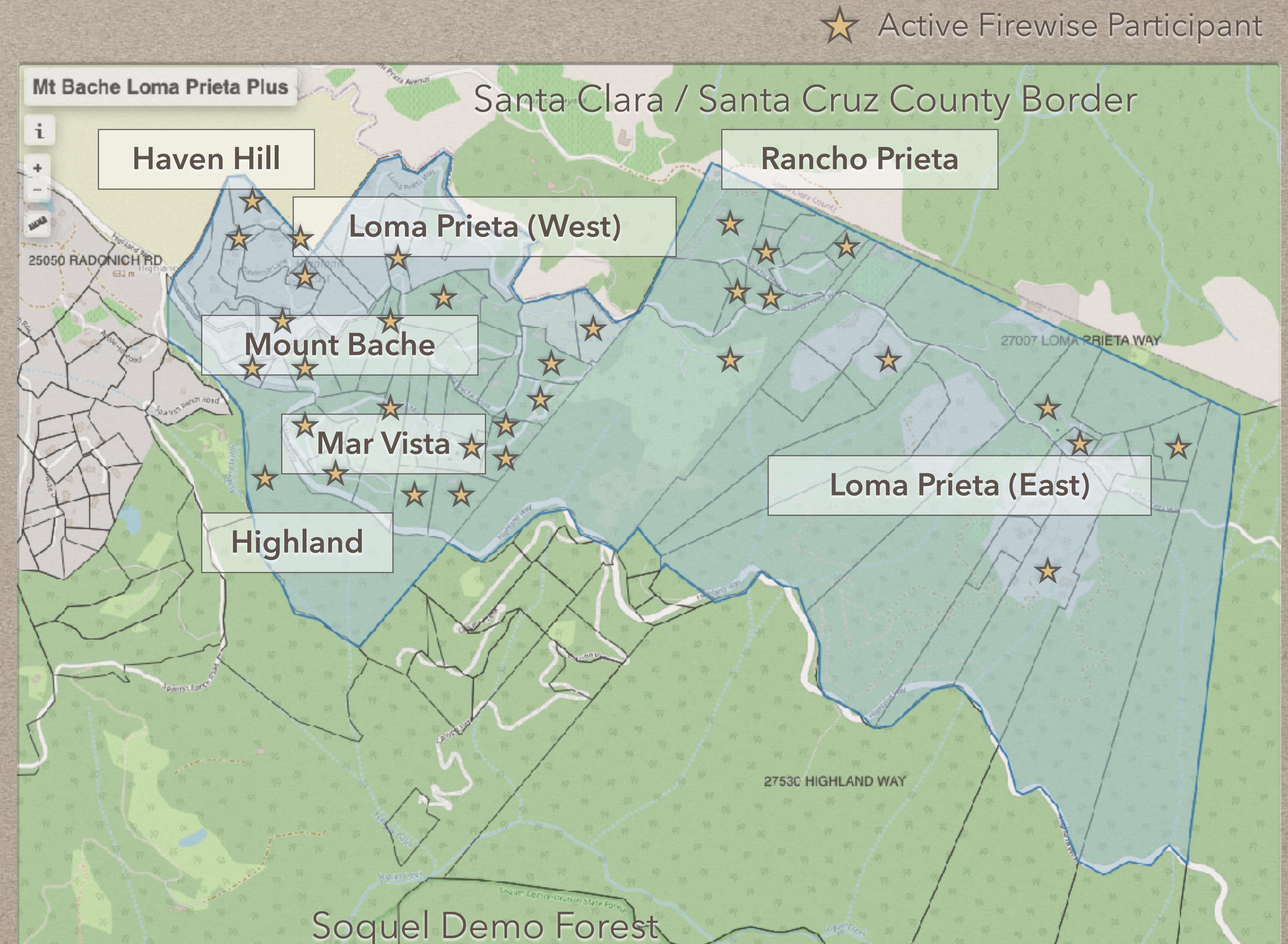


MT BACHE LOMA PRIETA PLUS

UPDATE Q1 2025

WHO WE ARE

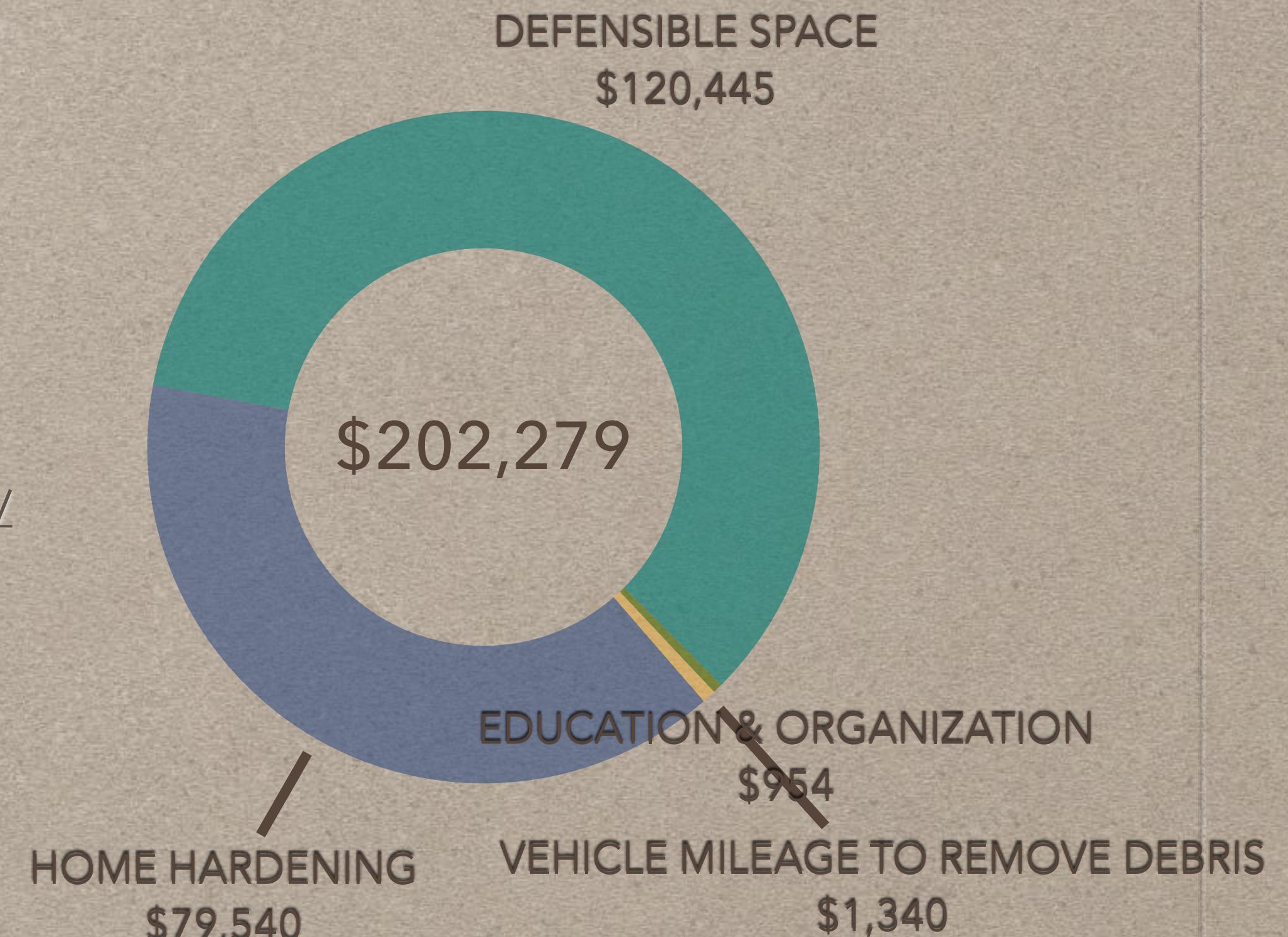
- Recognized as a Firewise Community by National Fire Protection Agency in December 2024
- Number of Parcels: 78
- Number of Dwellings: 76
- Number of Active Households: 33
- Steering Committee Members:
Amy Winkler, Marilyn Thelen,
Alyssa Plicka, Merry Fay



OUR WILDFIRE RESILIENCE INVESTMENTS

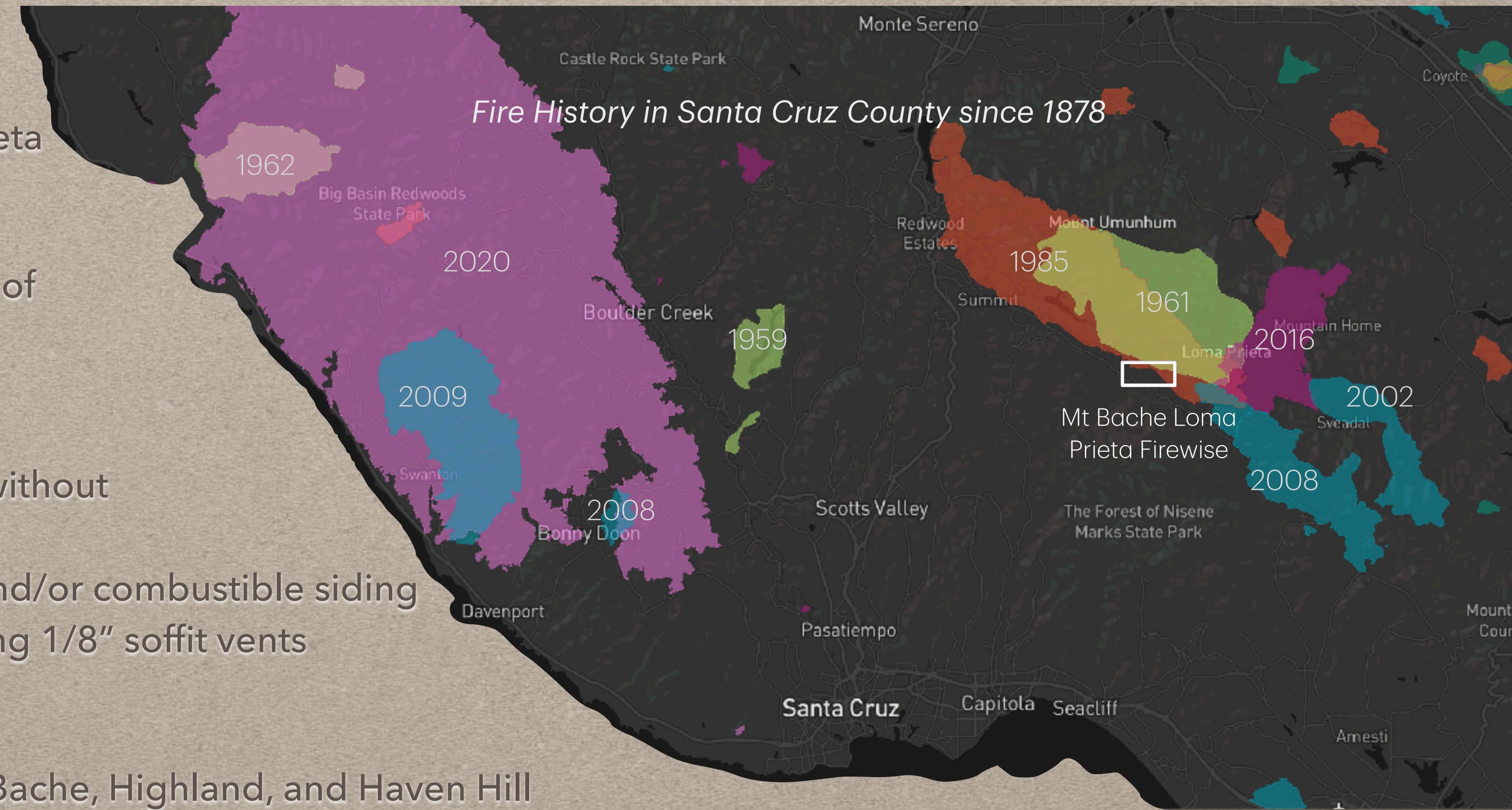
- Recorded Investment of \$202,279 in 2024!
- Remember to log your hours and dollars spent on home hardening, landscaping, defensible space, wildfire education, and wildfire evacuation planning:
See Document My Firewise Activities at <https://winkleramy.github.io/Firewise/>

Household Name	Address	Date	Activity Type	Hours Spent	Dollars Spent	Brush Removed in Cubic Yards (Approximate as best you can)	Brush Disposal
[Example] Smith	123 Mt Bache	1/1/2025	Brush Removal	6	\$0.00	0.96	Removed
Cappello	25995 Mar Vista Ct	1/2/2025	Brush Removal	6	\$0.00	2	Reused as mulch
Bjorge Zonin	25526 Mt Bache	1/29/2025	Brush Removal	6	\$0.00	5	Removed
Bjorge Zonin	25526 Mt Bache	1/29/2025	Home Hardening	1	\$0.00	1	Dispersed
Winkler	25665 Mt Bache	1/30/2025	Home Hardening	3	\$0.00	1	Removed
Winkler	25665 Mt Bache	2/11/2025	Brush Removal	8	\$1,250.00	10	Dispersed
Winkler	25665 Mt Bache	2/22/2025	Educational Event	2	\$0.00		
Winkler	25665 Mt Bache	3/4/2025	Educational Event	3	\$0.00		



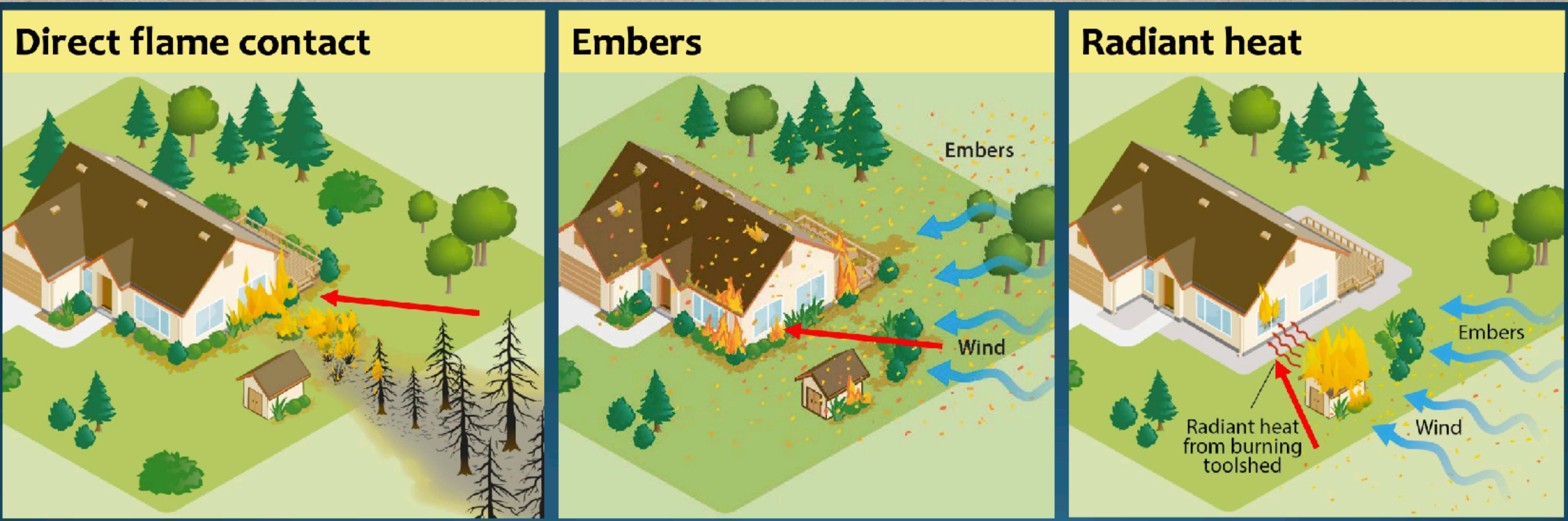
OUR SHARED RISKS

- History of Fire coming from over Loma Prieta Ridgeline
- Accumulated fuels to our south, just north of Soquel Demo Forest
- Ignition from Flying Embers:
 - >75% homes exposed from underneath, without ember-resistant skirting
 - >50% homes with combustible decking and/or combustible siding
 - >25% homes with exposed eaves or lacking 1/8" soffit vents
- Evacuation Routes:
Significant roadside vegetation along Mt Bache, Highland, and Haven Hill
- Emergency Service Access:
Non-reflective residential address number signage
Private fire hydrant visibility and maintenance
Propane tanks and polymer water tanks within 10' of combustible debris



*<https://projects.capradio.org/california-fire-history/#10/37.1311/-121.9745>

RECOGNIZING FIRE RISKS



Straightforward to identify and fight by emergency personnel

Defensible Space strategies, e.g. fire breaks, ladder fuel reduction

90% of homes lost to wildfire are due to wind-blown ember ignitions!

Zone 0 strategies, e.g. remove combustibles within 5'

Fire-resistant windows: <https://firesafemarin.org/harden-your-home/fire-resistant-windows/>

Zone 1 strategies, e.g. remove wood piles and auxiliary structures within 30'

ACTION PLAN 2025 | EDUCATION & OUTREACH

- Encourage residents to review our Firewise Community Assessment and Three-Year Action Plan on our website: <https://winkleramy.github.io/Firewise/>
- Distribute Prepared-Not-Scared Fliers, Evacuation Information door hangers, and other educational materials
- Encourage residents to visit <https://firesafemarin.org/harden-your-home/> to practical home hardening guidance
- Encourage residents to sign up to Watch Duty, Pulse Point, CruzAware for emergency notifications and to our community WhatsApp Group
- Send reminders about Santa Cruz County's Chipping Program in the Spring and Fall
- Set up a Firewise Informational booth at Fire Department's BBQ in June

ACTION PLAN 2025 | HOME HARDENING

- Encourage residents to take CAL FIRE's home self-assessment and implement low-cost retrofit options listed:
<https://www.fire.ca.gov/home-hardening>
- Encourage participation in the free Home Ignition Zone Assessment program
Poll participation annually
- Send seasonal reminders to clear out gutters and debris under homes and decks, around propane and water tanks
- Encourage storing combustible patio furniture and cushions and moving any propane cylinders 30' away from structures when away from home or during an evacuation

ACTION PLAN 2025 | FUEL REDUCTION

- Share information on driveway vegetation management, for emergency services vehicle access
- Scope roadside vegetation management along Mount Bache and Haven Hill, e.g. cut down low-lying shrubs, limb trees up 6-8' within 10' of road
- Send reminders to weed whack and clear shrub grown and ladder fuels at end of the rainy season
- Assess need for larger scale fuel reduction post-winter season
- Share Invasive Plant Removal Calendar: http://rcdsantacruz.org/images/brochures/pdf/InvasivePlantRemovalCalendar_022309.pdf
- Scope creation and maintenance of shaded fuel break along ridgeline

ACTION PLAN 2025 | WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS

- Replace non-reflective address signs with 4" reflective address signs, available to Firewise communities at a discounted rate: <https://zayantefire.com/reflective-sign-program/>
- Clear 10' noncombustible zone around water and propane tanks
- Send reminder to test private fire hydrants annually
- Mark water tanks and fire hydrants with reflective blue dots and tape to increase visibility
- Share precise location of water tanks, pools, and fire hydrants with our steering committee for CAL FIRE reference on our Firewise Community Map: <https://winkleramy.github.io/MtBacheLomaPrietaPlus/map.html>
- Identify evacuation routes and drive annually to assess road conditions
- Encourage horse property owners to check out Equine Evacuation emergency services
- Recruit Pod Leaders for Haven Hill, Rancho Prieta, and Loma Prieta to facilitate communication during an emergency

COMMUNITY EVENTS 2025

- Meet & Greet Social at Loma Prieta Winery - Spring
- Booth at Fire Department BBQ - June
- End of Summer Social - Fall



Business Cards?

Community Map with cork board
and pushpins to mark resources?

Active Participant
Checklist for 2025?

Prepared-not-scared fliers?

ACTIVE PARTICIPANT CHECKLIST 2025

- Install or sign up to Watch Duty, Pulse Point, and/or CruzAware for emergency notifications
- Join neighborhood WhatsApp group for emergency correspondence
- Sign up for a free Home Ignition Zone assessment through the Santa Cruz County Fire Safe Council
- Install recommended reflective address sign (4" retroreflective numbers on reflective green background)
- Test any private fire hydrants
- Share precise location and capacity of water tanks, pools, fire hydrants, or other water sources for Community Map Project
- Practice driving alternate evacuation routes, e.g. Loma Prieta Ave to Summit Road and Highland Way to Eureka Canyon Rd into Corralitos
- For horse properties, check out Equine Evacuation emergency services
- Complete at least one educational activity for wildfire preparedness
- Log at least one hour or \$31.80 dollars spent on home hardening and defensible space

GET INVOLVED! HELP GROW OUR COMMUNITY

- Log your hours and dollars spent on home hardening, landscaping, defensible space, wildfire education, and wildfire evacuation planning:
See Document My Firewise Activities at <https://winkleramy.github.io/Firewise/>
- Share our Firewise Community website with neighbors and encourage participation:
<https://winkleramy.github.io/Firewise/>
- Contribute to our Community Map Project by sharing information about water resources on your property:
<https://winkleramy.github.io/MtBacheLomaPrietaPlus/>
- Coordinate with neighbors to participate in Spring or Fall Santa Cruz County Chipping Program
- Volunteer as a Pod Leader
- Volunteer to scope Roadside Vegetation Management along Mount Bache or Haven Hill
- Share Contractor Experiences
- Share Tools or Resources

STRETCH GOALS

- Form 501(c)(3) to Apply for Grants offered by CAL FIRE, Santa Cruz County, and the State of California
- County Road Advocacy and Alternative Maintenance Options
- Community Microgrid
<https://www.pge.com/en/save-energy-and-money/rebates-and-incentives/community-microgrids.html#accordion-3ef283978b-item-43e32b5667>

