

Placer Canyon View HOA, Auburn, CA

Community Wildfire Action Plan 2023-2025



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Our local community in North Auburn, CA consists of 33 residential parcels (29 existing homes: 1 home under construction: and 3 vacant lots) located adjacent to Interstate Hwy 80 at Bowman Road, approximately 30 miles northeast of Sacramento, CA. The community is within the wildlands urban interface in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountain range and directly abuts a large, oak and pine forested tract and hiking trail belonging to the Placer Land Trust. In terms of protection from wildfires, our community has the advantages of underground utilities, close proximity to a major freeway for emergency evacuation, and being located within a quarter mile of Bowman Station 10: Cal Fire/Placer County FD Headquarters. At the September 11, 2022, HOA Meeting the Board approved formation of a Firewise Task Force composed of one Board member and three members of our community. Our initial 2022 Firewise Risk Assessment disclosed that except for deck skirting, approximately 90% of homes in the community already fully meet Firewise standards for building hardening for wildfires. Our primary emphasis therefore needs to be on landscaping, fuel reduction, emergency preparedness, and ongoing education. This proposed Firewise USA™ Community Wildfire Action Plan was developed in response to prolonged drought conditions, and recent wildfire activity in the general surrounding area including the “River”, “Foresthill Bridge”, and “Mosquito” fires. The goal of the Plan is to incrementally provide outreach and education efforts and implement changes to make our neighborhood and the surrounding area more fire resilient.

Year 1 – 2023

Education and Outreach Goals

- 1. Create a “Firewise” page in the newly developed HOA website and populate it with information and tips for the community on the goals, purposes, and recommendations of the Firewise Program.**
- 2. Make Firewise Task Force presentations, including Q&A sessions, at quarterly HOA Board Meetings.**
- 3. Include News Articles on Firewise related topics in the Placer Canyon View HOA Quarterly Newsletter.**
- 4. Coordinate with the HOA’s Architectural Control Committee on new building, remodeling, and landscaping requests to encourage Firewise compliant solutions.**
- 5. Monitor and communicate recommendations from the City’s “Auburn Fuels Reduction Task Force”.**
- 6. Work with our local CalFire Regional Headquarters on an annual site visit with recommendations.**

Home Hardening Goals

- 1. Make individual homeowners aware of any home hardening observations that apply to their property.**
- 2. Encourage clearly visible (with night lighting if possible) address numbers on all houses and/or curbsides.**
- 3. Encourage homeowners to have garden hoses on each side of the home that cover their entire property.**

Fuel Reduction Goals

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1. Work with the Placer Land Trust on tree trimming/removal as needed in the Drainage/Common areas.
2. Provide pre-emergent weed control as approved by the Placer Land Trust in the Drainage/Common areas.
3. Sponsor and track Community Workdays in the common areas and surrounding Placer Land Trust areas.

Evacuation Planning and Wildfire Preparedness

1. Provide City, CalFire or other evacuation readiness recommendations to members of the Community.
2. Make sure the entire community is aware of the secondary emergency evacuation route in the driveway/alley way at 132 Sierra Sunrise Way opposite Harlequin Way.
3. Encourage residents to notify someone in the community when they will be out of town, so that all residents can be accounted for in an emergency.

Year 2 - 2024

Education and Outreach Goals

1. Provide a hard copy information packet on Firewise to new members of the community, and continue to update the Firewise page on the HOA website.
2. Continue Firewise Task Force presentations, including Q&A sessions, at quarterly HOA Board Meetings.
3. Include News Articles on Firewise related topics in the Placer Canyon View HOA Quarterly Newsletter.
4. Coordinate with the HOA's Architectural Control Committee on new building, remodeling, and Landscaping requests to encourage Firewise compliant solutions
5. Monitor and communicate recommendations from the City's "Auburn Fuels Reduction Task Force".
6. Coordinate with our local CalFire Regional Headquarters on an annual site visit with recommendations.

Home Hardening Goals

1. Make individual homeowners aware of any home hardening observations that apply to their property.
2. Encourage homeowners to keep the 0–5-foot zone free of most vegetation.
3. Encourage homeowners with exposed decks to screen or close off the area under the deck.

Fuel Reduction Goals

1. Encourage the removal of juniper and other ladder fuels in the 30–100-foot zone.

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2. Continue to work with the Placer Land Trust on tree trimming and weed abatement in the drainage area.
3. Sponsor and track Community Workdays in the common areas and surrounding Placer Land Trust areas.

Evacuation Planning and Wildfire Preparedness

1. Update CalFire or other evacuation readiness recommendations to members of the Community.
2. Encourage residents to notify someone in the community when they will be out of town, so that all residents can be accounted for in an emergency.
3. Encourage residents to have a prepared personal evacuation plan of what to take and where to go in an emergency.

Year 3 - 2025

Education and Outreach Goals

1. Provide a hard copy information packet on Firewise to new members of the community, and continue to update the Firewise page on the HOA website.
2. Continue Firewise Task Force presentations, including Q&A sessions, at quarterly HOA Board Meetings.
3. Include News Articles on Firewise related topics in the Placer Canyon View HOA Quarterly Newsletter.
4. Coordinate with the HOA's Architectural Control Committee on new building, remodeling, and Landscaping requests to encourage Firewise compliant solutions.
5. Monitor and communicate recommendations from the City's "Auburn Fuels Reduction Task Force".
6. Coordinate with our local CalFire Regional Headquarters on an annual site visit with recommendations.

Home Hardening Goals

1. Make individual homeowners aware of any home hardening observations that apply to their property.
2. Encourage homeowners with exposed decks to screen or close off the area under the deck .
3. Encourage homeowners to change gates/fences connected to the house to non-combustible materials.

Fuel Reduction Goals

1. Continue to work with the Placer Land Trust on tree trimming and removal in the drainage/common area.
2. Provide pre-emergent weed control as approved by the Placer Land Trust in the drainage/common area.

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3. Sponsor and track Community Workdays in the common areas and surrounding Placer Land Trust areas.

Evacuation Planning and Wildfire Preparedness

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- 2. Encourage residents to notify someone in the community when they will be out of town, so that all residents can be accounted for in an emergency.**
- 3. Encourage residents to have a prepared personal evacuation plan of what to take and where to go in an emergency.**