



AMERICAN CANYON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD AGENDA
DECEMBER 18, 2025

STAFF REPORT
CONSENT
ITEM NUMBER: 4.

TITLE

Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution supporting the development of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) for the American Canyon Fire Protection District in partnership with Napa Communities Firewise Foundation (Napa Firewise).

CONTACT

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BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS

A Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) is a strategic, community-driven planning document designed to assess wildfire hazards, identify vulnerable areas, and outline prioritized mitigation actions within the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI). CWPPs were authorized under the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 (HFRA) to strengthen local collaboration and wildfire preparedness.

On November 19, 2025, District staff introduced the CWPP concept to the Board of Directors, and Stephanie Smithers of Napa Firewise delivered a detailed presentation on the CWPP development process, project stages, and stakeholder engagement framework. Her presentation included an overview of the five major project stages—CWPP Readiness, Community Meeting Kickoff, CWPP Buildout, Community Re-engagement, and Final Review and Signoff.

During that meeting, the Board expressed clear interest in advancing wildfire preparedness initiatives specific to the American Canyon community. The Board directed staff to return with a formal staff report and recommendation to move forward with the development of a localized CWPP to complement the existing countywide plan facilitated by Napa Firewise.

A localized CWPP will support tailored risk assessment, project prioritization, mitigation planning, and improved readiness for state and federal grant opportunities.

Developing a CWPP for the American Canyon Fire Protection District will:

- Identify community-specific wildfire risks, including vegetation conditions, fuel loading, slope,

and access limitations.

- Prioritize fuel reduction, defensible space improvements, evacuation route assessments, and home hardening projects.
- Strengthen coordination between the District, Napa Firewise, Napa County Fire, CAL FIRE, the City of American Canyon, and community organizations.
- Improve community preparedness through public outreach, education, and stakeholder involvement.
- Enhance competitiveness for state and federal wildfire mitigation grants, many of which require or give preference to jurisdictions with an adopted CWPP.

Upon Board support, staff will begin working with Napa Firewise to:

1. Establish a CWPP Working Group.
2. Define scope, schedule, project milestones, and deliverables.
3. Conduct community outreach and stakeholder engagement.
4. Oversee development of the draft CWPP and return to the Board for review and final adoption.

Conclusion

The development of a CWPP for American Canyon represents a proactive and strategic investment in community wildfire resilience. Formal support from the Board will enable the District to begin the planning process in partnership with Napa Firewise and ensure that the needs of the American Canyon community are represented within countywide wildfire mitigation efforts.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no immediate fiscal impact to the District. Napa Firewise has indicated its willingness to provide funding and technical support to initiate the CWPP development process.

BOARD PRIORITY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

Public Safety: "Ensure American Canyon remains a safe community"

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

None

ATTACHMENTS:

[Resolution 2025-24 CWPP](#)