



SAN BENITO WILDFIRE RESILIENCE

Program



In 2023, a block grant was awarded to the State Coastal Conservancy through the California Department of Conservation that funds the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE), San Benito Resource Conservation District (SBRCD), and San Benito Agricultural Land Trust (SBALT) capacity building initiatives.

Wildfires can cause long-term damage to property and ecosystems, and threaten human life. One of the most useful tools for collaborative wildfire prevention and response is a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), which was updated for San Benito County at the end of 2024. The updated CWPP was developed with public input from four community meetings.

To view the plan, visit: www.RCDSanBenito.org

WHAT DOES A CWPP INCLUDE?

- A Countywide Wildfire Risk Assessment
- Wildfire Mitigation Strategies for Homeowners and Landowners
- Funding Opportunities
- Evacuation Routes
- And More!



River Fire, 2020. Photo by David A. Litman

WHAT'S NEXT?

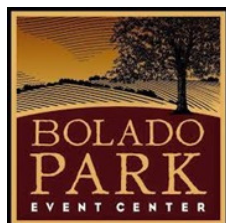
DEVELOP A REGIONAL PRIORITY PLAN (RPP)

In 2025 the same partners will develop the **Regional Priority Plan (RPP)** for San Benito County with public input. The **RPP** will recommend a set of priority projects aimed at reducing risk and damage to natural resources and communities. Having an RPP is a key requirement for continuing and expanding the county's eligibility for funding for wildfire mitigation related projects.



WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PROGRAM?

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WHAT IS THE WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE (WUI)?

The WUI is the area where wildland fuels meet development, often in the form of homes, businesses, infrastructure (e.g., power lines, drinking water supplies), and other valuable assets. Targeting these areas for fire risk reduction projects is likely to have the greatest effect in protecting homes, livelihoods, and valued natural resources.

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