



**NEVADA
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2023 Hazardous Vegetation Ordinance Update

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Background

- Addressing resident and Board concerns
- Multi-year community & stakeholder engagement
- Returning from December 6th meeting with final Ordinance



Nevada County Hazardous Vegetation Ordinance 2477

- Unincorporated
Parcels/Roads
- Exceeds PRC 4291 guidelines
- Addresses adjacent
properties
- Focuses heavily on education



DSI Program Recommendations

- Keep the 50% Cost Share Provision
- Require parcels ≤ 1 acre to fully treat entire parcel
- Do not adopt a 30' fuel reduction area for parcels bordering improved parcels
- Adopt a 0-5' ember resistant zone into the ordinance
- Abatements should only be sought in the most egregious cases presenting serious risk to the public



Changes in today's ordinance

- Addition of ≤ 1 Acre Fuels Reduction
- Slight changes to 50/50 cost share
- Addition of 0-5ft Ember Resistant Zone



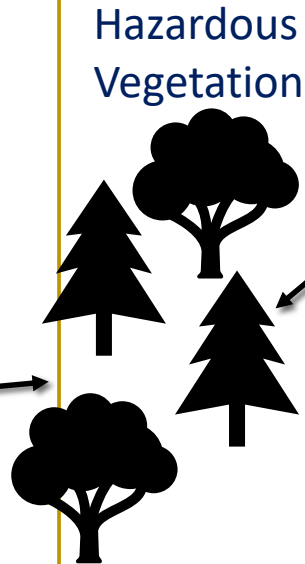
50% COST SHARE

Diagram 2



Reporting party

60ft



Adjacent Property Owner



200ft

Adjacent property owner can request the reporting party pay 50% of the cost

50/50 Cost Share Provision



- Slight modifications
- Examples from the community
- Structure definition

50/50 Cost Share Provision



- Why 50/50 is so important
- The 50/50 cost share application may be less prevalent with the less than 1 acre change to the ordinance

Treating Hazardous Vegetation On Parcels \leq 1 Acre



- Extend the treatment guidelines for the 30'-100' zone to the parcel boundaries on parcels \leq 1 acre
- Applies to improved and unimproved parcels

≤1 Acre Fuel Reduction

Diagram 5



Structure # 1

Fully Treated

Improved Parcel ≤1 Acre

Unimproved Parcel
≤1 Acre

Fully Treated

Improved Parcel ≤1 Acre

Structure #2



15 ft

85 ft

Unimproved Parcel
>1 Acre

Fully Treated

Treated to 100' for
adjacent parcel

0-5' Ember Resistant Zone



- Expected to be adopted into PRC 4291 in 2023/2024
- Most crucial to protect structures
- Work/reward benefit is high

0-5ft Ember Resistant Zone

- First layer of defense
- Embers responsible for 60-90% of home loss
- May have a greater impact on manufactured homes and retirement communities



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- Adopt the ordinance with these recommended updates



Questions?

