



REGULAR MEETING

JEFF GORELL

Supervisor, 2nd District

ISRAEL RODRIGUEZ

Field Representative

Supervisor Jeff Gorell

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

- ROSEMARY ALLISON,
CHAIR
- AMY ELLIOTT, VICE
CHAIR
- MARK BURLEY
- MICHAEL ADAMS
- DEBRA SPAFFORD

AGENDA (Corrected) July 17, 2025 6:00 PM

**Municipal Advisory Council
Santa Rosa Valley, California**

**Allison Residence
11521 Sumac Lane
Santa Rosa Valley, CA 93012**

WEB ACCESS

At: ventura.org/santarosavalleymac

MAC Calendar, Agenda, and Minutes

Welcome to the meeting of the Santa Rosa Valley Municipal Advisory Council (MAC), an advisory council for the unincorporated area of Santa Rosa Valley to Ventura County Supervisor Jeff Gorell.

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Ventura County Supervisor Jeff Gorell
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OPENING

1. Call to Order.
2. Roll Call.
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Santa Rosa Valley Municipal Advisory Council held on Thursday, May 15, 2025.
5. Agenda Review.
6. Approval of Consent Agenda Items A through C.
 - A. California Highway Patrol: Please see the attached Safety Report as part of the final agenda packet. **Recommendation to Receive & File.**
 - B. Ventura County Fire Department: Please see the attached Safety Report as part of the final agenda packet. **Recommendation to Receive & File.**
 - C. Ventura County Sheriff Department: *The report will be provided at the Santa Rosa Valley MAC meeting.*
7. Public Comments – Citizen presentations regarding Santa Rosa Valley Municipal Advisory Council related matters NOT appearing on this agenda. (See Guidelines above).
8. Office of Ventura County Supervisor Jeff Gorell's Comments – Brief announcements and report on County activities.
9. Council Comments – Comments by Council members on matters they deem appropriate. A Council member may ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement, or make a brief report on his or her own activities. A Council member may also provide a reference to staff or other resources for information, or request staff to report back to the body at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter. The Council may also direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA

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10. **Preparedness Community Presentation – Office of Emergency Services & VCFD.** The purpose of this presentation is to provide an overview of the wildfire problem within the county, and the mitigations that can reduce the impact of fires in the County and Santa Rosa Valley.

11. Update on Toll Brother's Trail and Pending Connection to Santa Rosa Valley Trail System. Update will be provided by Supervisor Gorell's Field Representative Israel Rodriguez and MAC Member Mark Burley.

12. Santa Rosa Valley MAC Committee & Liaison Reports:

- A. Ad-Hoc Committee Update Fall Harvest Festival – Amy Elliott
- B. Ad-Hoc Committee Report on Santa Rosa Firewise Committee – Kevin Cannon
- C. Ad Hoc Committee Re-Cap on Santa Rosa Road Beautification Project from May 17, 2025 – Michelle Elliot

CLOSING

14. Adjournment of the Santa Rosa Valley Municipal Advisory Council meeting to the next meeting, September 18, 2025, at Santa Rosa Valley Technology Magnet School located at 13282 Santa Rosa Road, Santa Rosa Valley, CA 93012.



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**Santa Rosa Technology Magnet School
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OPENING

1. Call to Order

Chair Allison called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Chair Rosemary Allison, Vice Chair Amy Elliott, Mark Burley, Michael Adams, and Debra Spafford. Quorum was met. Supervisor Gorell was in attendance.

3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

Led by Chair Rosemary Allison

4. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Santa Rosa Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) held on Thursday, 20 March 2025

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mark Burley, seconded by Amy Elliott. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Agenda Review

6. Approval of Consent Agenda Items A through C Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Mark Burley, seconded by Amy Elliott. The motion passed unanimously.

- **California Highway Patrol:** The attached CHP May Safety Report was reviewed.
- **Ventura County Fire Department:** The attached VCFD May Safety Report was reviewed.
- **Ventura County Sheriff's Department:** The report was provided by the newly appointed Chief of the Moorpark Sheriff's Station, Captain Nicholas Odenath, and Senior Deputy John Lemar.

Captain Odenath introduced himself to the MAC and members of the public. Odenath had been appointed as the Captain of Ventura County's Sheriff's Moorpark precinct, which contained patrols for Santa Rosa Valley (SRV). He provided his background and experience. Senior Deputy Lemar joined Odenath for the report. Lemar regularly patrolled the SRV. The two noted that there had been a decline in organized crime activity operating in the SRV, which had been reported at the previous MAC meeting.

7. Public Comments - Citizen presentations regarding Santa Rosa Valley Municipal Advisory Council related matters that did not appear on this agenda (see guidelines above).

Don Brodt: Introduced himself as the owner of a new senior living home in the SRV called The Orchard. The grand opening and ribbon cutting was scheduled for May 16, 2025. This licensed residential care home for the elderly was the first of its kind in the SRV. He invited anyone to help them celebrate the opening.

Paige Nielsen: A prospective resident in the SRV, Nielsen inquired about traffic, power outages, and public safety. Rosemary Allison provided a response regarding the new home developments and the improvements to traffic conditions by Ventura County Public Works. Supervisor Gorell responded regarding the current scope of power outages and how he was attempting to mitigate outages. The council discussed how nice it was to live in SRV.

8. Office of Ventura County Supervisor Jeff Gorell's Comments - Brief announcements and report on County of Ventura activities.

Funding had been obtained for Southern California Edison's Morganstein Circuit Plan to go underground to an extent. Gorell explained the method of putting power lines underground and noted that having lines underground does not guarantee immunity from outages. Gorell discussed the previous Board of Supervisors Meeting.

The Ventura County Fire Department, in partnership with Supervisor Jeff Gorell, had secured a \$1 million grant from the Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy to enhance wildfire prevention and preparedness across the Santa Monica Mountains area of Ventura County. These funds would support FireWise Communities and methods of fire fuel reduction.

The Supervisor has received multiple complaints regarding the Toll Brothers construction site, including noise levels from construction, roads being blocked, and early morning start times. Rosemary Allison remarked that the construction site caused very loud noise. A member of the public said that she lived close to the construction site and that work days began before 7 a.m. on some days. The council briefly discussed the size of the lots in the new development.

9. Council Comments

Mark Burley: Burley began with a brief overview of the Toll Brothers construction site with its history beginning in 2003. He then went on to discuss the greater Santa Rosa Valley Equestrian Trail that was publicly accessible. The Toll

Brothers site plan included an equestrian trail, but the plan did not include this trail connecting to the greater equestrian trail. The greater equestrian trail was made up of many trails within each homeowner association that connected to the next. Burley had spoken with the Vice President of Toll Brothers Community Planning about their trail and how it did not line up with the other trails in the SRV. Toll Brothers would be redesigning the trail so that it would be publicly accessible. The council discussed how the SRV equestrian trails worked. An item would be put onto the next meeting's agenda regarding the trails and how it could be ensured that the new trail would connect.

Amy Elliott: While taking a walk in the SRV, Elliot had discovered the remains of a mutilated chicken. She noted that there had seemed to be burns from fire near/around the chicken corpse that led her to believe this may have been part of an occult ritual. Captain Odenath and Deputy Lemar advised the council and public to report any sort of activity like this to the Sheriff's Department.

Michael Adams: Adams spoke about fire safety. He explained that he had friends who lived in Pacific Palisades and were fortunate to have their home spared from the devastating fires in December. Visiting his friends in Pacific Palisades, Adams said that the carnage dealt to people there by the fires was incomprehensible and that the impact of loss was far-reaching. Adams said that all fire mitigation efforts in the SRV were very necessary. Rosemary Allison agreed that everything should be done to harden homes against fires. Mark Burley suggested that all homeowner associations should be engaged to initiate FireWise certified communities.

10. Santa Rosa Valley MAC Committee & Liaison Reports

Ad-Hoc Committee Report Fall Harvest Festival - Amy Elliott The property for this year's event had been inspected for vendor locations. The flyer for this year's event would be released once the budget had been determined. The committee was seeking donors for beer and wine. There would not be a Spooky Trails attraction, as the date would be too far from Halloween to be appropriate. There was a desire to secure free parking. Pony rides would be sponsored by Rosemary Allison. The pie auction would take place again, and the proceeds would go to fund the Stepping Stones program. Some attractions might include new games and a hay bale maze. Mister Softee would attend with a truck to sell soft serve ice cream. Touch-A-Truck would continue with vehicles from various Ventura County agencies like VCFD and VCSD. We are exploring whether permitting costs can be paid by the County. The price point would change from \$20 per family to \$5 per person for entrance.

Ad-Hoc Committee Report Santa Rosa Road Beautification - Michelle Elliot

Rosemary Allison introduced Michelle Elliott to the council and public. Elliott provided an overview of the upcoming trash pickup event that would occur along Santa Rosa Road. Volunteer hours would be credited to students. The council looked forward to a good turnout to clean up the main road.

Ad-Hoc Committee Report Rancho Community Fuel Reduction Project -

Israel Rodriguez introduced Stan Ullman. Ullman explained the work he had done for mitigating fire fuel and in establishing a FireWise community. Ullman emphasized the importance of taking preemptive actions to reduce the risks that might contribute to causing a fire.

REGULAR AGENDA

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11. Assignments of MAC Members to Subcommittees and Initial Identification of Goals and Objectives for 2025

MAC members discussed which subcommittees they would like to serve on.

The subcommittees available to serve on were as follows:

1. Public Health & Safety: MAC members agreed to lead this committee
2. Planning & Public Works: MAC members agreed to lead this committee
3. Community Relations: MAC members agreed to lead this committee

MAC members continued the process of setting goals and objectives for each of the subcommittees for the 2025 calendar year. The finalized list of goals and objectives from each subcommittee would be submitted for a vote and formal adoption for 2025. Proposals for additional formation of ad-hoc committees were also presented to the MAC board for approval during this session.

Israel Rodriguez introduced and provided an overview of the subcommittees and their purpose. Subcommittees would develop a variety of goals to achieve. He provided examples of issues that could fall into respective subcommittees. Rosemary Allison suggested that there should be a division of the subcommittees. The council decided that Public Health & Safety should be two separate subcommittees. The council discussed what types of issues would fall under the subcommittees.

Rodriguez explained the difference between subcommittees and ad-hoc committees. Subcommittees play a broader role in the MAC and are ongoing and as such are subject to the Brown Act which requires a quorum of the board, notification within 72 hours of the meeting, and a posted agenda. Because of the Brown Act requirements, subcommittee meetings and reports are now incorporated as part of the regular MAC meeting agendas. The purpose of Ad-hoc committees is to achieve a specific goal or complete a particular project established by a governing subcommittee. Ad-hoc committees are short-term in nature and therefore not subject to the Brown Act, allowing for more flexibility and less formal meeting requirements. Ad-hoc committees can also involve volunteers to participate in various projects. The only stipulation for ad-hoc committees is that you cannot have more than two MAC members be present at any ad-hoc committee meeting, otherwise you now have a sanctioned MAC meeting that is subject to the Brown Act requirements listed above.

Subcommittee leads began to be chosen.

Rosemary Allison and Debra Spafford decided to head up Public Safety. Motion to approve this was made by Mark Burley. Amy Elliott seconded. Passed unanimously.

Amy Elliott for Public Health. Motion to approve was made by Rosemary Allison. Seconded by Debra Spafford. Passed unanimously.

Mark Burley for Public Works and Planning. Motion to approve was made by Debra Spafford. Seconded by Amy Elliott. Passed unanimously.

Amy Elliott for Community Relations. A motion to approve was made by Mark Burley. Seconded by Debra Spafford. Passed unanimously.

The public was asked if anyone would like to volunteer for the Public Safety Subcommittee. Darlene Alves, Mike Moore, Vicki Smith, Joe Markowitz, and Stan Ullman volunteered.

Ad-hoc committees were formed.

Rosemary Allison motioned to form the FireWise Ad-Hoc. Debra Spafford seconded. Passed unanimously.

Debra Spafford motioned to form the Evacuation Ad-Hoc. Rosemary Allison seconded. Passed unanimously.

Debra Spafford motioned to form the Crime Prevention Ad-Hoc. Amy Elliott seconded. Passed unanimously.

CLOSING

Adjournment of the Santa Rosa Valley Municipal Advisory Council meeting to the next meeting, July 17, 2025. Location to be determined due to Santa Rosa Technology Magnet School being closed for the summer.
Chair Rosemary Allison adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Santa Rosa Valley May 17th Road Clean-up Event

Results:

- Collected 100 bags of trash
- 20 plus tires
- Over 500 cigarette Butts
- 25 Resident Volunteers



A yellow and blue helicopter is shown in flight, positioned above a large, intense fire that fills much of the lower half of the frame. The fire is bright orange and yellow, with thick black smoke rising from it. The helicopter is yellow with blue accents on its tail and rotor hub. The background is a dark, smoky sky.

Disaster Preparedness Santa Rosa Valley MAC



VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF
Emergency Services

Agenda

- ✧ Ventura County Sheriff's Emergency Services
- ✧ Hazards
- ✧ Emergency Notifications
- ✧ Evacuations
- ✧ New Technology
- ✧ Ready Ventura County



VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF
Emergency Services

Ventura County Sheriff Emergency Services

Our Mission:

- ✦ To protect life, property, and the environment
- ✦ Support first responders from Emergency Operations Center
- ✦ Coordinate local, state and federal resources for response and recovery

Who We Are:

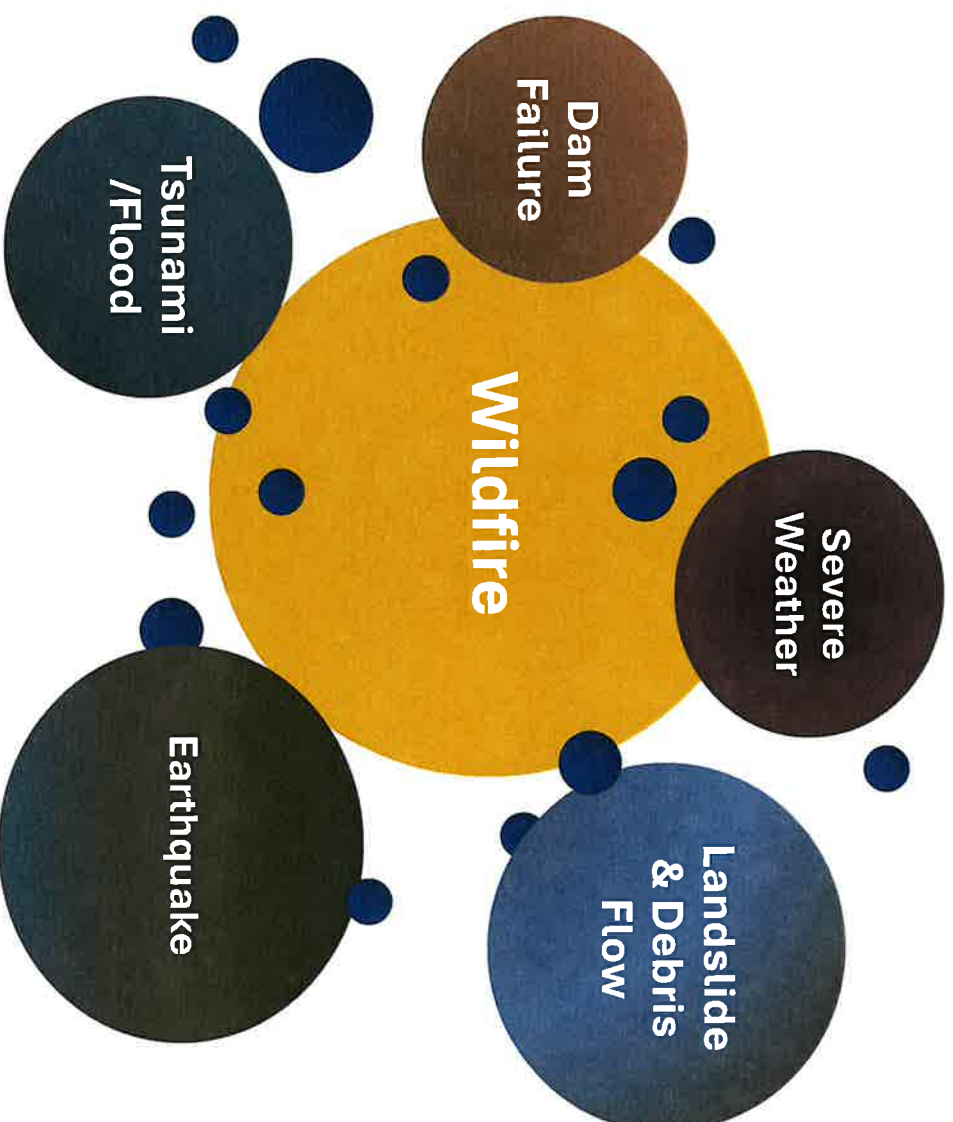
- ✦ Full-time & Part-Time Emergency Managers
- ✦ Backgrounds in fire, law, medical, county planning, finance, technology, event planning and more



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Local Hazards

- ★ ReadyVenturaCounty.org
- ★ Local Hazard Profiles
- ★ Personalized Perspective
 - ★ Interactive Hazard Map
- ★ Individual Preparedness Plan



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Emergency Notifications



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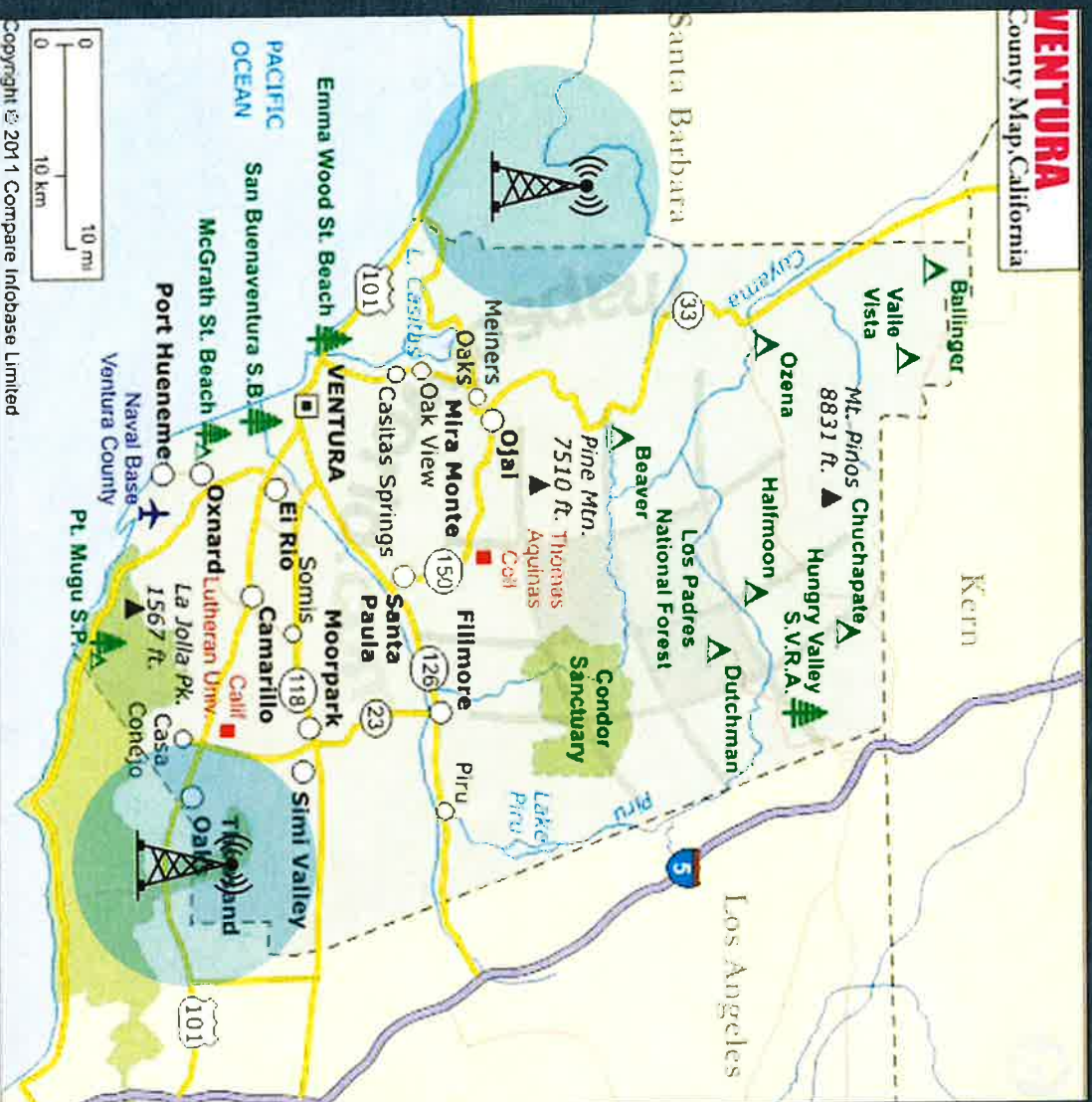
VC Alert

Door Knocks
PA Speaker
Hi-Lo Siren

VCEmergency.com

Wireless
Emergency Alerts
(WEA)

Emergency
Alert
System
(EAS)



Wireless Emergency Alert

Emergency Alert



VC ALERT: FAST MOVING BRUSHFIRE IN Oak Park, Bell Canyon. Go to VCemergency.com for more info.

- Sent for urgency via wireless message
- May be first notification in severe conditions
- Provides basic information and resources
- No registration required
- Delivered to all within cell tower range
- Drawback = Bleed over potential



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VC ALERT

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM



Contacts

- ★ Opt in at vcalert.org
- ★ 911 database
- ★ Residential wireless
- ★ Duplicates welcome

Messaging

- ★ Life safety – yours & theirs
- ★ Pre-recorded by hazard
- ★ Bilingual – English/Spanish
- ★ Custom & Pre-plan maps

Methods

- ★ Phone call
- ★ Text
- ★ Email
- ★ TTY/Fax



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Evacuation Terminology

Evacuation Order

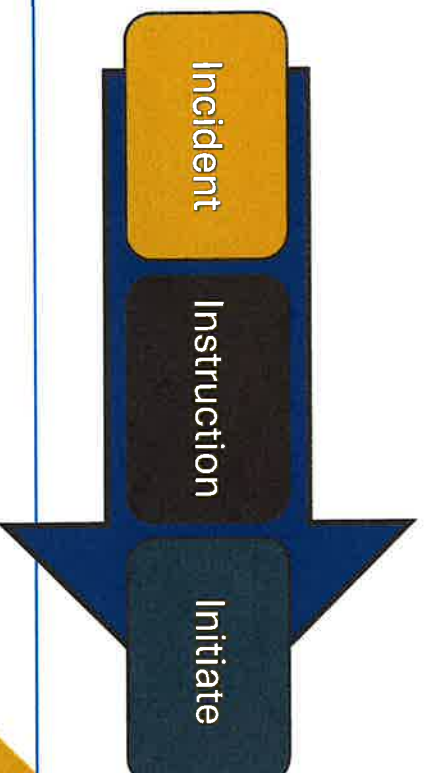
- ✧ There is an **IMMEDIATE THREAT** to life.
- ✧ An Order means to **LEAVE NOW**.
- ✧ The area is closed to public access.

Evacuation Warning

- ✧ There is a **POTENTIAL THREAT** to lives and/or property.
- ✧ Individuals who require additional time to evacuate should **LEAVE NOW**.

Shelter in Place

- ✧ **GO INDOORS** and remain there. Shut and lock all doors and windows.
- ✧ Prepare to **STAY PUT** until further notice from public safety.



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Time Factors

Situational Awareness: Time to size up

Location of Hazard: Evaluate potential impacts

Coordination: Law/Fire/Cities/Jurisdictions

Technology: Time to launch website/alerts

Evacuations: Limited exits, traffic, road closures

Bottom Line – Don't wait.! If it looks and feels dangerous...LEAVE!



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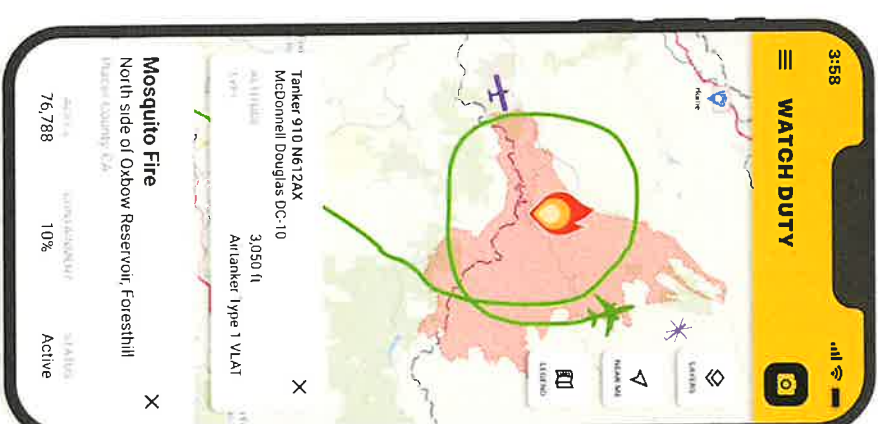
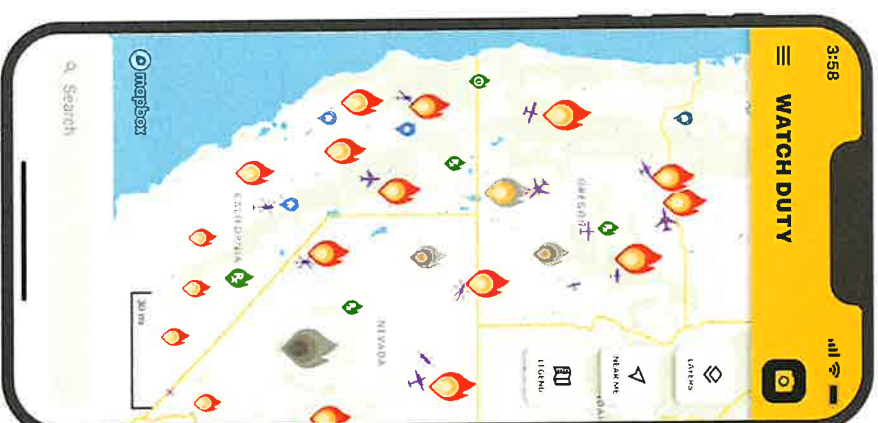
Watch Duty App

- Radio traffic as interpreted by off duty/volunteers
- Imported fire perimeter from FIRIS
- Tied into VCEmergency Dashboard Map
- Their source: VCEmergency.com

Scanners

- Radio traffic as interpreted by individuals
- No access to tactical channels

Official source for information is

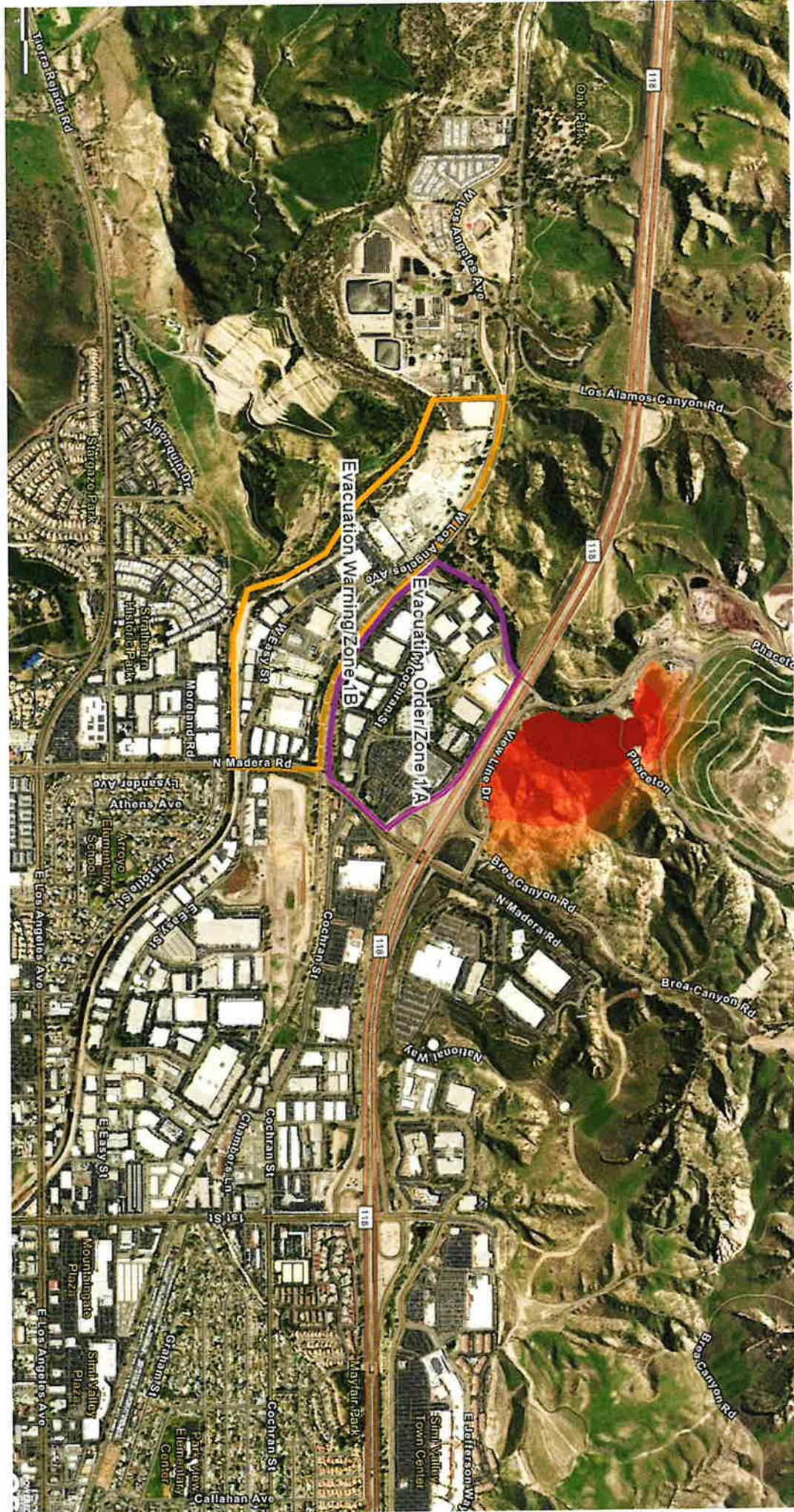


New Technology

FIRIS



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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
OF EMERGENCY SERVICES





Ready.VenturaCounty



Stay Informed

- ★ Local Hazard Profiles
- ★ Protective Measures
- ★ Hazard ArcGIS Story Map
- ★ Map your location
- ★ Confirm your risk



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Prepare for Disasters



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Make a Plan

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Make a Plan



Build a Network



Access & Functional Needs



Who can help evacuate?



Who needs your help?



911 should be a last resort



Communications Plan



How will you find each other?



Plan for kids, older adults, pets

Build a Kit

- Plan for 3 days food/water
- Customize your kit
- Consider daily needs
- Dependent loved ones
- Pets
- Medications
- Keep it budget-friendly
- Dollar store items



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Get Involved
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Get Involved

- ★ Build community with collective capabilities
- ★ Be a helper/find a helper
- ★ Store extra supplies for others
- ★ Include others in your emergency plan
- ★ Be an Influencer
- ★ Use your sphere of influence to encourage others to prepare
- ★ Make a difference
- ★ Community Emergency Response Teams
- ★ Non-profit and Faith-based organizations

Volunteer Opportunities



United Way of
Ventura County



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Instagram: vcsheriff

X: @venturasheriff



VC ALERT

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

VC ALERT is an emergency notification system for Ventura County residents that may be used to alert you if there is an emergency in your community. Register your home or business address, location, cell phone, email, and TTY device to receive emergency alerts. Alerts will be sent in both English and Spanish.

HOW IT WORKS

EMERGENCY **VC ALERT SENT** **TAKE ACTION**

TO REGISTER

WEBSITE: Go to www.vcsosheriff.org create a profile and manage your preferences

EMAIL: vc.alert@ventura.org

MOBILE APP: Download the free mobile app from your iOS or Android app store. The app will send you alerts and allow you to register your location in the Ventura County Sheriff's Office Alert Emergency Kit location system.

MAIL: Mail to Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Attn: Alert Emergency Kit, 1000 E. Main St., Suite 100, Ventura, CA 93001

PHONE: Call 805-353-5833

Ready. Ventura County

Be a Hero to Your Loved Ones



**VENTURA COUNTY
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

June/July 2025

WILDFIRE HAZARD, PREPAREDNESS, AND MITIGATION

Presentation to Municipal Advisory Committees

By: VCFD Chief Officers

WILDFIRE HAZARD, PREPAREDNESS & MITIGATION

Wildfire hazard

- Fire History
- Fire Behavior
- Cal Fire Maps

Wildfire Preparedness and Mitigation

- County
- Community
- Parcel and household



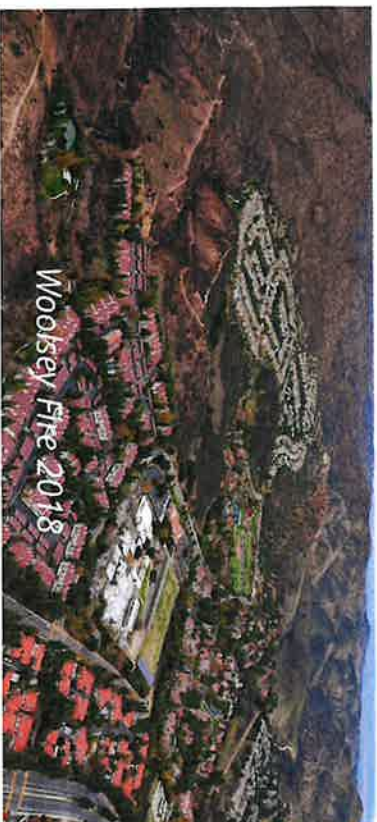
FIRE HISTORY



Springs Fire 2013



Thompas Fire 2017



Woolsey Fire 2018



Mountain Fire 2024



FIRE BEHAVIOR

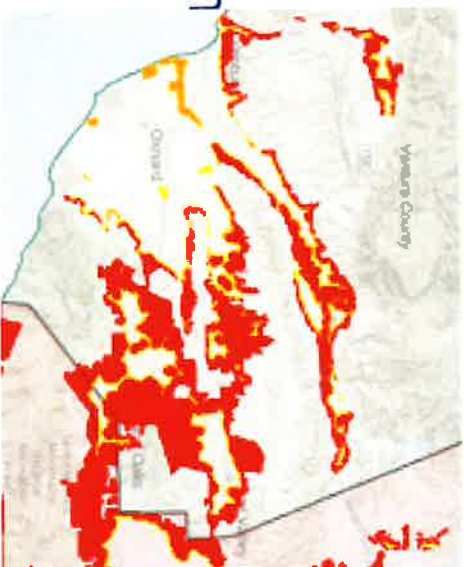
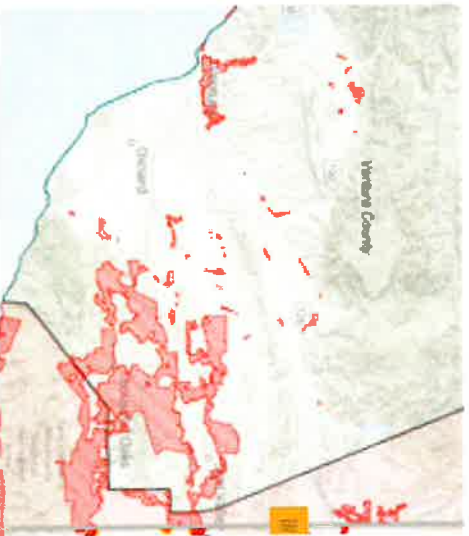


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CAL FIRE MAPS

- Local Responsibility Area map development
- State law requirement to adopt, maps effective 7/1/25
- Cal Fire interactive viewer

<https://vcfd.org/cal-fire-fire-hazard-severity-zone-map-update/>



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WILDFIRE MITIGATIONS

- Countywide
- Community
- Parcel and household level



COUNTYWIDE MITIGATIONS

- Emergency response
- Fire Hazard Reduction Program – 100' defensible space
- Vegetation Management Program
- Partnerships and Community Education



VENTURA COUNTY
FIRE DEPARTMENT

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

- 33 Stations / 5 Battalions (623 personnel)
- VCFD has increased air suppression by the purchase of 2 Firehawk helicopters
 - 1000 gallons water dropping capacity
 - Larger room for crews to insert into fire areas
- 2 hand crews increased to 4 hand crews



100' DEFENSIBLE SPACE

- 19,000 annual inspections to verify defensible space
- Within 100', cut grasses down to 3 inches, remove dead and dying plants, weeds, and grasses, remove deadwood and litter from trees.



ZONE 0 – EMBER RESISTANT

- 0-5' from structures, critical area for preventing ignition
- Well maintained low growing plants, limit combustibles
- No mulch, relocate firewood piles out of area to zone 2
- Roofs and gutters: Maintain free of leaves and needles



ZONE 1: 5-30'

- Extends 5-30' from structures, designed to reduce the likelihood of a fire burning directly to the structure.
- Plants should be limited and separated into groups to limit the pathways for fire to burn up to the structure.
- Trim existing trees 10' from chimneys or stove pipes
- Limb trees 6' from the ground or 1/3 tree height (whichever is less).
- Maintain free of leaves, mow grasses to max height of 3"



ZONE 2: 30-100'

- 30-100 feet from structures and is designed to reduce flame heights and ember generation, and to reduce radiant heat and drop approaching crown fires in trees to the ground
- Greater spacing of vegetation should occur in this area
- Limb trees 6' from the ground or 1/3 tree height, Fruit trees when approved can provide 12" clearance above ground
- Firewood piles are allowable within this area
- Additional details provided on all 3 zones at www.vcfd.org



VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

- Prescribed burns
- Vegetation Removal and Modification
- VCFD maintains 340 miles of Fire, Utility, and Ranch Roads for Fire Access
- 319 acres of fuel reduction projects and provided 5 community chipping events with partners in 2024



PARTNERSHIPS & EDUCATION

- VCFD partners with
 - 5 Fire Safe Councils to educate & support community
 - Resource Conservation Districts, Parks and Open Space Agencies, ranchers, and other community groups for wildfire preparedness & educational outreach to our communities
- VCFD involved in the review of Countywide and Local Community Wildfire Protection Plans



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FIREWISE USA®
RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS

- Community level mitigation
- Firewise USA® Communities raise awareness, organize at the community level, and take action to create fire-adapted communities
- See vcfd.org/firewise/ for more information, or
- Ventura Regional Fire Safe Council monthly meetings on home hardening and becoming Firewise designated. See venturafiresafe.org



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MORE RESOURCES/QUESTIONS

- VCFD.org, Prevention, Community Wildfire Preparedness
- VCAAlert.org to sign up for emergency alerts
- Contact: Community Wildfire Preparedness Division
 - fhrrp@ventura.org
 - 805-389-9759



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