

WUI VEGETATION CODE WORKGROUP

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 29, 2025

9:00 AM

Redwood Room – 2180 Milvia St. 6th Floor

Fire Chief's Representative – Asst. Chief Colin Arnold

Assistant Chief David Winnacker
Richard Illgen
George Perez-Velez

Eric Weaver
Margit Roos-Collins

AGENDA

Preliminary Matters

Call to Order

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters

AGENDA MATTERS *All Regular agenda matters are for discussion and possible action.*

- 1. Action:** Work Session and Discussion on the Resident Guide.

Written Materials: Draft List of Proposed Ideas for the Resident Guide

WORK GROUP REPORTS

Adjournment

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SECRETARY SIGNATURE

*Colin Arnold*

## **Resident Guide Framework**

This should be widely available to both the affected zones, and those who may have a vested interest.

### **Overarching Themes:**

How does following these rules help the FD fight this fire? How does the work in the highest risk area provide for their own protection.

The goal of this document is to reach people where they are at, help them understand how to accomplish this without unnecessary angst, and to do so in a way that balances the risk of wildfire loss with the need to prepare for the event.

“The Berkeley Fire Department is your best resource to help understand what to do, and make a plan to do it in a way that helps you feel good about where you live; both in how it looks, and how safe you feel living there. Use this guide to create your own personal mitigation plan that gets you to where you need to be on a timeline that works for you.”

Why has Berkeley approached this issue differently than other local jurisdictions? Why are we focused on vegetation and not siding or SSD?

### **Areas for further discussion:**

Address specific requirements

The WAMMR process and how to follow it

What if I need more time vs.

What if I want a technical modification

What if I have practical difficulties, vs. What if I just need more time?+

Enforcement process

Financial Assistance program

Chipper Program

A list of contractors

Links to FireSafe Berkeley

BFD Site

BFSC Site

FireWise Comtes

DFSC

What is Defensible Space

Where does my responsibility end and my neighbors start?

What is zone zero?

How does it affect me?

What do I do about it?

What happens if I don't do anything?

What CAN I do with vegetation in a given zone?

How do I:

Make sure my tree has adequate spacing to the structure (walls, roof, etc)

What is COMBUSTIBLE? What isn't?

Where do I put my car

Suggestions for replacements for common combustible/plastic items around the home

Fence

Shed

Compost Bins

Hose

Emergency Supply Shed

FAQs

Quick QR card that links back to the website.

Link from FD website