

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Through a collaboration of our internal and external stakeholders, the CAL FIRE Tuolumne – Calaveras Unit (TCU) initially developed and continues to update the Unit's Strategic Fire Plan (Plan). This methodology allows for a fire plan that will be successful in reducing the loss of life, property and natural resources from wildland fire, and improves environmental resilience to the same.

The plan is designed to provide a comprehensive framework of how TCU will assess our current and anticipated hazards/risks, develop objectives to mitigate those hazards/risks, establish benchmarks for success, develop strategies to meet our objectives, implement those strategies, and facilitate a monitoring system to insure the plan remains connected to the needs of the unit and stakeholders.

TCU is committed to the following goals:

- Continually assess values at risk including life, property and our natural resources.
- Actively partner in the promotion and support of fire wise land use planning.
- Seek opportunities for contribution and collaboration with local, county and regional leaders in developing of fire protection plans.
- Maintain an active Public Information team committed to the promotion of current and future projects/actions that reduce or have reduced our identified hazards and risks.
- Continue integration with all stakeholders to develop a seamless implementation of our plan across the unit.
- Continually evaluate and mitigate strategy for all of our resources (personnel, equipment and facilities) to provide for the best possible level of service related to the hazards and risks identified.
- Adopt site-specific plans to address post-fire recovery.

Through the implementation of the Tuolumne – Calaveras Unit's Strategic Fire Plan, CAL FIRE will be a partner in reducing the cost of fire suppression, property loss, and damage to our ecosystem. Most importantly, the plan will provide for a safer community, thereby reducing injuries and the loss of life to both the public and firefighters.