

\*\*\*CUYAMACA WOODS FIRE SAFE COUNCIL GOAL STATEMENT\*\*\*

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Cuyamaca Woods Fire Safe Council is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation dedicated to reducing the risk to life and property in the event of catastrophic wildfires in the Cuyamaca Woods area of San Diego County, California.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Cuyamaca Woods Fire Safe Council is composed of residents and property owners who share a common interest in preventing and reducing losses from wildfires in the Cuyamaca Woods community. The Cuyamaca Woods Fire Safe Council has adopted the following Goals and Objectives to accomplish its mission.

The goal of the Cuyamaca Woods Fire Safe Council is to educate residents and property owners of what they can and should do to protect themselves and their property from the effects of wildfires and to proactively implement fire prevention activities leading to the reduction of the threat of wildfire loss in our community. The specific objectives are to:

- A. Promote fire safety within the community by ongoing fuel reduction and encouraging area residents and property owners to be proactive in fireproofing their property and in creating defensible space;
- B. Exchange information and coordinate efforts with other local Fire Safe Councils and fire prevention organizations throughout Southern California;
- C. Foster relationships among interested parties at all levels (federal, state and local) that lead to reducing the potential for wildfire loss in California;
- D. Develop a plan to notify the community about all potential emergencies affecting the community;
- E. Work with the local fire protection agencies to identify and address issues of concern; including but not limited to:
  - keeping community roads clear and passable for fire trucks;
  - keeping maps of roads and water sources up to date;
  - installing reflective address signs;
  - clearly marking water sources in the community;
  - identifying and obtaining additional fire exit routes where needed;
  - considering the location of a "SAFE" area inside the community for residents to go in the event of a firestorm;
  - developing a plan for the evacuation of disabled and elderly residents as well as livestock and family pets in an emergency;
- F. Educate the community about fire safe goals, including the ones listed above;
- G. Identify and apply for grant funds, and/or seek private donations to pay for any eligible fire safe council activities, including fuel reduction and public education projects.