

## Stakeholders

The California Fire Safe Council has forged a strong network of partnerships with national, state, county and municipal fire agencies, and works continuously to build and maintain effective linkages with government officials in California and Washington DC.

Major California Fire Safe Council stakeholders include:

U.S. Forest Service  
U.S. Bureau of Land Management  
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
U.S. National Park Service  
California Fire Alliance  
Allstate Insurance  
Chubb Insurance  
Farmers Insurance  
State Farm Insurance  
Southern California Edison

... and a growing family of local Fire Safe Councils in communities large and small throughout our state.

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**Our Mission:**  
Mobilizing Californians to  
protect their homes,  
communities and  
environment from wildfires

**Our Vision:**  
Together, people and  
communities have eliminated  
the impact of catastrophic  
wildfires on all they hold dear

## Why does California need California Fire Safe Council?

Since its formation in 1993, CFSC has united Californians to speak with one voice about fire safety.

CFSC, a statewide non-profit organization, provides grants to local Fire Safe Councils and other community organizations using its innovative Grants Clearinghouse. Since its first year of grant making in 2004, over \$50 million in federal fire prevention funds have flowed through the Clearinghouse to groups working to keep their communities safer from wildfires.

CFSC also distributes fire prevention education materials, evaluates proposed legislation pertaining to fire safety, and empowers grassroots organizations to establish and implement fire safety programs.

CFSC provides training on a variety of topics including compliance with environmental protection laws, creation of Community Wildfire Protection Plans, board development, organizational sustainability, and develops mentoring opportunities.

## What kind of projects do local groups implement?

- Community-wide or county-wide chipping programs
- Defensible space assistance for elderly, disabled or low-income residents
- Roadway brush clearance projects
- Community information surveys
- Disaster evacuation drills
- Emergency notification systems
- Street sign/house numbering visibility projects



Phil McWilliams, Inter-Canyon League FSC

- Firesafe landscape demonstration gardens
- Wildfire prevention speakers' bureaus
- Equipment training (chain saws, weed whackers etc.)
- Defensible space training for landscapers
- Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) creation/updates

## Resources

The California Fire Safe Council website [www.firesafecouncil.org](http://www.firesafecouncil.org) has a wealth of resources available:

- Starting a local Fire Safe Council
- How to find a local council
- Education tools
- Fire Safe links
- News updates
- Proposed/pending legislation
- How to become a non-profit organization
- Calendar of events
- Success stories
- Downloadable fire safety brochures
- Resources for homeowners
- Home Inventory templates
- Environmental protection information
- Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) template
- Grants Clearinghouse at [www.grants.firesafecouncil.org](http://www.grants.firesafecouncil.org)

Contact our professional staff at (800) 372-2543 for:

- Technical assistance
- Grantwriting training for Clearinghouse grants
- General questions