



VENTURA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT





VENTURA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT FIVE-YEAR VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

OVERVIEW

The Five-Year Vegetation Management Plan of the Ventura County Fire Department (commonly referred to as the Five-Year Burn Plan) was developed as a planning tool to assist in the overall strategic objective of modifying hazardous fuels within the county. Because vegetation management planning is dynamic by nature, this plan is intended to be a living document subject to changes caused by many variables. These variables include, but are not limited to, changes in fuels due to natural fires, residential and commercial development into the interface areas, special governmental funding programs for hazardous fuels reduction, and continued participation by public and private landowners.

Six prescribed fire benefits, as defined by Cal Fire's Vegetation Management Program, were evaluated to prioritize specific projects. These benefits are fire hazard reduction, water yield, wildlife habitat improvement, fisheries habitat improvement, air quality improvement, and range forage improvement.

Based on analysis of the fire benefits, projects in each identified area are prioritized as high, medium or low. Projects having significant fire hazard reduction components are rated as a high priority, while projects having benefits other than fire hazard reduction are rated as either a medium or low priority based on the value of the other derived benefits. All of our projects have a maintenance component to keep the threat reduced.