

- **Fire Management Prescriptions**

The fire management aspect focuses on alternatives to protect assets at risk. Projects include a combination of fuels modification, ignition management, fire-safe engineering activities such as regulation and zoning, educational programs, public information and road accessibility, department infrastructure including fire stations and water systems, alarms, and forest health. Pre Fire management prescriptions designed to protect these assets will also identify those who benefit and who should share in the project costs.

- **Fiscal Framework**

The California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection and CDF are developing a fiscal framework for assessing and monitoring annual and long term changes in California's wildland fire protection systems.

- **Applications of the Fire Plan Framework**

- Identify for state, federal, local officials and the public those areas of concentrated assets and high risk.
- Allow the Santa Clara Unit to create a more efficient fire protection system, focused on meaningful solutions for identified problem areas.
- Give citizens an opportunity to identify public and private assets to design and carry out projects to protect those assets.
- Identify, before fires start, where the most cost effective pre-fire and fire management investments can be implemented.
- Encourage an intergovernmental approach to reducing costs plus losses.
- Enable policy makers and the public to focus on what can be done to reduce future costs plus losses from wildfire.
- Through the land use and safety element of the Santa Clara, Alameda, Contra Costa, San Joaquin and Stanislaus County's general plan, incorporate elements of the California Fire Plan so that the county plan's support the state plan.



Stakeholders

Stakeholders are defined as any person, agency or organization with a particular interest, a stake, in fire safety and protection of assets from wildfires. The Santa Clara Unit has made a considerable attempt

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at involving stakeholders and many of their interests in the planning of the Santa Clara Fire Management Plan. The process of identifying stakeholders and their interests is an ongoing process and will be evaluated continuously through the evolution of future pre-fire management plans. It is the goal of the Santa Clara Unit to participate with as many stakeholders as is possible and to continually update planning efforts involving stakeholder input.

There are three primary stakeholder groups within Santa Clara Unit. They are the Santa Clara County Fire Safe Council, Diablo Fire Safe Council and the Hills Emergency Forum, a working group formed after the Tunnel Fire consisting of the communities, public agencies and homeowner groups within or near the East Bay Hills. These groups are instrumental in bringing a conglomeration of stakeholders to “the table”. This helps to shed light on many concerns within communities and expose information relating to the effectiveness of the Santa Clara Units fire safe efforts. The Unit is able to respond and adapt activities to address many of the concerns from the different stakeholders involved with these groups. Through the diversity of the membership Santa Clara Unit and our cooperators have been able to develop pre-fire and fire prevention projects that otherwise may never have developed.