



MEASURE V: Nevada County Wildfire Prevention, Emergency Services and Disaster Readiness

September 27, 2022

Provided for informational purposes only. Nevada County does not advocate a yes or no on this measure.

**Raging
wildfires.**

Nevada County
must be well
prepared for
any type of
natural disaster.

**Giant
snowstorms.**



**Prolonged
drought.**



Emergency Preparedness is a Board Priority.

At the January 2020 and 2022 Board Workshops, the Board directed staff:

- engage stakeholders
- conduct needs assessment
- identify sustainable funding



The **CEO Roundtable Needs Assessment** process

Staff consulted with key county, municipal, and first responder stakeholders:

- Town of Truckee
- Truckee Fire Protection District
- Sheriff's Office
- CAL FIRE
- Consolidated Fire District
- City of Grass Valley
- City of Nevada City
- Community Development Agency
- Health and Human Services Agency
- Office of Emergency Services
- Community leaders

And received **62 projects** and program ideas totaling **\$36,000,000** per year.



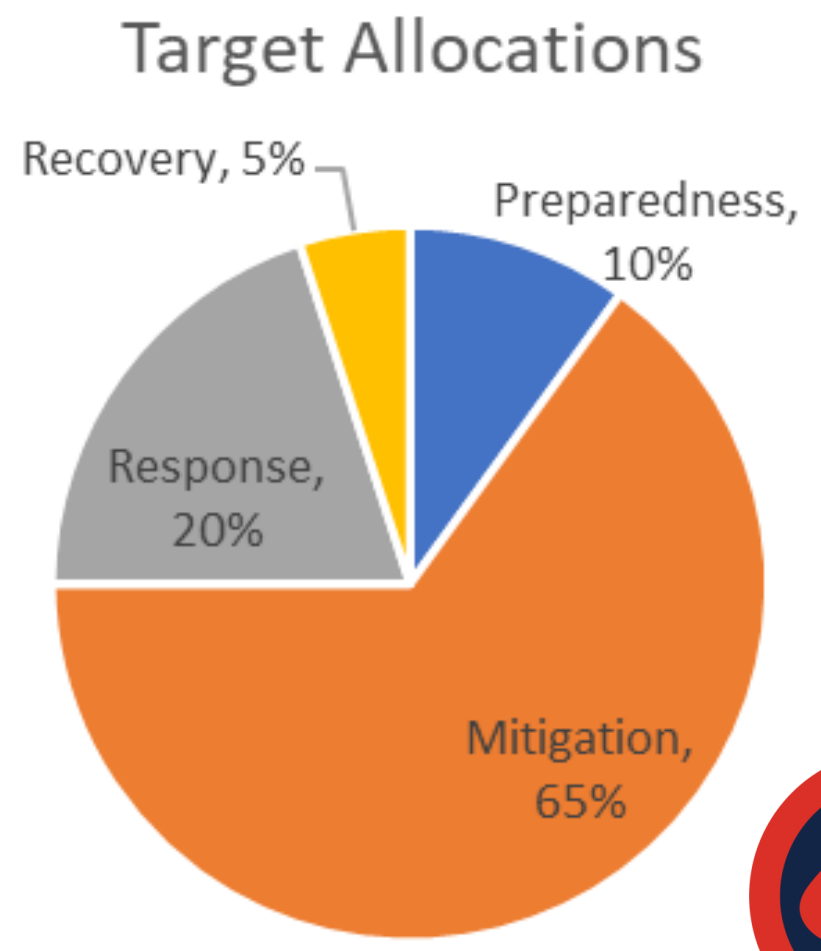
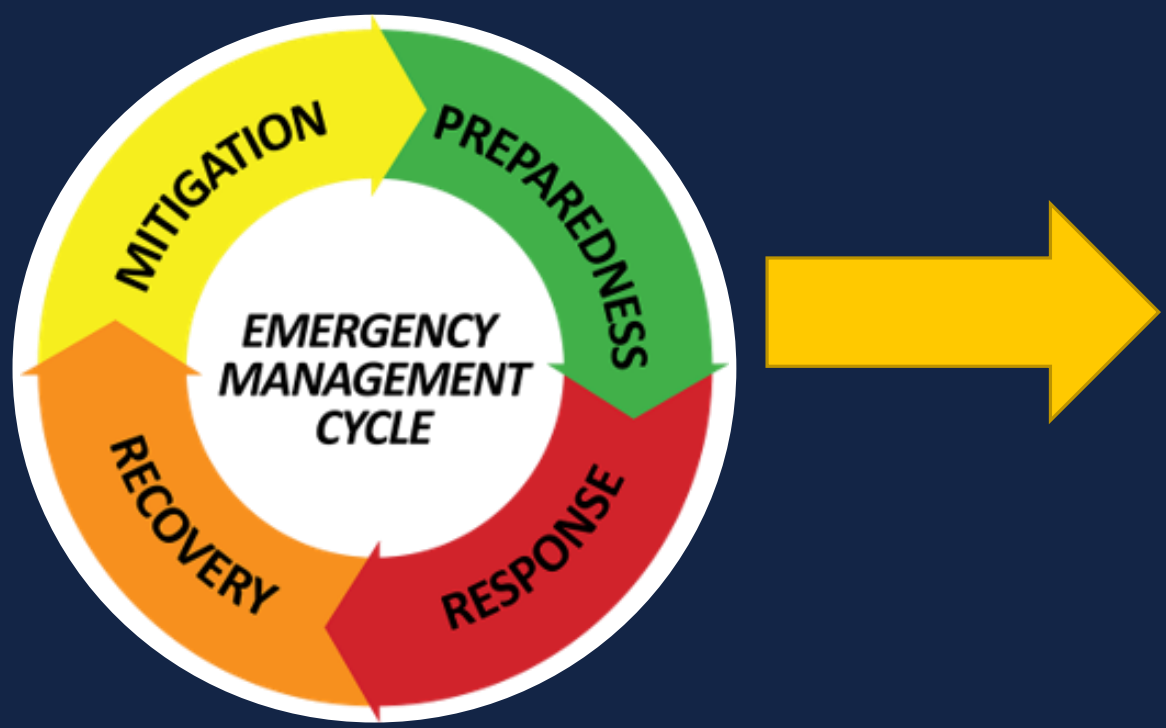
The CEO Roundtable:

Developed a **draft expenditure plan** responsive to community priorities and based on an estimated \$12 Million in annual revenue from a ½ cent general sales tax.

Developed **guiding principles**, notably Accountability, Transparency, and Regional Equity.



The CEO Roundtable recommended target allocations to



- Preparedness
- Mitigation
- Response
- Recovery

Measure V will raise \$12M annually for high-impact projects such as:

\$8M

Flammable Brush Removal

- Clear evacuation routes
- Protect communities with large-scale fuel breaks
- Provide free year-round green waste disposal sites
- Assist older adults and people with disabilities to clear brush



\$3M

Communications and Disaster Resources

- Improve early warning and alert systems
- Enhance local AM/FM radio infrastructure
- Expand shelter capacity for residents, pets, and livestock



\$1M

Planning and Prevention

- Create countywide disaster plans
- Expand community education and outreach programs
- Enforce fire safety laws to prevent illegal campfires





The MOU with Grass Valley:

- 13.6% investment (\$1,632,000)
 - Of the 13.6%, 7.5% to City of Grass Valley (\$900,000)
 - Of the 13.6%, 6.1% for GV/District 3 (\$732,000)
- 2 seats on the TAC



Use of Measure V funds

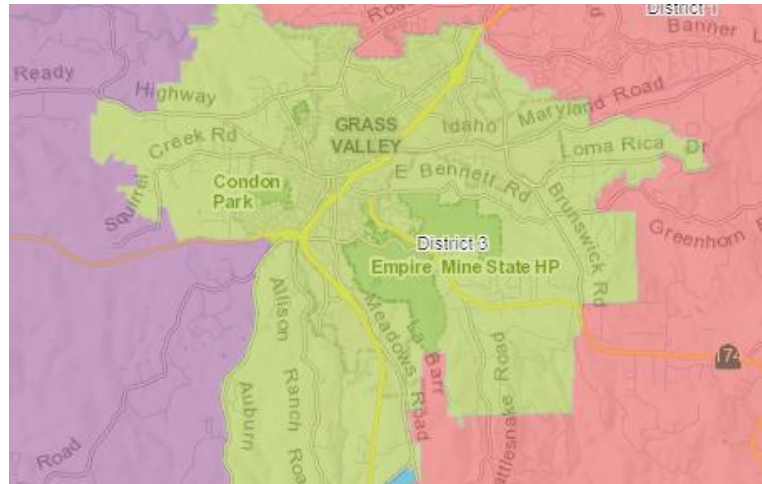
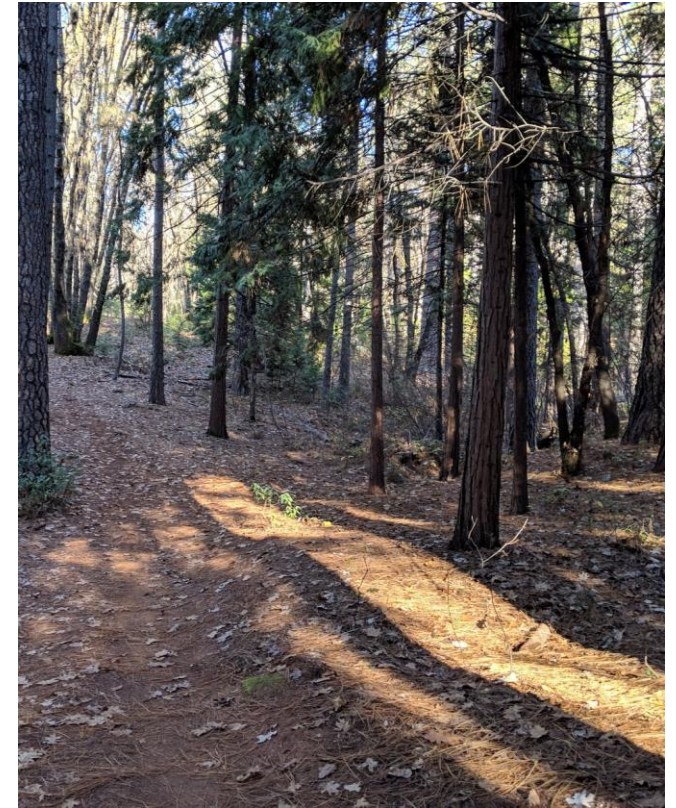
- City priorities in the categories of Planning, Mitigation, Response, Recovery
- Aligned with local and regional plans
- Coordinated project development, grant writing, and advocacy
- Countywide coordination on shared programs like planning and emergency communications

Draft Grass Valley Measure V MOU Expenditure Plan

YEAR 1 – FUELS REDUCTION AROUND PUBLIC AND CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE (PARKS, TREATMENT PLANTS, SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS) & PREPAREDNESS FOR AFN COMMUNITY

YEAR 2- CONTINUE WITH YEAR 1 WORK ITEMS AND HARDEN CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE LOCATIONS FOR TRA'S AND START A WOODY MATERIAL GREEN WASTE PROGRAM

YEAR 3 – CONTINUE





Accountability and Transparency

- Measure V revenue and expenses would be recorded in separate accounts distinct from other County funds and subject to annual independent audits.
- A Technical Advisory Committee would recommend funding priorities to the Board for approval as part of the County's annual budget process.
- The Board-appointed Citizens Oversight Committee would report annually to the public on the receipt and expenditures of Measure V funds.
- The County would have a dedicated webpage to post contracting opportunities, awarded contracts, and annual audited reports to ensure

The Western County Technical Advisory Committee

(WTAACs)...

recommends
recommendations for
the annual
expenditure plan.

Staffed by County
OES.



The Citizen Oversight Committee (COC)...

Annual Reports to Public:

- Sales tax collected
- How money is used
- Findings of regular audits
- Posted on public "dashboard"



Board Appoints 7 Members:
Supervisor appoints 1 from

District
Board appoints 2 at-large



Purpose Statement:
To **save lives**, reduce
the threat
of **wildfires**, and
improve all-
hazards **disaster**
readiness and
evacuation safety.

*Purpose statement developed by the CEO Roundtable in April-
June 2022

