

# OCSD Neighborhood #1

## Community Wildfire Action Plan 2023-2025



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**Please enter a brief description of your community and delete the example below**

Our community has been operating as an informal group for over 5 years, but as a part of Fire Safe Occidental since 2018. We have approximately 100 properties in our Neighborhood, and we have been one of the two or three most active groups. Many of us have done considerable work on our homes and acreage in the last 5 years, but as a Fire Wise Community, we hope to engage a larger percentage of our population. The description below shows how we plan to implement this goal; where we will focus our energies; and while addressing the concerns expressed in our CWPP, how we will be meeting the challenges we described as an integral part of Fire Safe Occidental. We hope to serve as a model for the other Neighborhoods in our group to become Fire Wise Communities as well.

### Year 1 – 2023

#### Education and Outreach Goals

1. We will prepare and send out three Newsletters with season-specific topics
2. We will inform our community about the new chipping program that will be starting in 2023
3. We will hold an in-person meeting regarding the alerts and alarms available to all
4. We will hold an in-person meeting to focus on how Fire-Wise designation will help our group
5. We will participate in the Resilient Landscape webinars
6. We will review evacuation procedures for our area

#### Home Hardening Goals

1. We will encourage removal of all materials from under and around decks
2. We will increase the number of residences that have attic and basement vent screening by 15%
3. We will ask the community to clean their gutters in July, August and September, our riskiest months

#### Fuel Reduction Goals

1. We will eliminate debris along Harrison Grade Road left by the County maceration program
2. We will eliminate debris in the Harrison Grade Ecological Reserve left by the Circuit Rider group
3. We will continue to eliminate bay-laurel, pine and Douglas fir trees around 6 homes

#### Evacuation Planning and Wildfire Preparedness

1. We will investigate a possible evacuation route for residents in Pods B, C, E and F

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2. We will install reflectors along the lower part of Harrison Grade to determine their value
3. We will ask the County to cut back the acacia forest on one property that threatens road clearance

### Year 2 - 2024

#### Education and Outreach Goals

1. We will prepare and send out three Newsletters with season-specific topics
2. We will discuss the value of fire-resistant materials at a meeting
3. We will help the local fire department schedule and carry out chipping days
4. We will discuss how best to collect hours of time devoted to fire safety and reporting of same
5. We will remind the community to check their go-bags and to replace food and other perishables
6. We will participate in Fire Safe Occidental community meetings

#### Home Hardening Goals

1. We will select 4 homes to try using fire-resistant paint/stain on decks
2. We will select 4 homes to replace vegetation with gravel or equivalent next to the structure
3. We will select 4 homes to clean gutters and add gutter-covers

#### Fuel Reduction Goals

1. We will participate in the County's chipper days, eliminating a minimum of 40 yards of plant debris
2. We will continue to eliminate bay-laurel, pine and Douglas fir trees around 6 homes
3. We will engage the participation of one large-property owner for the purposes of debris-clearing

#### Evacuation Planning and Wildfire Preparedness

1. We will implement and test the One Call Now system
2. We will assist our community in downloading alert apps, such as Nixle and Watch Duty
3. We will participate in the Adopt-a-Road program in order to keep our evacuation road clear of debris

### Year 3 - 2025

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### Education and Outreach Goals

1. We will prepare and send out three Newsletters with season-specific topics
2. We will hold an in-person meeting to address flammable vegetation removal
3. We will hold a community work-day to demonstrate soil water retention projects
4. We will further develop our website to show individual properties and who has back-up systems for PSPS events
5. We will attend defensible space and other seminars held by Safer West County or Fire Safe Sonoma
6. We will participate in Fire Safe Occidental community meetings

### Home Hardening Goals

1. We will survey the community to assure all homes have a Class A roof
2. We will select 4 homes to make ¼" panels to cover any single-pane windows
3. We will improve our overall fire-safe score by 10% (see rating program)

### Fuel Reduction Goals

1. We will contact Fish & Wildlife and implement an additional program for vegetation clearing in the HGER
2. We will participate in the County's chipper days, eliminating a minimum of 40 yards of plant debris
3. We will engage the participation of one additional large-property owner for the purposes of debris-clearing

### Evacuation Planning and Wildfire Preparedness

1. We will encourage the County to mark the edge of the road where dangerous and narrow roads prevail.
2. We will hold an evacuation trial to time how quickly we can exit our neighborhood.
3. We will participate in the Adopt-a-Road program in order to keep our evacuation road clear of debris.