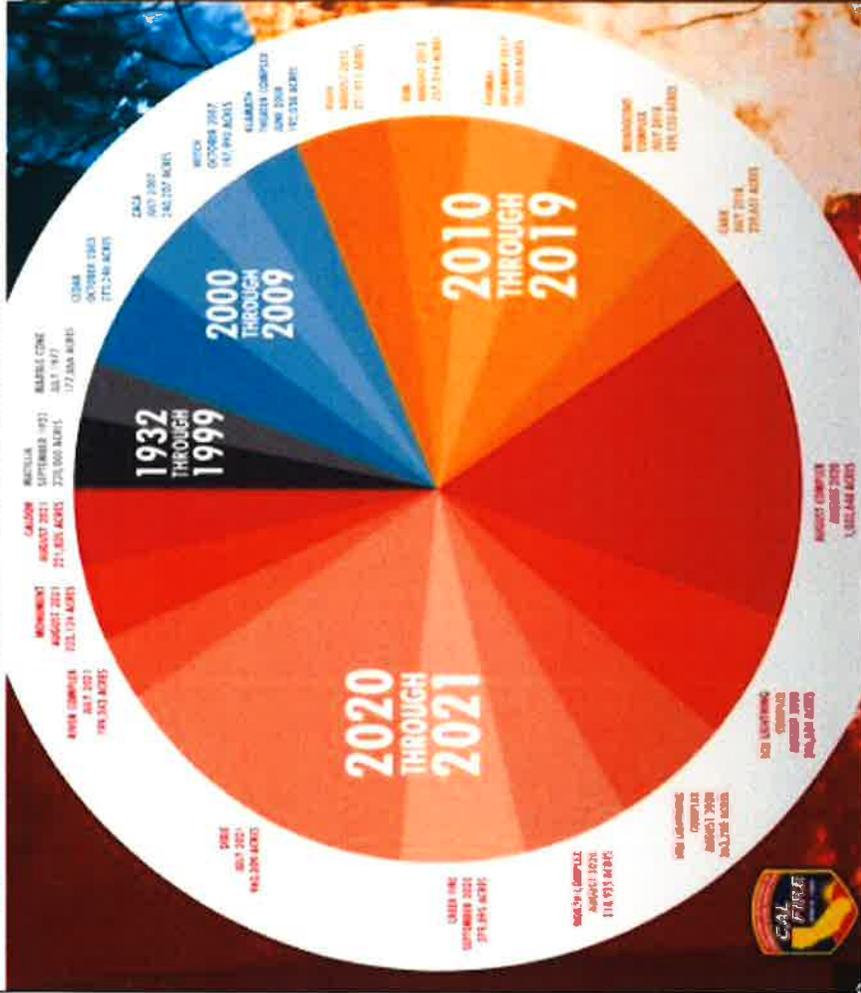
# Ventura Regional Fire Safe Council

501(c)(3) nonprofit founded in 2009

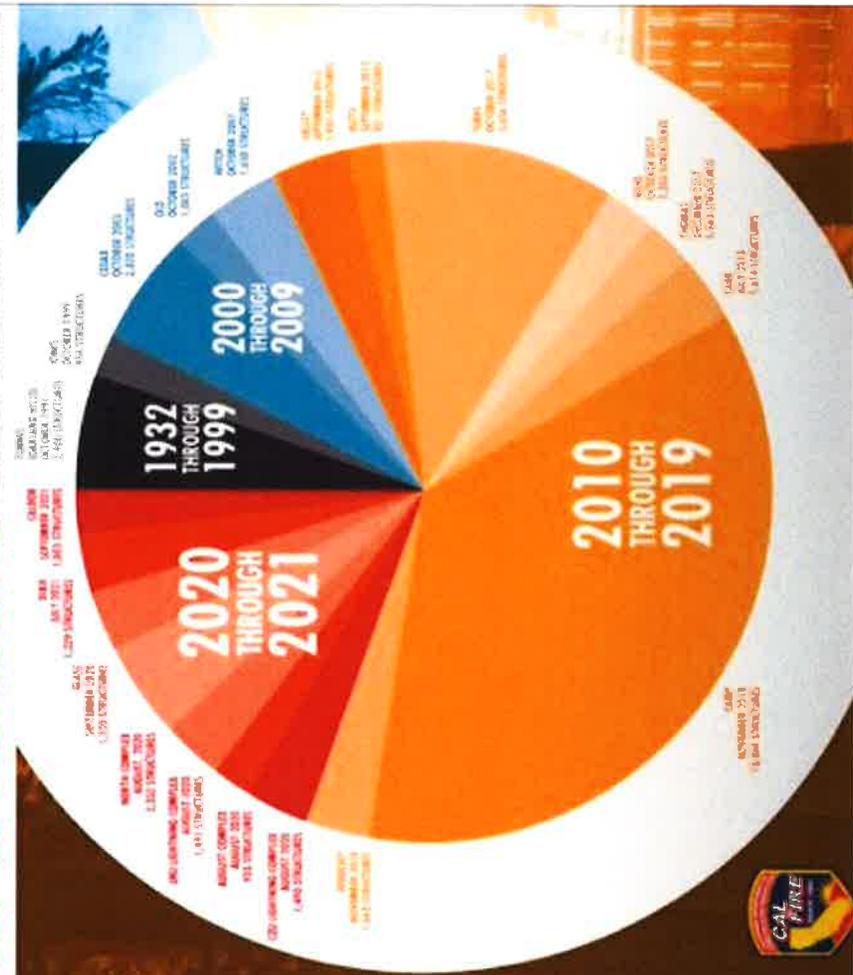
- Home Wildfire Assessments
- Firewise USA workshops
- Education & Outreach
- Chipper Days
- Fuels management



# TOP 20 LARGEST CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES



# TOP 20 DESTRUCTIVE CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES



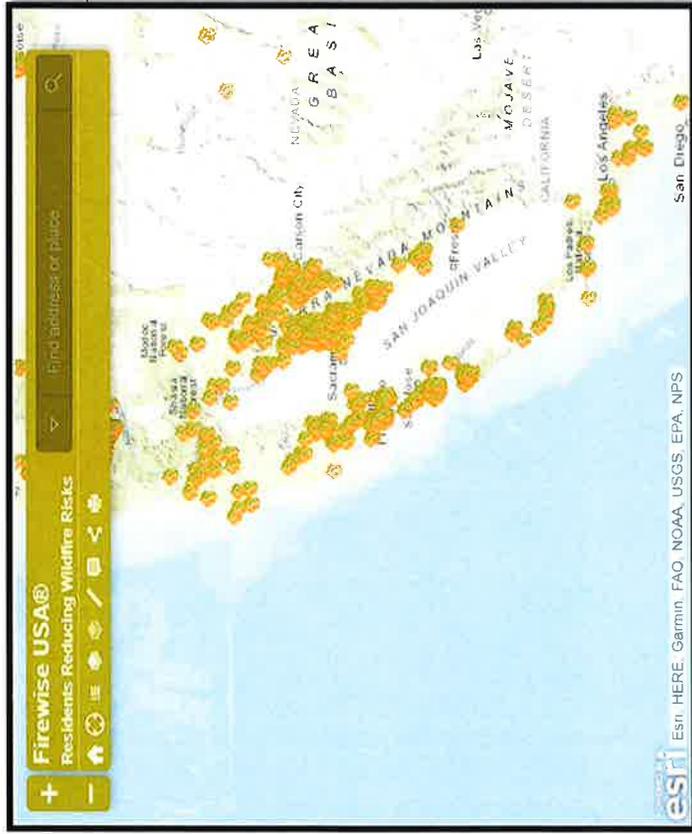
# Why is this important?



*Lahaina Fire, 2023*



*Thomas Fire, 2017*



# Our role in Firewise

## **Residents**

Lead Firewise efforts, gain community participation, works on the 5 steps, & asks for assistance when needed.

## **Fire Safe Council**

Introduce Firewise program to communities, we are not the experts in Firewise as this is not our program. We educate on wildfire reduction strategies, & apply for grants based on community needs.

## **Fire Department**

Supports firewise communities, supplements risk assessments, option to review before submission.



# Benefits of becoming Firewise

- Safer and more prepared communities
  - [Credited](#) with multiple instances of prevented structure-loss
- **Financial benefits**
  - cost-sharing
  - potential [insurance discount](#): 5-10% discount USAA, Mercury, CA Fair Plan, State Farm, and more
  - access to potential grants and resources from Fire Safe Council



# What is the Firewise USA program?

Framework for residents to organize and take action to boost wildfire preparedness in their community

- Free and voluntary
- No regulation or enforcement, honor system
- A recognition, not a certification
- Decade long program
- 2,000+ communities across the country
- Apply online



# 6 Steps to Firewise USA

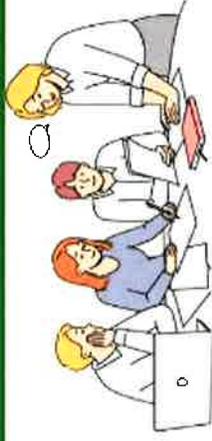
**1** FORM A TEAM



**2** ASSESS WILDFIRE RISK



**3** DEVELOP AN ACTION PLAN



**4** REPORT INVESTMENT & VEGETATION REMOVED



**5** HOST AN ANNUAL OUTREACH EVENT



**6** APPLY ONLINE



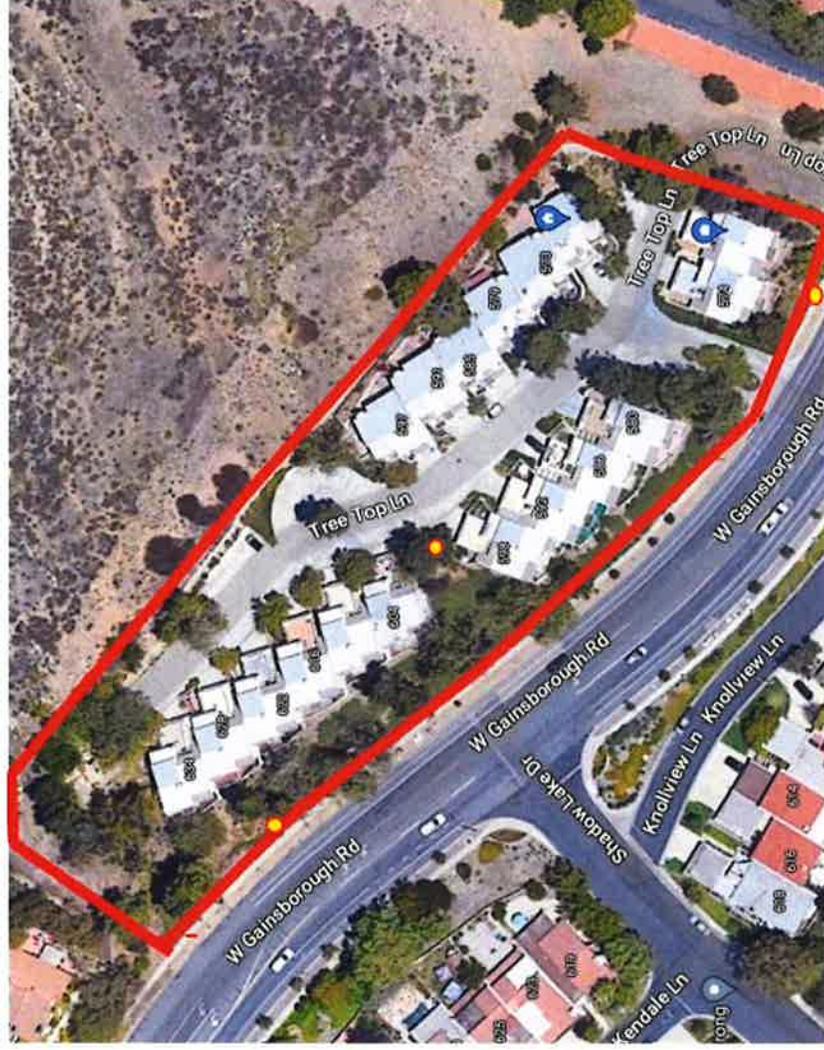
# Step 1

## Form a Team



## Step 2 Assess Wildfire Risk

- Required 14 page Document
- Boundary map



# Step 3 Develop an Action Plan

- Required Document
- Based on recommendations from risk assessment
- Be specific, ideally make these SMART goals

Year 2 -
<b>Education and Outreach Goals</b>
1.
2.
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6.
<b>Home Hardening Goals</b>
1.
2.
3.
<b>Fuel Reduction Goals</b>
1.
2.
3.
<b>Evacuation Planning (Ex. Preparedness and Routing) and Wildfire Preparedness</b>
1.
2.
3.

Timeline	Program	Description
Year 1 2024	Education & Outreach	<p>1. Create a newsletter to formally introduce Firewise USA Neighborhood program.</p> <p>2. Develop and distribute a Fire Safety Assessment Guide to assist homeowners in identifying problems associated with their homes. Request owners to return their assessments to the Firewise team. Goal: 30% of owners conduct assessment of their unit in 2023.</p> <p>3. Conduct kick-off meeting to educate homeowners and gain broadened support for active participation as a Firewise Neighborhood in spring or summer of 2023.</p> <p>4. Purchase/print and distribute Firewise Neighborhood fire safety information to each resident at least 3 times in 2023.</p> <p>5. Change HOA governing documents to reflect Firewise standards. Change Architectural Guidelines, Landscape Guidelines, and Community Rules &amp; Regulations to reflect changes needed to support Firewise efforts in 2023.</p>
	Home Hardening	<p>6. Replace 1/2" screen foundation vents (208); 60% complete in 2023.</p> <p>7. Repair utility storage door vents (48) units &gt; 1/8" screen complete in 2023.</p> <p>8. Repair 1/2" screen garage door vents (6); 100% complete in 2023.</p> <p>9. Inspect a sampling of in-stucco wall vents (48) from all tracts and models in the community; inspect 10% of units in 2023 and determine best action.</p> <p>10. Inspect one half-moon roof vents (4) and determine best action; 100% completion in 2023.</p> <p>11. Clean roofs and gutters of all units (107) each fall; 100% completion 2023.</p> <p>12. Identify units that need multiple gutter cleanings; 100% complete in 2023.</p>
	Fuel Reduction	<p>Every year typically during the first quarter (January to March) an assessment will be completed to identify issues, plans, priorities, and status of current efforts.</p> <p><b>Resident Actions:</b></p> <p>21. Encourage residents to cut back trees and shrubs on their patios 5' away from roof and structure; 20% complete in 2023.</p> <p>22. Encourage residents to remove flammable materials 0-5' from structure; 20% complete in 2023.</p> <p>23. Encourage residents to remove highly flammable species from patio areas; 30% complete in 2023.</p>
	Evacuation Planning & Wildfire Preparedness	<p>24. Investigate evacuation plans used by other local communities; 100% complete in 2023.</p>

# REQUIRED DOCUMENTS



## COMMUNITY WILDFIRE RISK ASSESSMENT

There are several steps to take to become recognized as a Firewise USA® site. The community wildfire risk assessment is one of the most important steps in the process. It's a tool to help residents understand their wildfire risk and engage in risk reduction efforts.

[Read & Download](#)

[View Sample Document 1](#)

[View Sample Document 2](#)



## FIREWISE USA® 3-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.

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[View Sample Document 1](#)

[View Sample Document 2](#)

# Step 4

## Report annual investment & vegetation removed

- 1 volunteer hour, or \$29 per home annually
- Vegetation recorded in cubic yards
  - Not all homes have to participate!
- Challenge: recording this!
  - HOA/POA
  - [Ondulando google form example](#)
  - [Golden Oaks paper form example](#)

Removed Vegetation

Use the following options to estimate the amount of material removed

	<b>Lawn and Leaf Bag</b> Avg. 39 gal bag size 1 cubic yard = 202 gallons	<input type="text" value="0"/>	Bag(s)
	<b>Pickup Truck</b> 3 cubic yards avg	<input type="text" value="0"/>	Truckload(s)
	<b>Dump Truck</b> 12 cubic yards avg	<input type="text" value="0"/>	Truckload(s)
	<b>Roll Off Dumpster/Container</b> 20 cubic yards avg	<input type="text" value="0"/>	Dumpster(s)

**Total Removed:** 0 Cubic Yards

## Step 5

### Host an Annual Outreach Event

- Event should discuss items from your action plan
- Recommend invite your local Fire Safe Council



## Step 6 Apply Online

Apply online at [portal.firewise.org](https://portal.firewise.org)

### How do we maintain our Firewise status?

- **Annual:** report education activities and investment
- **Every 3 years:** update action plan
- **Every 5 years:** update risk assessment

# **FIREWISE USA®** **MONTHLY WORKSHOPS**

**EVERY 3rd FRIDAY**  
**AT**

**1PM ON ZOOM**

**REGISTER AT**

**[tiny.cc/firewiseusa](https://tiny.cc/firewiseusa)**



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# Questions?

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Learn more at [VenturaFireSafe.org](http://VenturaFireSafe.org)



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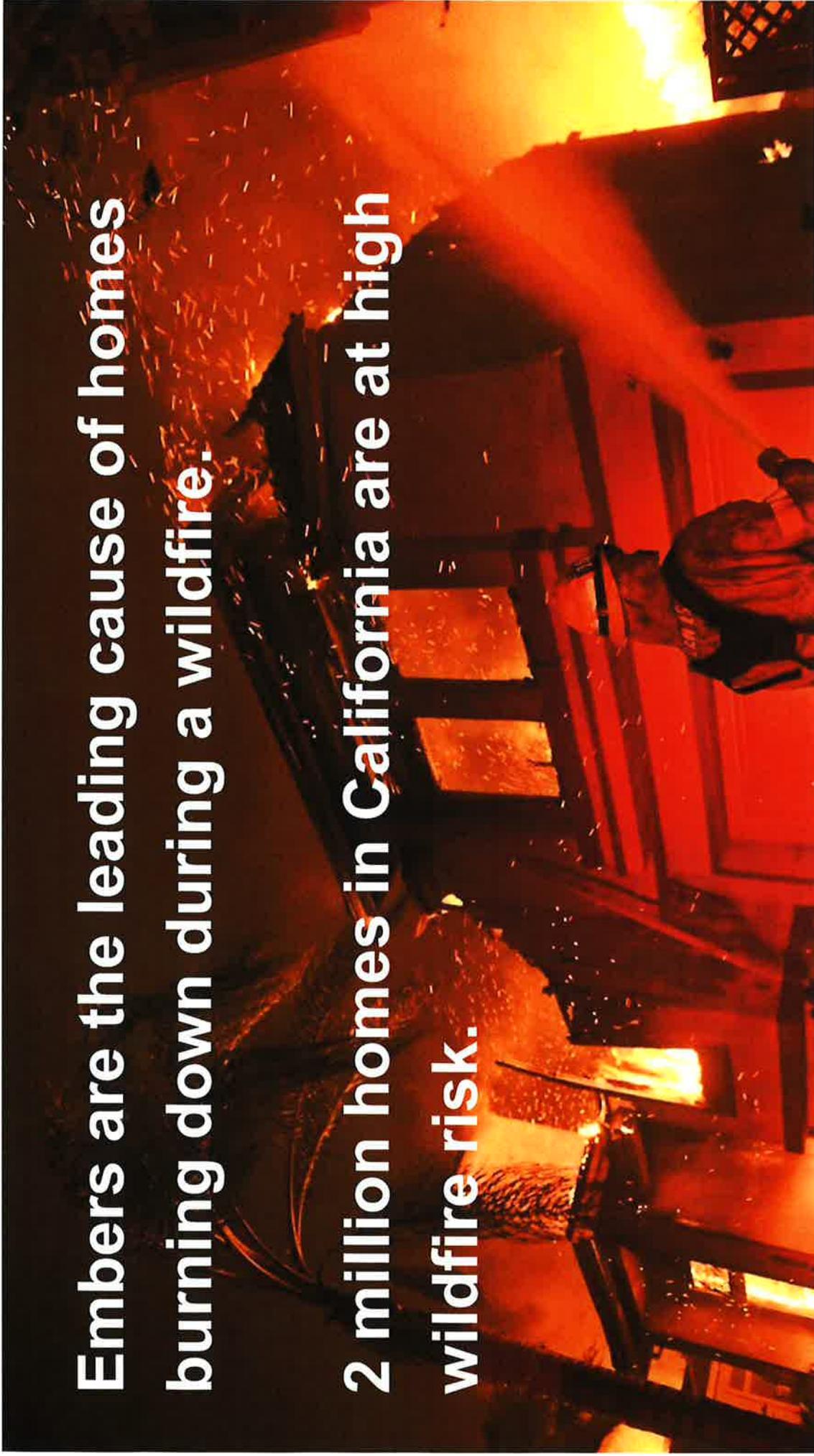
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**Embers are the leading cause of homes burning down during a wildfire.**

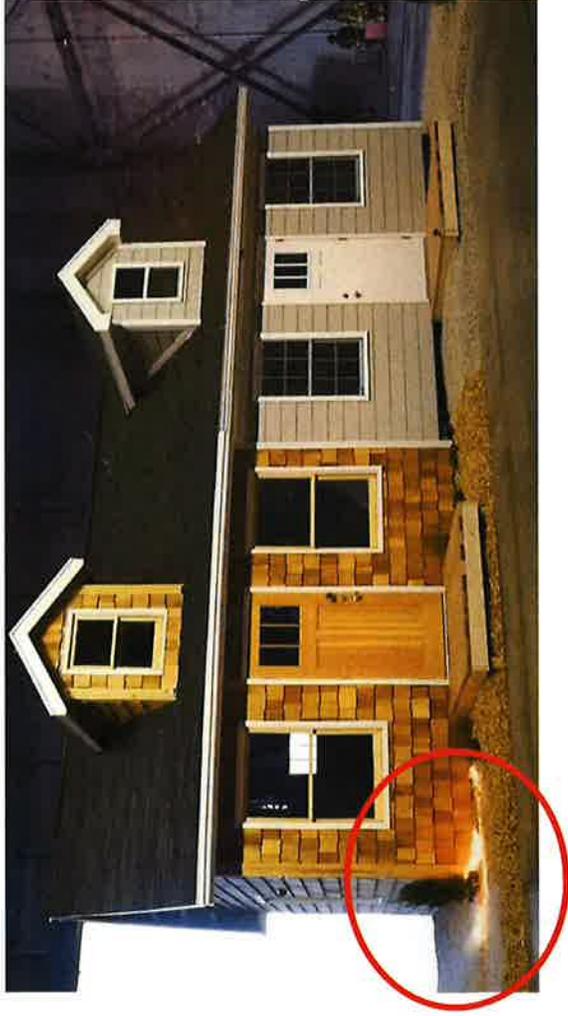
**2 million homes in California are at high wildfire risk.**



# Tips to Protect Your Home

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remove mulch or vegetation around 5ft of home



# Tips to Protect Your Home

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remove or replace wooden attachments within 5ft



# Tips to Protect Your Home

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add 1/8 or 1/16 metal mesh to vents



# Positive Example



## Environmentally balanced design

Support biodiversity and native plants. The key is location, height, spacing, & maintenance.



# Plant Considerations

Avoid: Plant Species



Plants We Like!

Health/Maturity    Roof Clearance

Maintenance    Location

[DefensibleSpace.org](http://DefensibleSpace.org)

# Support Wildfire Action in the County

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Donate to support our  
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