



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

Board of Supervisors' Meeting  
Town of Truckee  
August 23, 2022

**Raging wildfires.**

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

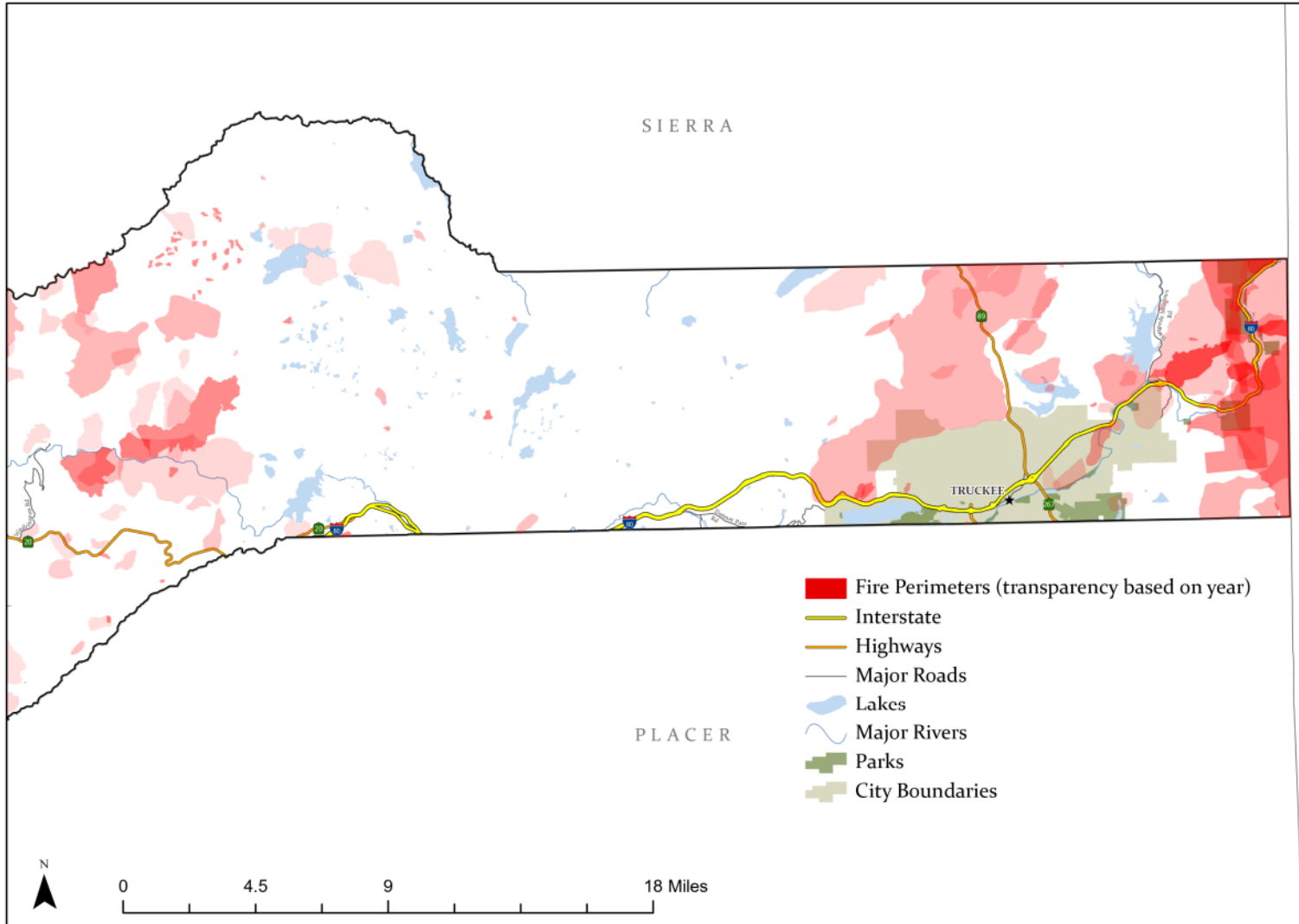
**Giant snowstorms.**



**Prolonged drought.**



## Historical Fire Perimeters in Eastern Nevada County (1911-2021)



Project Name: 60309 Historical Fire Perimeters

Eastern County is no stranger to fire.



**Emergency Preparedness** is a Board Priority.

At the January 2020 and 2022 Board Workshops, the Board directed staff to engage stakeholders and residents in a needs assessment and identify a **sustainable funding strategy**.



# 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.



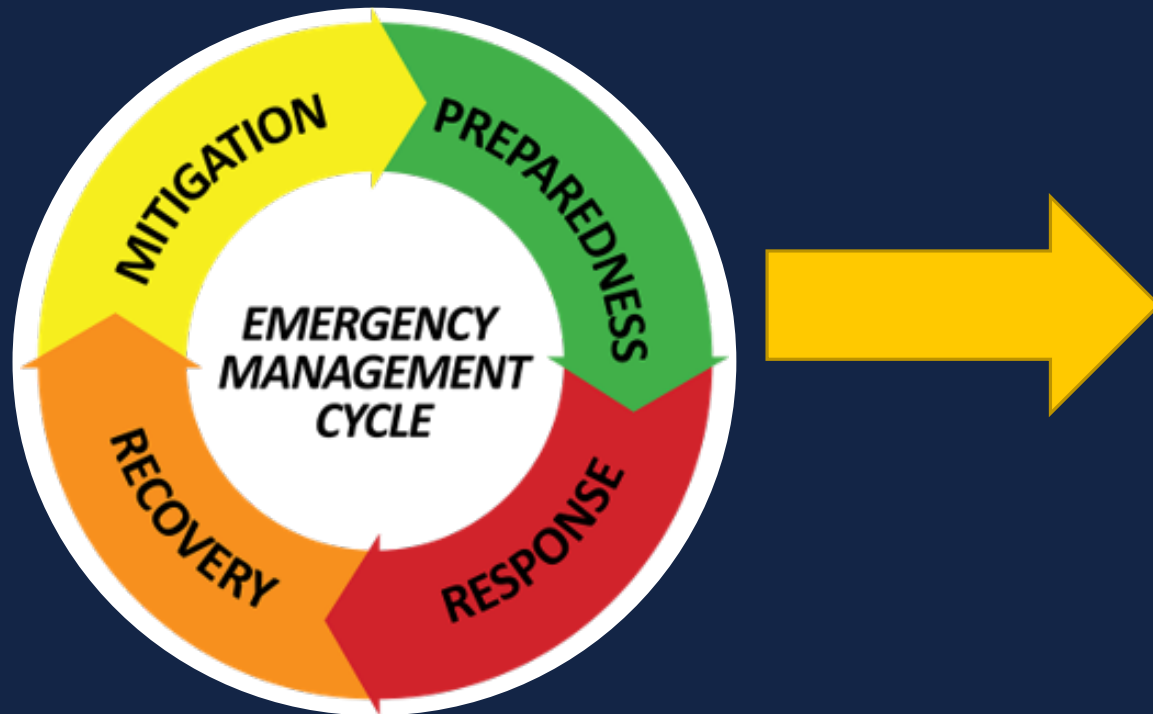


## The CEO Roundtable:

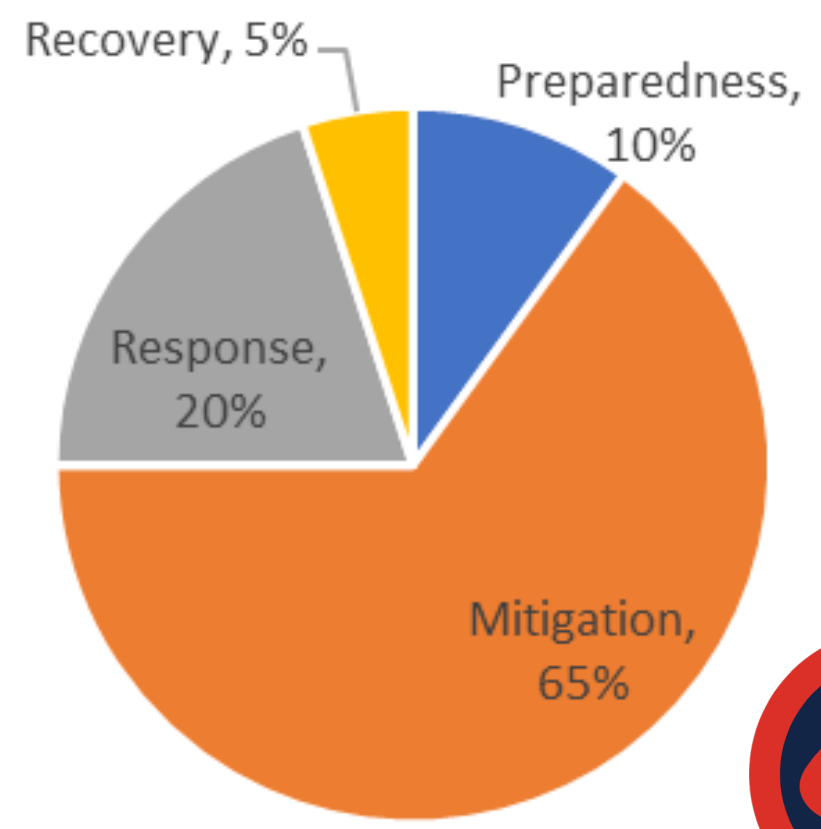
Developed a **draft expenditure plan** responsive to community priorities and based on an estimated \$12 Million in annual revenue from a ½ cent general sales tax.

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

# The **CEO Roundtable** recommended target allocations to protect the community



### Target Allocations



- Preparedness
- Mitigation
- Response
- Recovery



## Regional Equity:

Measure V would provide for regional equity between Western and Eastern County in recognition of each region's unique public safety needs.

“East County” is defined as longitudinally east of the I-80/Hwy 20 junction.





## The MOU:

- First responders helped draft the plan
- Memorialized agreements
- 10-year “sunset”
- 25% investment in Eastern County (\$3,000,000)
  - 8.33% to Town of Truckee (\$1,000,000)
  - 16.67% to Eastern County (\$2,000,000)



## Use of Measure V funds

- Town Priorities in the categories of Planning, Mitigation, Response, Recovery
- Aligned with local and regional plans
- Expand and enhance Measure T programs
- Coordinated project development, grant writing, and advocacy
- Countywide coordination on shared programs like planning and emergency communications

**Measure V provides sustainable funding to take on large-scale projects. Eastern Nevada County has identified 8 critical fuel breaks totaling 9,350 acres. What else can be accomplished together?**

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**The estimated cost to implement this work is ~\$28 million. More to maintain it in perpetuity.**





# 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 maximum transparency.

# The Eastern County Technical Advisory Committee (ETAC)...

Develops independent  
recommendations for the  
annual expenditure plan.

Is supported by County  
OES staff.

## The Eastern TAC

- Town Manager
- Fire Chief
- 5 local community  
volunteer experts  
(2 from Town + 3  
from the  
unincorporated  
county)



# The Citizen Oversight Committee (COC)...

## Annual Reports to Public:

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

Ensures transparency and accountability.



**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

