

Proposed: League of Women Voters of Diablo Valley and Bay Area and State
Call for
Wildfire Emergency Task Force

Call for Public/Private Emergency Task Force on Wildfire Prevention
Control, Containment and Emergency Response

Message:

Wildfires are an ongoing risk that require priority action with government/private resources through public/private cooperation, collaboration and funding. Also essential is an escalated emergency driven timeline for implementation of solutions current and future. Wildfires in multiple locations with high winds is our new reality and are very likely in a worst case earthquake.

Like it or not, we are in a public safety crisis that requires a new kind of emergency status for governance and private enterprise. It is now known that this cannot wait. That both public and private bankruptcy are very real possibilities for much larger communities, as shown by the Camp/Paradise fire and Napa fires. Terrible loss of life already our experience and future possibility.

Creative design. Creative thinking. Creative public/private mutually beneficial collaboration. Creative planning from new and existing governmental resources and creative effective timelines and deadlines for applying solutions.

Top priority 1: Proposed--End PG&E originated fires with equipment design changes and massive system wide installation. **Include a short term plan to target highest risk communities** for a massive vegetation trimming of overgrowth and power line clearance and replacement of aged equipment.

Top priority 2: Proposed—Using the new satellite ground level view details **create plans to get to fires immediately with an effective new specially designed and trained firefighting special forces team** to control and contain fires more quickly. Move additional manpower more quickly to fire locations. **Prioritize the private design of firefighting equipment** that can be deployed quickly to defend structures as well as trees and overgrown shrubs – possibly entirely new designs for equipment to fight fires in the heavy wind, etc.

Top priority 3: Proposed--Re-design emergency response alerts through cell phones and internet and a new locational air-raid-like option consider night time experience. Develop a new control center operation for communications of citizens with emergency services. Cal Fire, local cities, fire depts and police depts with their **communities create and test evacuation plans** to include exceptional situations like the elderly, hospitals, children in school and daycare as examples. Design and identify locations for those being evacuated.

This task force is essential and I see it as an incredible opportunity for the League to engage our current and future membership in inspired creation of community solutions through current public policy processes. Yours in League, Suzan Requa, Co-President LWVDV

Resources:

State, County and Local government agencies, military-like mobilization tactics and local military (national guard) fire and police and sheriff services and FUNDING.

Private companies to design technical changes for electric service infrastructure, fire retardant and containment equipment, design robots and responders protective gear, evacuation transportation, environmental design and FUNDING.

Timeline: Build timeline with a factor of emergency deadlines and working list of immediate regionally designed actions. Create top priority timelines for public agencies and private companies that require research and development with an emergency override to gain resources required for immediate action.

Power Map

****decision-making power or influence**

LWVDV Observer/Action Corp Role (Elected Officials)

State and Bay Area League and local Leagues

PUC

Our local State Legislative Representatives

County Supervisors

City Councils

Police & Sheriff Depts Jails and Prisons

Local Fire Departments & Cal Fire

Environmental Experts and non-profits

Hospitals, Convalescent Hospitals

****Active participant in decision-making**

Power to have major influence on decision-making

Identify Private Corporations with in state presence

****Taken into account**

State Dept of Education

County and Local School Districts

****Barely on the radar**