

# Northwest California Regional Fire Safe Council Conference December 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>

Fortuna Fire Hall

Fortuna, CA

This conference continues in the tradition of periodically gathering Northwest California Fire Safe Councils to network, share successes and challenges, and to discuss solutions to common issues. The purpose of the conference is to:

- Support regionalized networking among Fire Safe Council representatives
- Foster cross-training activities important to Fire Safe Councils
- To provide useful tools to build successful Fire Safe Councils within the region so they may be effective in reducing the risk of wildfire damage to local communities and resources.

## Who Should Attend

Partners from the Northwest California region involved in wildfire prevention, protection, and management:

- Existing FSCs within Humboldt County
- Neighboring FSCs from northwestern California
- Representatives from communities interested in starting a FSC or becoming Firewise
- Representatives from local fire departments
- Federal and state fire managers
- Other interested agency and community representatives



## **Sponsors:**

CAL FIRE

California Fire Safe Council

County of Humboldt

Humboldt County Fire Safe  
Council

University of California  
Cooperative Extension

USDA Forest Service

Van Duzen Watershed Fire Safe  
Council

## Where to register:

Pre-registration is required by  
**Thursday December 3<sup>rd</sup>**, space  
is limited

To register please contact UCCE:  
<http://cehumboldt.ucdavis.edu>  
or call 707-445-7351

**Cost: \$10** (includes meals,  
scholarships are available to  
cover registration and travel  
costs if needed)

**Payment:** Credit Card payments  
are available, or send checks  
payable to **UC Regents** at UC  
Cooperative Extension, 5630 S.  
Broadway, Eureka, CA 95503

**Travel and lodging** Information  
available at:  
<http://cehumboldt.ucdavis.edu>

**Location:** Fortuna Fire Hall (320 S.  
Fortuna Blvd, Fortuna, CA 95540)

## DRAFT Agenda Highlights

### December 10- Thursday

#### **Part One Humboldt County Specific Discussion**

8:00-9:00 Registration, continental breakfast (provided)

9:00-12:00 **Review Humboldt County Community Fire Protection Plan maps** among local Humboldt County FSCs and agency partners

#### **Part Two Regional Kickoff**

12:00 -1:00 *Lunch (Provided) and afternoon registration*

1:00 - 1:05 **Welcome** – Will Harling (Humboldt County FSC)

1:05 - 2:30 **Introductions**, FSC's share challenges and successes

2:30 - 3:20 **Agency Panel**: Air Quality, USFS, CALFIRE, BLM

3:40 – 5:00 **FSCs successes panel**: discussion of FSC capacity building, CWPP development and monitoring, insurance, liability and fiscal sponsorship issues, maintaining community involvement, sustainable funding sources and more.

5:00 Review of Day Two and evening activities.

5:05 *Evening mixer (we'll meet at local establishment)*

### December 11- Friday

8:00-8:30 Registration, continental breakfast (provided)

8:30–9:00 **Welcome**: Chair Humboldt County FSC, Humboldt County Supervisor (invited), Humboldt - Del Norte CAL FIRE Unit Chief, Six Rivers National Forest Supervisor (invited), California Fire Safe Council

9:00 –10:15 **Woody Biomass Utilization**: Dr. Han-Sup Han (Humboldt State University); Gareth Mayhead (UC Berkeley); Jeff Bryant (Jeff Bryant Forestry Inc.); Joe Stutler (Deschutes County Forester)

10:30-12:00 **Fuels Treatments: Where do we go from here?** Dr. Morgan Varner (Humboldt State University); Carl Skinner (Pacific Southwest Research Station); Lenya Quinn Davidson (Humboldt State University)

12:00-1:00 *Lunch (Provided)*

1:00–1:30 **Building materials and design for home survival in wildfire prone areas**: Steve Quarles (UC Cooperative Extension)

1:30–2:00 **Best management practices: Natural Resources and Environmental Compliance** Miriam Morrill (invited from US Fish and Wildlife Service)

2:00-2:30 **Utilizing cost share programs**: Yana Valachovic (UC Cooperative Extension)

2:45–4:30 **Roundtable discussion: Strengthening FSCs**

4:30–5:00 Conference evaluation and planning for next year's conference



#### **Desired Conference Outcomes:**

- A clearer understanding of the roles played by all local, state, and national organizations, agencies, and businesses involved in mitigating the loss of community and natural resource assets from wildfire.
- The identification of collaboration opportunities.
- Identification of common challenges facing local FSCs and a documented range of possible strategies for addressing them.
- An opportunity for local FSCs to network, share successes and challenges.
- Compilation of a list of resources available to FSCs to make available on the web.
- Sharing of ideas about how to increase community participation in local FSCs activities.
- Understanding of the roles and responsibilities of all parties involved in fire prevention, protection, and management.
- Establishment of a strong link between local FSCs and local fire departments in areas where these links do not already exist.