

## Stakeholders

Fire knows no boundaries and accordingly, neither should a plan that seeks to reduce the risk from wildland fire. 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 Kern County Fire Department has made a considerable attempt at involving stakeholders and many of their interests in the development of the KCFD Wildland 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 fire management plans. It is the goal of the Kern County Fire Department to participate with as many stakeholders as possible and to continually update planning efforts involving stakeholder input.

Political Entity	Jurisdiction
Kern County Supervisors	Local Government
Bakersfield Fire Department	City Fire Protection
Ventura County Fire	Local Government/SRA Fire
Los Angeles County Fire	Local Government/SRA Fire
Cal Fire/Department of Forestry	State
Santa Barbara County Fire	Local Government/SRA Fire
Kern County Parks Department	Local Government
Kern County Road Department	Local Government
US Forest Service Los Padres	US Government
US Forest Service Sequoia	US Government
Beauteous of Land Management (BBD)	US Government
Beauteous of Land Management (CDD)	US Government
Department of Fish and Game	State
US Fish and Wildlife Service	US Government
California State Parks	State
Local Community Service Districts	Local Government
Local Property Owner Associations	Local Government
Cal Trans	State
Air Pollution Control Districts	State/County
Tejon Ranch Inc.	Private

## **Fire Safe Councils**

Fire Safe Councils are instrumental in bringing a representative group of stakeholders to “the table.” The councils shed light on many concerns within communities and expose information relating to the effectiveness of the Kern County Fire Department’s fire safe efforts. The department is able to respond and adapt activities to address many of the concerns from the different stakeholders involved with the fire safe councils. Through the councils' diversity, agencies have been able to develop Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP) that otherwise may never have been developed.

### **Kern River Valley Fire Safe Council**

*[www.krvfiresafecouncil.org](http://www.krvfiresafecouncil.org)*

The Kern River Valley Fire Safe Council is one of three councils in Kern County. It was established in January 1999. The council represents an area which includes 20 unincorporated mountain communities, all of which have some degree of wildland/urban interface. Seven of these communities are listed by the California Fire Alliance as “high risk” to wild fire.

The Kern River Valley Fire Safe Council is a consortium of fire agency personnel and representatives of the property owners associations that surround Lake Isabella. This council has been very successful at conducting fire safe presentations, fuels reduction projects, and the development of a Fire Safe Plan for the Kern River Valley.

### **Mt. Pinos Communities Fire Safe Council**

*<http://www.mtpinosfsc.org/>*

The Pine Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council is located in the Pine Mountain Club, Pinon Pines, and Lake of the Woods, Frazier Park, and Lebec and Tejon Mountain Village areas. The major participants of this council are the Pine Mountain Club POA, the Pinon Pine POA, the Frazier Park Town Council, and Tejon Ranch, Tejon State Park the Los Padres National Forest, the Kern County Parks Department, and the Kern County Fire Department.

Additionally, due to the proximity of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, both are in participation.

### **Greater Tehachapi Fire Safe Council**

*<http://www.tehachapifiresafe.com/>*

The Greater Tehachapi Fire Safe Council was established in 2004 and has been very active in airing several grants for fuels management projects. The council includes the following communities, Tehachapi, Golden Hills, Alpine Forest Park, Bear Valley Springs, Old West Ranch, Stallion Springs, Hart Flat and Sand

Canyon. It is also has several agencies included BLM, Tejon Ranch, Sierra Forest Products local Wind Energy agencies, Local Community Services Districts and Property Owners associations and Kern County Parks Department, and the Kern County Fire Department.

### **Assets at Risk**

The primary goal of wildland fire protection in Kern County is to preserve the variety of assets found within the county. The assets at risk are both public and private and interplay with one another to provide the quality of life we experience within the county. These assets include:

- Structures – residential and commercial
- Air Quality – degradation due to smoke from fires
- Rangelands – loss of grazing
- Timber – loss of timber resources
- Scenic – view scape
- Recreation – loss of recreational facilities or open areas
- Wildlife – loss of critical habitat or game
- Hydroelectric power – damage to watersheds that support plants

The value of the assets at risk determines the commitment of resources and the prioritization of program funds and projects.