



SAN BENITO WILDFIRE

RESILIENCE PROGRAM

Photo by Martha Skelly

What is the San Benito Wildfire Resilience Program?

The San Benito Wildfire Resilience Program (SBWRP) represents the efforts and cooperation of several local, state, and federal organizations and agencies working together to address wildfire risks, and improve wildfire preparedness in San Benito County.

What work are we doing?

SBWRP has updated and developed the following key fire prevention initiatives utilizing public input from the community:

- Update of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)** Updated in 2024, this living document serves as a roadmap for assessing wildfire hazards and identifies new prevention, preparedness, and response projects that will best serve the San Benito County's needs now and into the future. The updated CWPP outlines high-priority strategies such as enhancing community education, collaborating with Tribes on cultural burns, reducing hazardous fuels, constructing and maintaining strategic fuel breaks, managing invasive species, and supporting post-fire ecosystem recovery. It emphasizes both immediate risk reduction and long-term landscape resilience. Feedback was solicited from San Benito County Residents throughout the update process.

- Developing a Regional Priority Plan (RPP)** This plan will identify, prioritize, and map out specific wildfire risk reduction projects aimed at protecting natural resources and communities. The RPP will not only list projects, but also define implementation leads, funding strategies, and track implementation readiness. Having an RPP is a key requirement for continuing and expanding the county's eligibility for funding of wildfire mitigation related projects.



Community meeting to gather input for the CWPP in 2024.

How is this work funded?

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

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