

East Bay Wildfire Coalition of Governments (EBWC)

Interest Areas:



Strengthen **building and fire codes** and adherence



Support science-driven regional **vegetation management** priorities



Advocate for local, county and state **legislation**



Support **evacuation & response** programs



Secure new **funding** for regional priorities



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”



Focus: Vegetation Management

Funding: Promote implementation of best practices for various vegetative types, raise funds for situational analyses, plans for a CEQA-compliant, ecologically-sound, region-wide vegetation management plan

Project management: Apply for grants, distribute funding and support activities

Members (Autumn 2024)

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Representative</u>
Alameda County	Supervisor Elisa Marquez
Contra Costa County	Supervisor John Gioia
Berkeley	Vice Mayor Susan Wengraf (Chair)
El Cerrito	Councilmember Paul Fadelli
Hercules	Councilmember Alex Walker-Griffin
Oakland	Councilmember Janani Ramachandran (Vice Chair)
Pinole	Mayor Maureen Toms
Richmond	Councilmember Gayle McLaughlin
Rodeo-Hercules FPD	Vice Chair Marie Bowman

Fire Chiefs:

All member jurisdictions' Fire Chiefs advise and participate in all EBWC meetings

Regional Advisors:

UC Berkeley, LBNL, EBMUD, EBRPD, Diablo Firesafe Council, East Bay FireSafe Alliance

Founding 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 of the San Francisco Bay Area.

We support proactive, science-based, ecologically sound and data-driven approaches to resiliency. Through preparedness, community engagement, education, and collaboration, we support mitigating the increasing threat of catastrophic wildfires due to the climate crisis.