



**ARE YOU
PREPARED FOR
WILDFIRE?**



Calistoga Fire Safe Council

Virtual Community Meeting

June 24, 2020

What's a Fire Safe Council (FSC)?



- Group of resident volunteers organized to promote fire safety and preparedness
- No financial cost to belong, just volunteer effort
- Calistoga FSC (CFSC) will be independent, but part of Napa Communities Firewise Foundation (NCFF), a 501c3 non-profit. Piper Cole is a Board Member of & liaison with NCFF.
- Project funding for education and fire mitigation via NCFF and grants from various state and local government sources and PG&E

Steps to Organize an FSC



- Solicit volunteers (we have a small working group and we welcome others):
 - Marti Casselman
 - Piper Cole
 - H. Stuart Harrison
 - Steven Pinsky
 - Yvette Vloeberghs
 - Stephen Weissman
- Form a CFSC, including officers

Steps to Organize an FSC (cont'd)



- Evaluate community risks, mitigation projects and priorities
- Develop a “Community Wildfire Protection Plan” (CWPP) which will make us eligible to apply for grants
- Apply for grants and, if we get grants, begin completing mitigation projects
- Communicate on neighborhood fire safety, provide education

We Welcome Your Involvement



- On the FSC committee
- Participating in fire safety educational meetings
- Responding to Fire Safe Council requests for information
- Managing the vegetation around your home and making your home more fire resilient – for your benefit and the entire neighborhood
- Putting up reflective visible address signs to make your house easier for first responders to find

Example of Address Sign



AGENDA



- Calistoga Mayor Chris Canning: Role of the City
- JC Greenberg, Fire Captain, Napa County Fire/CAL FIRE: Chipping Program, Weed Abatement, Fuel Management Consulting, Home Hardening Advisory
- Christopher Thompson, President NCFF: Making your property and home more fire resistant
- Carol Rice, Wildland Fire Manager: Calistoga Risk Assessment and Possible Projects
- Piper Cole: Wrap-up and next steps