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June 2022 Newsletter

Summer is upon us! Find out what's new with MCFSC in this month's newsletter.

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MCFSC Secures More CAL FIRE Grant Funding for Fire-Preparedness Projects

MCFSC has received notice of more recent grant awards from CAL FIRE, bringing the total amount awarded to **\$3.5 million over the next three years**. The funding will be used to complete the environmental review process for many fuels-reduction, shaded fuel break, and prescribed-fire projects throughout the county. Read more about MCFSC's recent activities in [this article from the Mendocino Voice](#), *"Help is coming": Mendocino County Fire Safe Council awarded \$3.5 million in grants for wildfire safety projects"*.

[Click here to read the article](#)

Edited from May Newsletter MCFSC Board Identifies Priorities for '22-23

This excerpt appeared in last month's newsletters containing incomplete information. It has been edited to provide a more complete view.

MCFSC's Board of Directors and staff met in May for an all-hands annual Strategic Planning retreat. Among other things, they reviewed 57 major project areas that the MCFSC is working in or considering expanding into, to guide this year's actions and build upon last year's successes. We are aiming to remain active in a daunting number of them. Among the items at the top of the priority assessment were:

1. Identify funding to maintain our County Coordinator position, which is achieving results too significant to let go of but is scheduled to lose funding next year.
2. Maintain and expand residential defensible-space programs.
3. Maintain and expand home evaluations and home-hardening assistance programs.
4. Replicate our Micro-Grant project, which are inspiring important work throughout the county.

Science Spotlight: Planning and Permitting Forest Fuel-Reduction Projects on Private Lands in California



Embarking on a fuel-reduction project on your forested land can be daunting. This publication by UCANR helps guide landowners and resource managers through the process of planning and permitting a project for a variety of objectives.

Landowners of forestlands planning and implementing fuel-reduction projects have many options for the type of project that will meet their objectives while remaining fiscally operable and meeting regulatory guidelines. UCANR created this resource in 2021 to recommend considerations for designing various types of fuel-reduction projects. They provide flowcharts to guide resource managers through the various types of permits required and other requirements for forest management actions.

"California's forestlands are owned by a mix of private individuals and concerns, as well as State, federal, and tribal entities. Therefore, affecting fire behavior requires working across ownership boundaries and ownership types."

[Access the full report here.](#)

More from MCFSC Partners

UC Cooperative Extension Hosts Forest Stewardship Workshop

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
Agriculture and Natural Resources

Forest Stewardship

Save the Date!

Register now for a California Forest Stewardship Workshop

Online beginning June 30, 2022 – August 25, 2022 and in-person Saturday, July 16th Lake County

Hosted by:
University of California Cooperative Extension
in collaboration with:
American Forest Foundation
CAL FIRE
California Association of Resource Conservation Districts
California Fire Safe Council
Forest Landowners of California
USFS Region 5

Join the workshop to understand and protect your forests by developing a Forest Management Plan. Topics include:

- Forest management objectives and planning
- Forest health, insects and disease
- Forest and fire ecology, wildlife, watersheds
- Fuels reduction and forest resource marketing
- Mapping, inventory and silviculture
- Project development & permitting
- Getting professional help and cost-share opportunities

Participants will utilize online resources on their own time to complete learning modules and short activities. Zoom meetings with all participants and presenters will take place once a week on Thursdays, 6-7:30pm. The in-person field day will cover silviculture, forest inventory and mapping activities. Participants who complete the workshop will be **eligible for a free site visit** with a California Registered Professional Forester.

Registration for the workshop is \$60. Sign up now at:
<http://ucanr.edu/forestryworkshops/>
For questions, contact Kim Ingram, k Ingram@ucanr.edu

The Forest Stewardship Education Initiative is a CAL FIRE funded contract (BCADMS47), awarded July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024, to Susan Kocher, RPA#2874, University of California Cooperative Extension, to help landowners develop forest management plans.

The online component of the workshop runs June 30 - August 25, 2022 with an in-person meeting Saturday, July 16th in Lake County.

Join the workshop to better understand and protect your forests by developing a Forest Management Plan. Topics covered by this training opportunity include forest-management objectives and planning; forest health, insects, and disease; forest and fire ecology, wildlife, watersheds; fuels-reduction and forest-resource marketing; mapping, inventory, and silviculture; and more.

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Workshop cost is \$60.00.

[Register Here](#)

WEST Business Development Center Offers Free Disaster Planning Workshop for Businesses.

BE AWARE AND BE PREPARED!

FIRE SEASON IS HERE! LEARN HOW TO PREPARE YOUR BUSINESS ASSETS AND WHAT TO DO WHEN DISASTER STRIKES.

SIGN UP TODAY FOR OUR DISASTER PLANNING WORKSHOPS:
JUNE 16 & JULY 6, EN ESPAÑOL EN JUNIO 23 E JULIO 27

WWW.WESTCENTER.ORG/TRAINING

WEST Business Development Center is a "Disaster Planning: Protect Your Business!" training next Wednesday, July 6th, in English or July 27th, in Spanish. Workshops will be held **online from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.** and are **free to all participants**. Visit their website below to view events and sign up!

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Listen & Learn

The Get FireSmart Podcast – Learn About the Importance of the Home Ignition Zone from FireSmart Expert Alan Westhaver



Continue watching MCFSC's Spanish-language video series (with English subtitles), this episode focusing on evacuation planning to be prepared when fire strikes.



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