

Fire Mitigation Project Profiles 2024 - Organizational

Project Name	County Planning Unit	Lead Agency	Development Date	Project Start Date	Project Status	Funding Source	Partners	Description
CalFire Napa-Lake-Sonoma CalFire Unit Strategic Fire Plan	State Responsibility Zones in Colusa County	CalFire			Completed- 2022	CalFire	state and local stakeholders	The LNU Unit's Pre-Fire Engineer is responsible for updating the multi-county fire plan through the incorporation of current fire policies at the State level and identification of new and in-progress project work that will impact fire hazards thus advancing the fire and fuels management agenda of the Unit. Local stakeholders to that planning process included fire personnel, other public agency staff and members of the public who provided input related to local conditions.
Glenn County Community Wildfire Protection Plan- Implementation of Projects in Plan	Outside County- Neighboring County	Glenn County RCD			Completed			Like Western Colusa County and much of Northern California, Glenn County is at very high risk of experiencing catastrophic wildfire. Conditions within the west side of both counties are similar in terms of topography, vegetation, and development. Similarities between the two Counties' landscapes also exist within USFWS refuges as well as those located along the Sacramento River. At the present time, considerable effort is being made by public and private land managers within Glenn County including areas adjacent to Colusa County's northern boundary to manage wildland vegetation in order to reduce the threat of uncontrolled wildfire and to recreate natural fire return intervals throughout the County. These efforts have included an array of prescribed burns, shaded fuel breaks, and other fuel reduction practices developed on public and private lands.
Colusa County Sherriff's Department Rapid Notify Emergency Communications System	Colusa County	Sheriff's Department			Completed- Sign-ups are continuous			Emergency notification communication system: Information and registration for the RAVE Mobile Safety system can be obtained by accessing the County of Colusa website, www.countyofcolusa.org . Users then scroll down to the "Notify Me" box on the right side of the page and then click on the "Emergency Preparedness RAVE Mobile Safety" link on the lower left-hand blue column. The messaging system cannot be access unless users are signed up.
Colusa County Office of Emergency Services Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan (TICP)	Colusa County	Colusa County Office of Emergency Services			Ongoing			This communications plan is intended for use by first responders and may be used by governmental or non- governmental organizations and personnel requiring communications or coordination during an incident or planned event. The TICP is intended to document the interoperable communications resources available within a designated area, who controls each resource, and what policies or operational procedures exist for the deployment and demobilization of each resource.
Colusa County Community and Agency Participation in Fire Safe Councils	Colusa County, Tehama County, Glenn County	Resource Conservation District of Tehama			Proposed		(proposed) Land owners, land management organizations, Glenn County RCD, Colusa County RCD	At the present time, MNF and Bureau of Land Management personnel along with other State and federal agency personnel operating within Colusa County attend TGFSC meetings providing input and expertise. Community discussions conducted during development of the Colusa County CWPP indicate interest by a number of agency personnel, individual landowners and land owner organizations in formally joining the Tehama-Glenn FSC, creating a separate FSC for Colusa County or developing an FSC for the Glenn/Colusa County area. As a result, of such organizational efforts, the Colusa County community could better utilize the benefits of that can be provided by the California Fire Safe Council in terms of funding, advocacy and technical assistance.
Support of Colusa County Fire Districts and Departments	Colusa County	TGFSC			Proposed		(proposed) CCRCD	It is recommended that the TGFSC (or locally established FSC) and CCRCD, develop efforts that would assist the various County fire districts and departments. Importantly, this could include development of grant funding for increased/improved firefighting assets and training.
Formal Classification of Communities as Federal at-risk Communities	Wildland Urban Interface	Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior			Proposed		(proposed) USDA, U.S. Department of Interior, land owners	the 20 Year Comprehensive Strategy Implementation Plan prepared jointly by the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior in May of 2002 created a mandate that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the U.S. Department of the Interior work with state governors on a long term strategy to deal with the wildland fire and fuels situation and the urgent need for habitat restoration and rehabilitation after wildfire. To this end, attention was focused on areas adjacent to federal lands that were within the Wildland Urban Interface.
Development of A Countywide Public Outreach and Fire Safe Education	Colusa County	Fire Safe Councils			Proposed		(proposed) CCRCD, Mendocino National Forest, Bureau of Land Management, Calfire	In order to increase public awareness of fire hazards and the need for continued fire management and fuels reduction project work, the Tehama-Glenn FSC or locally developed FSC, should further develop a program of public education and outreach.

Colusa County Residents Guide to Wildfire Preparedness and Evacuation	Colusa County	Colusa County Fire Department			Proposed			It is recommended that a similar preparedness and evacuation guide be developed and distributed to residents of Colusa County. The information included in such a document is intended to provide County residents with an overview of the steps they can take to prepare themselves, their families and neighbors should an evacuation become necessary.
Establishment of Colusa County Prescribe Burn Association	Colusa County	Landowners			Proposed			In addition, the creation of such organizations can result in the development of coordinated fire/fuels management projects among a number of landowners. As a result, the cost of project implementation and permitting required by regulatory entities could be reduced by dividing it among participating landowners.
Review and Critique of Colusa County Sheriff's Department Issuance and Implementation of Evacuation Orders	Colusa County	County Residents			Proposed		(proposed) Colusa County Sheriff Department	It is recommended that the CCRCD, Colusa County Board of Supervisors or other local entity develop a process for community and County government review of the County's emergency evacuation order process.
Project WCPP-4: CCRCD and Colusa County Fire Department Development of a Countywide Outreach and Education Program	Colusa County	Colusa County Fire Department			Proposed		(proposed) Colusa County Fire Department, CalFire	It is suggested that the RCD of Colusa County and Colusa County Fire Department develop a local program of public education materials and events to better inform landowners and other residents in maintaining their properties in a fire safe condition.
Project WCPP-5: CCRCD, CAL FIRE and Colusa County Fire District Development Firewise Communities Within Western Colusa County	Colusa County	National Fire Protection Association			Proposed		(proposed) CCRCD, CalFire	A recommendation was made for the Colusa County RCD, CAL FIRE and other County fire entities to pursue development of numerous Firewise Communities through a formal process established by the National Fire Protection Association's Firewise USA® program. The goal of this initiative is to educate landowners and other members of the public about adapting to and living with wildfire.
Project WCPP-9: Creation of A Fire Safety Plan for Lands Under Control of the Kletsel Dehe Wintun Nation	Colusa County	Kletsel Dehe Wintun Nation			Proposed		(proposed) CalFire, CCRCD, Nation Members	Representatives from the Kletsel Dehe Wintun Nation recommended that a fire safety plan be created in cooperation between Nation members, CAL FIRE, the local fire district and the Colusa County RCD.
Project WCPP-11: Establishment of A Colusa County Sheriff's Department Liaison with the Kletsel Dehe Wintun Nation	Kletsel Dehe Wintun Nation members	Kletsel Dehe Wintun Nation			Proposed		(proposed) Colusa County Sheriff Department	Kletsel Dehe Wintun Nation representatives recommended that the Colusa County Sheriff's Department create a formal County Liaison with that community who could meet and coordinate outreach with Nation members and become its designated contact with County Government.
Project WCPP-12: Improved Enforcement of State Defensible Space Requirements Through Increased CAL FIRE/Colusa County Fire Department Inspections	Colusa County	CCCWPP			Proposed		(proposed) CalFire	It is recommended that the CCRCD collaborate with appropriate CAL FIRE Fire personnel and Colusa County fire districts to develop strategies and initiatives that result in increased inspections and enforcement of vegetation clearance requirements by both on site and absentee landowners within SRA and LRA lands.
Project WCPP-13: Defensible Space Assistance and Community Chipping Program for Elderly, Disabled and Low-Income Property Owners	Colusa County	CCRCD			Proposed		(proposed) Property-owners	A recommendation was made for the CCRCD or another local entity to develop a work program and seek funding for wildfire education efforts and fuels management assistance. This assistance program would be directed towards community members who are unable to treat vegetation in order to obtain compliance with State Defensible Space regulations. As proposed, this effort would entail conducting various community specific fire safety workshops which showcase the principles of defensible space.

Project WCPP-16: Watershed Assessments	Mendocino National Forest	USFS personnel			Proposed			The recommendation was made that such analysis be completed of unassessed watersheds within that portion of the Mendocino National Forest located in Colusa County. Assessments could be completed by USFS personnel or other appropriate entity's staff according to U.S. Forest Service Region 5 protocols and format. With such analysis completed, Mendocino National Forest resource personnel would be able to develop and implement project work that improve current conditions once specific work scopes and NEPA environmental analysis had been completed.
Project WCPP-17: Upper Watershed Vegetation/Fuels Management Actions That Protect the Watersheds and Water Quality of Those Streams Within the Mendocino National Forest that are Significant Water Sources for Western Colusa County	Big Stony Creek, Little Stony Creek, Mill Creek						(proposed) CCRCD, County stakeholders	Related to Project WCPP-16: above, a recommendation was made for the Colusa County RCD and other County stakeholders to collaborate with Mendocino National Forest personnel in the develop of projects that would protect water quality and habitat conditions within those major watersheds located on National Forest lands that provide significant amounts of stream flow and groundwater to Western Colusa County. Among these important watersheds are Big Stony Creek, Little Stony Creek, and Mill Creek among others having issues that are identified through formal watershed assessment processes.
Project WCPP-20: Community Preparedness Rehearsals, Information and Evacuation Plans.	Colusa County	Colusa County community members			Proposed			Recommendations by community members included trainings and rehearsals of emergency procedures in the event of wildfire. Other recommendations included the creation of a comprehensive list of fire prevention and firefighting resources that should be maintained around the home or ranch such as fire swatters and other tools to be used in the event of ignitions and fire spread. It was also recommended that a list of items to be included in personal fire preparedness kits be distributed to residents. Finally, it was suggested that households and ranches prepare an evacuation plan for domestic animals and livestock that are based upon CAL FIRE recommendations.
Project WCPP-21: Map and Database of Natural Fire Management Units.	Colusa County				Proposed		(proposed) Local fire agencies, Land managers, Land owners, area stakeholders	As a result of such efforts, landscape scale fire and fuels management strategies could be developed that better reflect development and ecological realities of this CWPP's planning units. Examples of fire management units use include the identification and cataloging of homes and other structures as well as critical stream segments containing important riparian and aquatic resources. In addition, areas containing threatened and endangered species can be mapped and included in the database in order to assure protection during controlled and uncontrolled burns.
Project WCPP-22: Development of Mendocino National Forest Type Conversion Data Layers into Publicly Available Maps	Mendocino National Forest	Mendocino National Forest personnel			Proposed		(proposed) land owners	Areas where conversions have either occurred or have been planned are on data layers that could be developed into maps. If made available to landowners, this visual information could help owners of private lands adjacent to the MNF direct their resources to areas where adjacent Forest Service fuels work has already been completed or is planned, thus increasing the overall effectiveness of both public and private efforts.