

PLA-VADA FIREWISE COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN - 2020

Milestones and Timeline

Education

Year 1:

- Educate residents on Ready Set Go, evacuation procedures (i.e. primary and secondary routes) and Defensible Space. Provide this information to guests, either clients renting or family members using vacation homes
- Develop and distribute a flyer on evacuation procedures and CODE RED and other local notification systems. Post a flyer in each residence, including rentals, in a clearly visible location.
- Encourage all residents and homeowners to register for CODE RED.

Year 2:

- Hold an evacuation drill for residents and guests in cooperation with fire and police department. Provide feedback from the drill to the non-resident homeowners

Year 3:

- Host a fire prevention workshop on evacuation preparedness and Defensible Space Requirements.

Defensible Space

Year 1:

- Obtain Defensible Space Advisory Visits for at least 10% of homes.
- Implement defensible space recommendations at all infrastructure sites.
- Train at least two residents or employees on Defensible Space Advisory Visits.
- Update Pla-Vada lot maintenance guidelines and enforcement mechanism.
- Promote fire resistant firewood storage, such as buildings or certified fire-resistant tarps.

Year 2:

- Obtain Defensible Space Advisory Visits for 30% of homes.
- Implement defensible space requirements at all residences managed by a property management company, if any.
- Increase enforcement of lot maintenance on undeveloped lots.

Year 3:

- Obtain Defensible Space Advisory Visits for remainder of the homes.
- Bring remaining undeveloped lots into compliance with updated lot maintenance policy.

Common Space (Roadsides and Open Areas)

Year 1:

- Reduce vegetation/fuels to PRC 4291 standards within 30 feet of all residential and primary evacuation access routes.
- Develop a plan to reduce vegetation/fuels to less hazardous levels for all undeveloped parcels.
- Clear overhanging vegetation from electric service lines.
- Design and standardize home address signs and preferred locations for improved visibility. Get HOA approval.
- Contact adjacent landowners about fuel reduction within a fuel break surrounding Pla-Vada, connecting to the electric transmission line and Highway 40.
- Coordinate fuel reduction work with the adjacent developed communities.

Year 2:

- Strictly enforce fuel reduction standards on all undeveloped parcels.
- Keep overhanging vegetation away from electric service lines.
- Plan work on a fuel break on adjacent lands surrounding Pla-Vada.
- Provide a means for homeowners to acquire the updated, reflective address signs.

Year 3:

- Maintain roadside vegetation reduction, including grass mowing or weed-eating and pine needle removal.
- Maintain clearance on electric service lines.
- Implement vegetation/fuel treatment plan on at least 20% of the fuel break area surrounding Pla-Vada.