

MISSION

Recognizing that wildfire does not respect jurisdictional boundaries, the East Bay Wildfire Coalition of Governments (EBWC) is a regional consortium of elected officials representing cities, counties and fire districts committed to safeguarding our communities and natural landscapes in the East Bay Hills. We support proactive, science-based and data-driven approaches to resiliency and mitigating, through preparedness, community engagement, education, and collaboration, the increasing threat of catastrophic wildfires due to the climate crisis.

INITIAL FOCUS

Home hardening

- Education: Create community engagement program to inform property owners, and decision-makers, about the value of home hardening and defensible space including “zone zero”
- Legislation: Support adoption of state, county and local ordinances to promote consistent region-wide risk reduction measures in wildfire hazard zones
- Funding: Promote and support a regional assistance program for qualified homeowners to help establish ember-resistant zones within five feet of structures, or “zone zero”

Vegetation Management

- Funding: Raise funds for situational analyses, plans and environmental impact report for a regionwide vegetation management plan
- Project management: Apply for grants, distribute funding and support activities

INTEREST AREAS

1. **Strengthen local building & fire codes and adherence**
2. **Promote science-driven vegetation management priorities**
3. **Support evacuation & response programs**
4. **Secure new funding for regional priorities**
5. **Advocate for local and state legislation**