



**FIREWISE USA**  
RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS

Date: August 1, 2021

To: LACC Board of Directors

Cc: Scott Devereaux, LACC General Manager

From: LACC Firewise Committee, Penny Leinwander, Chair 

SUBJECT: Establishment of Fire Safety Goals and Objectives for LACC

I would like to thank all of the board members for their continuing support of the LACC Firewise Committee.

I had hoped to present at the July board meeting the direction we are taking in the committee. There are many important components of good fire safety program, and as a committee we voted on the three most important goals that we would focus on in the next few months. These goals, we believe, will guide us in making the most proactive steps to prevent a devastating wildfire within the LACC.

If appropriate, we would request that the LACC board make a resolution in support of these goals and continued support of the Firewise committee.

In the coming weeks, you will be receiving proposals that will include specific criteria, costs, and enforcement criteria, etc., to ensure these goals receive immediate action.

#### 1. SHADED FUEL BREAK NORTH OF LACC

The biggest threat the LACC faces is a fire from just north of our main entrance. Keep in mind the Tamarack Fire was a small lightning strike to a tree largely surrounded by sheer rock outcroppings. The embers smoldered for several days before winds blew it from a small fire (sleeper fire) to a 4,000-thousand-acre fire within hours. Chief Courtright has stated that his greatest concern for the LACC is a sleeper fire in the forested area on the northern borders of our country club, west and east of Clifford Drive.

#### 2. LACC CONTROLLED PROPERTY CLEAN UP

This is currently the Number 1 priority in the LACC Community Wildfire Protection Program. We will be sending a detailed letter outlining the applicable wildfire hazardous fuels reduction standard for common areas, right of ways, etc. in the coming weeks. Also, there will be a four-point strategy to ensure the continued progress throughout LACC.

### 3. REDUCTION OF HAZARDOUS FUELS ON PRIVATELY OWNED LOTS

There are laws in the state of California requiring property owners to meet the legal compliance requirements for Defensible Space upon their property. In order to determine compliance, it is necessary to inspect properties and provide property owners with inspection documents demonstrating what the owner must do in order to be compliant. These inspections are under Cal Fire's purview. At the July Plumas County Fire Safe Council meeting, a representative for Cal Fire stated that they are in the process of hiring 'Defensible Space Inspectors' to perform these inspections. So far there have been very few applicants. The Peninsula Fire Department has been authorized on behalf of Cal Fire to perform inspections, but only has staff to do limited sections in their protection area. The FW committee will be setting up a workshop where focus groups can tackle the many issues associated with private lots, and how we all can assist in making LACC a fire adaptive community.

Please feel free to call me (916)835-1549. I am currently copying all committee emails to members and other interested parties. Let me know if you like to get on the distribution. There is quite a bit of correspondence, so be prepared.

Thank you.