



FUELS MITIGATION PILE BURNING

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CURRENT

- Property owners in and around the City's Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) are taking measures to mitigate the risk of wildfires to our community.
- In some areas of the City, the reduction and physical removal of vegetation (fuels) is not practical or feasible due to reasons such as location or topographical features.



PROPOSED

- Use the Community Wildfire Prevention Plan (CWPP) to assist with the treatment of vegetation.
- The treatment of vegetation within the WUI can reduce the risk of loss and damage from wildfire.
- An action identified in the CWPP to mitigate the threat of wildfire is to establish permitting protocols for the use of prescribed fire pile burning.

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended by the Fire Department that Council adopt an Ordinance adding Chapter 9-28 to the Santa Rosa City Code pertaining to Fuels Mitigation Pile Burning to allow private landowners to obtain a permit from the Fire Department to perform pile burning to reduce wildfire hazards to accomplish a combination of fire protection and resource management goals.

QUESTIONS?