

APPENDIX I: COMMUNITIES OF CONCERN MEETINGS PHASE 2 SUMMARY



Apr 15, 2024 | North Fair Oaks Safety Element Workshop

CRC Staff in Attendance: Kamille Lang, Alba Cardenas, Theo Gress

CBO Partners in Attendance: North Fair Oaks Community Alliance's Ever Rodriguez, Gabriela Valencia

Meeting Logistics:

- Monday, April 15th, 2025, 6:00 - 7:30 pm
- Workshop hosted at the Fair Oaks Community Center
- Total attendees: 26 residents of North Fair Oaks (11 bilingual English/Spanish speakers, 15 monolingual Spanish speakers)
- Meeting was held exclusively in Spanish

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Key Findings

- Residents expressed concerns about slow police and emergency response times in North Fair Oaks, leading to a feeling of neglect and lack of prioritization that is already felt in a number of different ways by the County.
- Flooding, illegal dumping, and lack of proper drainage systems are major issues impacting residents, schools, businesses and transportation in the area.
- The community knows they face significant risks from natural hazards such as wildfires, extreme heat, and poor air quality. They understand these risks disproportionately affecting vulnerable populations like the elderly, disabled, monolingual Spanish speakers and low-income residents
- There is a lack of effective communication and coordination between the County and North Fair Oaks residents regarding emergency preparedness, hazard mitigation, and available resources
- Housing conditions, including lack of air conditioning, pest infestations, and tenant rights violations, are a pressing concern for many residents





Conclusions and Supplementary Recommendations from Climate Resilient Communities, based on community feedback

Issue 1: Emergency Response

A central concern expressed during the workshop was emergency response. Residents highlighted the importance of faster response times and more equitable resource allocation to ensure safety in urgent situations. Participants emphasized the need for additional staffing and a dedicated team focused on North Fair Oaks, noting that current response capacity does not fully reflect community needs. Attendees also underscored the importance of open community - both during emergencies and in preparation for them - so that residents receive timely information on hazards, resources, and mitigation efforts. Finally, participants stressed the value of creating ongoing pathways for feedback from community members, leaders, and organizations to strengthen trust and ensure continuous improvement. As a result, CRC has synthesized community feedback into the following recommendations:

- Improve emergency response times and resource allocation in North Fair Oaks by increasing staffing, establishing a dedicated response team, and prioritizing the area's needs.
- Implement a comprehensive communication plan to ensure timely and accessible information sharing with residents about emergencies, hazard mitigation, and available resources.
- Provide pathways for feedback directly from residents, community leaders and organizations throughout the process of planning and implementation

Issue 2: Flood Mitigation

Another significant concern that emerged during the workshop was flood mitigation. Residents shared that recurring flooding - made worse by outdated drainage systems and illegal dumping - creates both safety risks and quality-of-life impacts for the community. Participants emphasized that indeed for a comprehensive assessment of flood-prone areas that they could be involved in to share their neighborhood level insight and experience. They wished to see that coupled with a targeted plan to address problem spots through both infrastructure upgrades and proactive prevention measures. Community members also highlighted the importance of investing in local programs, like North Fair Oaks Community Alliance's Block Action Teams (BAT), to build neighborhood-level capacity for addressing flooding and illegal dumping. Finally, attendees stressed the value of ongoing evaluation to measure progress, identify gaps, and pursue



innovative approaches over time. As a result, CRC has amalgamated community feedback into the following recommendations:

- Conduct a thorough assessment of flood-prone areas, drainage systems, and illegal dumping hotspots in North Fair Oaks, and develop a targeted action plan to address these issues.
- Allocate funding for infrastructure improvements, regular maintenance, and community-based programs like Block Action Teams (BAT) to mitigate flooding and illegal dumping.
- Ongoing assessment to measure impact and opportunities for innovation.

Issue 3: Extreme Heat

Another pressing concern expressed during the workshop was the community's vulnerability to extreme heat and poor housing conditions. Residents emphasized the need for a comprehensive Heat Action Plan that includes cooling centers and shade structures to protect vulnerable groups such as seniors, children, and outdoor workers. Participants also highlighted the trust they have in local organizations - including NFOCA, El Concilio of San Mateo County, PAL Center and CRC - along with residents to come together and implement wildfire risk reduction measures, such as vegetation management, home hardening, and evacuation planning. In addition, attendees noted that tenant protections and healthy housing standards are integral to community resilience, underscoring the need to strengthen enforcement of housing codes and provide resources for pest control and mold remediation. Residents shared an urgency to take action to safeguard health, safety, and quality of life in North Fair Oaks. As a result, CRC has amalgamated community feedback into the following recommendations:

- Develop a comprehensive heat action plan and establish cooling centers and shade structures in North Fair Oaks to protect vulnerable populations during extreme heat events.
- Collaborative with community organizations like NFOCA, El Concilio and CRC along with residents to implement wildfire risk reduction strategies, such as vegetation management, home hardening, and evacuation planning.
- Strengthen tenant rights protections, enforce housing code violations, and provide resources for pest control and mold remediation to improve living conditions in North Fair Oaks.

Meeting Notes

Q&A after PREP Presentation



- I want to see the issues of North Fair Oaks in the maps. I am tired of not seeing this missing in all the information that the County brings to us.
- I want to see a better communication plan so that the County can ensure that all North Fair Oaks residents are notified as early on as possible when a natural hazard occurs in our neighborhood.
- I believe the County wants to see us suffer. Why else would they keep denying our ideas, our formal proposals and watching us suffer as these natural hazards get worse in NFO? Why don't they care?
- I want to see policy and implementation plans that reflect listening to the community and showing what steps will be done to train community members effectively WELL IN ADVANCE of a natural disaster.
- There are some things we can predict and others we cannot. Why don't the County reach out to provide education and resources for the things we can definitely predict?"
- I am willing to collaborate! All I feel I need right now is the approval and support of the County to get it done.
- Observe, orient and act. That is a martial arts principal that I can see being applied to where we are in our community. We have observed enough, suffered plenty and asked for help for so many years. Now the cycle MUST move forward so that we can get the right County staff, CBOs and community leaders working together to advance the health and safety of North Fair Oaks.
- The County has to admit where they went wrong to accept where we are and what needs to be done in the community.
- The fire department incident command structure is broken. Look at the cause of the fire and how many suffer without a response from the fire department. It took 57 minutes for them to respond... why is that the way it is here and not in Redwood City? I want to see answers, admittance of what went wrong and action.
- This area is forgotten and they are used to having folks hit the ground running and solve the problem within the community. I am grateful that so many in the community want to





rise up and take action but this only enables the County to continue with inaction. We are giving them what they want when we try to work around them and without the County's support. There isn't a need for them to get involved because they don't feel the problem along with us.

- We need to do something about CHP managing the crosswalks in North Fair Oaks. Nothing gets done when it is at that high of a level and removed from the community that walks these streets daily and relies on them for safety.

Roundtable Discussion Activity Notes

Extreme Heat

- Where does it happen in North Fair Oaks?
 - Everywhere
 - Small businesses in Middlefield
 - Apartments at Roosevelt & El Camino, Curtis & Huntington (near railway tracks)
 - EVERYWHERE
 - Up and down Middlefield
 - This impacts the entire community, due to the lack of trees. There is no shade and people are at increased risk.
- Who is impacted?
 - Those who are physically disabled and cannot relocated safely to a cooling center
 - The whole community, especially more densely housed members and retired or folks who work from home
 - EVERYONE +3
 - ELDERLY +2
 - Pets +2
 - Families with little economic access and income. They end up renting and living in buildings that do not have the resources needed to be protected against extreme heat like A/C units.
 - Older adults and children
 - The entire community affected but mainly the homeless, the elderly, children, pets and the plants that make up our community suffer the most
- What can be done to address this?
 - Community spaces as cooling stations
 - Training/outreach on heat relief
 - Fixing the lack of open spaces, for example adding more shade structures to Friendship Park and all parks in North Fair Oaks
 - Block Act Teams! We are done waiting for County support!!
 - Shade/cover from the sun along all bus stops
 - Plant more trees! Work with Canopy to advance their work throughout North Fair Oaks



- Community education
- Unifying the community so that they are organized, committed and have a direct line of communication with the County
- Keeping community members actively informed of predictable weather conditions, providing resources to be prepared with proper ventilation in their homes, lots of extra water in the home, etc.
- Take care of the environment, plant more trees, open more places where people can go to shelter on extreme days, more shade in the bus stops, to prepare you to know what to do.
- Providing air condition in homes, especially during the hot season

Flooding

- Where does this happen in North Fair Oaks?
 - Fairfield School
 - 2nd Ave, tends to flood (street dip and has no good drainage system) +4
 - Fair Oaks at 2nd Ave
 - Bay Road: very close to schools, makes it hard for kids to walk in the area +1
 - Specific road hazards on 2nd & Middlefield near Casa Circulo and El Gurellense
 - Trailer park area and Bayside
 - On Northumberland by St. Francis Center and the surrounding neighborhood
 - On 5th Ave, especially on the lower slope. So much flooding there!! +3
 - Broadway +2
 - Close to the channel
 - Page Street,
 - Rolison Ave near Broadway
 - On Spring Street between 9th and 10th ave
- Who is impacted?
 - On 2nd Street: residents, schools, small business, non-profit, clinic, SamTrans/buses + 1
 - Bay Road - mostly residents and schools
 - Residents who live on or near those streets +3
 - Senior citizens +2
 - People who walk their pets, relatives th
 - At visit those homes
 - Those who are reliant on their vehicle to transport them from home in these neighborhoods to work
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- What can be done to address this issue?
 - Clean out drains BEFORE it rains +3
 - Want to see drains being cleaned before, during and after it rains
 - Send County crews or BAT (NFOCA Block Action Teams) to provide support and resources



- FUNDING IS NEEDED to resolve these issues affecting residents, school openings, small businesses +1
- Drainage assessment
- Sewer inspections
- Better signage that provides ongoing awareness in flood prone areas
- Affordable resources to prepare and address the impacts after it has happened
- Alert system and communication of areas to avoid
- County commitment to support prevention +2
- Sandbag distribution prior to severe weather events along with information on where to get more LOCALLY and not across and into Redwood City
- The County must take action and that cannot be done without the community
- The County must pay attention to the needs of NFO and resolve them as best as possible. This can be done by updating the sewage infrastructure. Keep the ones that already are helping, fix the ones that will enable for cleaner streets, hire NFO community members to see more representation from NFO in the County's improvements in NFO
- They can put more water containers so that the water does not settle in the areas where it always floods

Wildfire Risk

- Where does this happen in North Fair Oaks?
 - Near Atherton border
 - Everywhere
 - Around 101 near the marsh
 - At 280 in the Woodside area
 - Near highways and major roadways where there is dry grass and a lot of cars driving by
 - 84 highway
 - Hoover School, Woodside High School
- Who is impacted?
 - The whole community +6
 - Our most vulnerable community members
 - Industrial areas handling chemicals, explosives that cause fires
 - Trains with harmful cargo with a risk of draining/exploding into the North Fair Oaks neighborhoods that are by the train tracks
 - Veterans that live near the train tracks
 - All of us suffer from smoke and poor air pollution
 - Pets
 - Homeowners



- The homeless population
- Children
- What can be done to address this issue locally?
 - Create strategies with outcome data or analytics that can prevent bad or thoughtless solutions from happening
 - BAT Program implementation +6
 - More collaborative community response
 - More frequent and regular community clean ups
 - Managing dry grass +4
 - Check the trees and take down what is no longer useful +2
 - Better illegal dumping pick up program so that there is less abandoned furniture and garbage around homes and near apartments
 - Do community assessments to see where there is highest risk and create priorities based on that assessment

Other Safety Hazards:

- Other hazards captured from community feedback
 - Communication Pathways with the County
 - Better communication and coordination between entities for response
 - The community doesn't see the interest and timely response from County Personal as a whole
 - Remove the terms that sound like a lawyer would say it. Show up like a neighbor and take care of this community!
 - We need more action and education. The community is ready to learn and participate but we need responses and actions to do what needs to be done NOW!
 - Law enforcement
 - Crime!
 - Lack of or delayed response from Sheriff or emergency responders
 - The community doesn't see the interest and timely response from County Personal as a whole
 - Homelessness
 - the misunderstanding, lack of education and lack of mental health resources provided
 - Transportation Routes and Safety
 - Speedings cars on certain streets is a long standing problem in the community
 - We need a bridge from the clinic to Redwood City target



- Major issues at Fair Oaks and Hampshire Street intersection. Needs County intervention for solutions.
- Housing
 - Houses and apartments that do not have A/C and HVAC systems
 - In the place I am renting, the owner changed everything without any notice or request for feedback from the tenants. My brother also lives in NFO in a place that did the same thing. The floors were completely destroyed and the conditions were miserable but there was no pressure from the landlord to address it.
 - There are clone organizations that have no stakes in protecting tenants rights in North Fair Oaks
 - Our community needs more training on how to clean mold. So many of us do not know what to do or how to address this issue.
 - Policy that protects tenants. For many years I have lived here, seen all these problems and absolutely no solutions.
 - There are so many homes infested with cockroaches. There is no help or support for dealing with this!
 - We need help dealing with rants, ants, mosquitos, bed bugs, other pests and mold in our homes. Especially for renters!
 - I don't hear the County talk about the mad conditions in the buildings. I fear constantly of increasing rent or eviction and have no support system for being prepared for that.
 - Addressing the needs and concerns of the Second Ave Woodside Apartments
- Illegal Dumping
 - At Hampshire Street, it is always full of trash. We call to report it and the County never does anything about it. Why is that?
 - Excessive garbage problem with Hampshire, Oakside and North Fair Oaks roads affected. The community is concerned and tired of carrying the burden of solution
- Who is impacted?
 - Seniors and people living alone +3
 - People on dark/poorly lit streets
 - All of our community members
 - Neighbors and park goers where unhoused persons stay
 - All neighbors on the affected streets
 - Young women and girls are more impacted then men in the community when it comes to safety
 - The buildings on 9th Ave and North Fair Oaks are most affected
 - Those with chronic health conditions, especially those that impact their lungs and heart



- What can be done to address these issues locally?
 - More lights in neighborhoods
 - Deeper community engagement and follow through
 - More parks and green spaces
 - Walkable streets
 - More police presence
 - Learn and engagement with the SMC Mobile Crisis Hotline Response Team (mental health clinician and peer specialists)
 - Communicate evacuation plans to people and enable/empower community teams like BAT and CRNFO
 - Improving police response times
 - Have illegal dumping and tree planting programs be free so that residents can access it
 - More support and resources to control the homeless population
 - Pay attention to what is going on in the parks
 - Make sure that there is safe transportation for the homeless to move around the community
 - We hope for your return with answers. We want action and help agencies and organization and can really support us here in our community.
 - You cannot allow for a \$2500/month one-bedroom apartment to be in that condition. I don't know what we can do but this needs to stop.
 - Inviting and directly engaging folks so that the community meetings are near where real people you are trying to reach live
 - Put yourself in our shoes, wouldn't you want answers by now?
 - Explain yourselves - what is the factory where Malibu was and what is that smoke?
 - Create collaborative community education campaigns that have the goal of more civic awareness
 - Begin to dismantle the class system that has historically and continuously leaves us behind. Enough!!



Report Back - Reflections from Participants

- A lot of the same issues we have seen in North Fair Oaks for a long time. For example the police response time here. Depending on where you are in North Fair Oaks, the police either do not respond or take way too long to reach out.
- I am noticing the power of our community and the shared heart that wants to help each other make things happen. This feels like a community that truly cares, despite the burden the County allows for us to bear.
- We have big neighborly commitment and we want to make sure we are actively reviewing how the County is addressing the historical injustices and negative impact they have had when they do not prioritize North Fair Oaks.
- As neighbors who live here in North Fair Oaks, it is frustrating to see how much money comes into the County without any of that moving into actionable projects in North Fair Oaks.
- I am grateful to have and be surrounded in a community who cares despite the burden it is to carry the advocating energy I feel in this room.
- It is incumbent upon the County to make communication more reliable, relatable and accessible to the folks that the information is meant to be shared with. You end up putting so many folks at risk when continuing a cycle of posting resources on the website that are not translated, not informative and demonstrate that lack of priority in this community to provide essential and life saving services.
- NFOCA's BAT program should be funded by the County and a template of resilience that can be utilized across San Mateo County's unincorporated areas.



May 1, 2025 6:00 PM | Half Moon Bay Safety Element Focus Group

CRC Staff in Attendance: Jackie Duprey, Kamille Lang, Lina Karamali

Meeting Logistics:

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Key Findings

- Residents have experienced a lack of public recreational spaces, especially where children can play, and consistent littering and a lack of trash bins around their community.
- There was also significant concern about a lack of public access to potable water following disasters that results in residents needing to use bottled water, instead.
- Pedestrian safety was another major issue, and attendees expressed difficulties in navigating their community on foot.
- Finally, attendees shared that they feel unprepared for hazards or disasters when they do occur, and that they did not know where to go or what to do in case of emergency.



Conclusions and Supplementary Recommendations from Climate Resilient Communities, based on community feedback

Issue 1: Public Spaces and Contamination

In this workshop, the most commonly discussed issues were around public spaces and contamination. Residents reported a lack of parks and other recreational public spaces, a prevalence of littering and not enough trash cans in public areas, and worries about contamination in the air and water as a result of wildfires, particularly reporting needing more potable water sources in public areas. As a result, CRC amalgamates community feedback to share the following recommendations:

- Adding trash cans in public areas throughout the community, especially in pedestrian-heavy areas and areas where there is frequent litter.
- Residents of both water districts mentioned wanting installation of water fountains with potable water in public areas that are accessible to community members so they don't need to worry about bringing water with them or purchasing water in plastic bottles that run the risk of including microplastics.
- Repairing broken equipment in playgrounds to ensure safe and accessible spaces to play for children.
- Organizing community cleanup days in collaboration with County or City efforts to increase trash receptacles and implement new sanitation practices.
- Creating publicly available resource hubs where community members can go in case of emergency or severe air or water contamination that might provide clean water, air purifiers, etc.

Issue 2: Knowledge and Communication

Residents of Half Moon Bay and the surrounding unincorporated areas communicate that they deserve timely and accessible information about emergencies, hazard mitigation, and available resources. They feel like they do not know what to do in case of emergencies and that they are overlooked by existing safety infrastructure due to accessibility issues, including language barriers. As a result, CRC amalgamates community feedback to share the following recommendations:

- Implementing a multi-channel communication strategy that reaches all community members, including those with limited internet access or language barriers.
- Organizing City-led and County-led practice scenario days in collaboration with Community-based Organizations (CBOs) to test the communication plan and allow residents to familiarize themselves with emergency procedures.
- Establish direct feedback channels for residents, community leaders, and local CBOs throughout the planning and implementation process. This might include the



establishment of a task force, advisory committee, or other community-led leadership opportunity for those who are most passionate about being a part of the development of this resource.

- Providing materials to residents in various languages listing supplies they should have on hand in case of emergencies and how to prepare their homes for disasters.
- Implement trainings and Q&A sessions for residents to learn about disaster response processes and what to do in case of emergencies.
- Creating and implementing plans of action for times when the electricity goes out for multiple days or weeks at a time: setting up resources and processes for residents to follow and look to for support.

Issue 3: Pedestrian Safety

Another major issue expressed in the workshop was pedestrian safety. Residents shared that there is a need for more pedestrian crosswalks and streetlights, as there are not always safe ways for pedestrians to get around. As a result, CRC amalgamates community feedback to share the following recommendations:

- Adding more crosswalks to make sure that crossing the street can be done safely, especially around schools.
- Installing pedestrian signs and warning lights on crossings where pedestrians struggle to cross due to cars not stopping.
- Adding speed reducers such as speed bumps, pinch points, or chicanes around areas where pedestrians frequently need to cross.

Meeting Notes

- Why are they here?
 - They wanted to learn more about climate change and natural disasters and what they can do
 - Some have been before and liked it
 - Most live in Moonridge
- What is resilience?
 - When there was a tsunami warning, everyone banded together, and there needs to be more of that
 - In Moonridge their refuge area if there's a tsunami is on the other side of the mountains and they could be trapped there
- Discussion
 - Do you think these policy concepts are going to help with these dangers and vulnerabilities?
 - If the government doesn't ask, they will never know, but if the community give opinions the government doesn't like, they won't listen
 - It's better to do something than wait for everyone to agree



- Yes
- They need to have help
- It's important to participate in the process, but they need to be untied and have these ideas together, so it's good that we have these meetings
- Where should we prioritize solutions first and why?
 - The problem right now is in air contamination for this community, especially from fires
 - Earthquakes are also a major worry, as well as forest fires
 - How can we prevent contamination in the air, because you can't see or feel it?
 - Taking steps for safety at home, with the family
 - More potable water sources in public because the water quality is not always good
 - When you have bottled water, the plastic can contaminate the water, especially if it's in the sun
 - More trash bins in public areas
 - Where are they going to go in the case of a disaster? There are very limited routes
 - Planting trees
- What else? What should the County know?
 - Parks to go with the family and for the kids
 - The parks that are there have broken playgrounds, etc.
 - Construct a big and pretty park – Mexico is poor but they still have parks there
 - More trees
 - In Moonridge there are not areas that are safe for kids, because of the air and lack of green spaces
 - In Moonridge there is never any parking, the electricity goes out for days or weeks at a time, and the cars get damaged when it rains

Appendix 1: Post-Workshop Feedback Survey Results

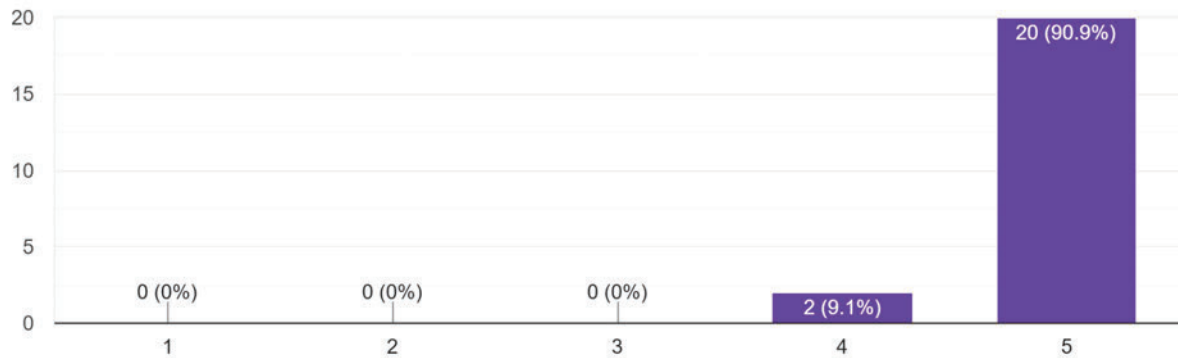
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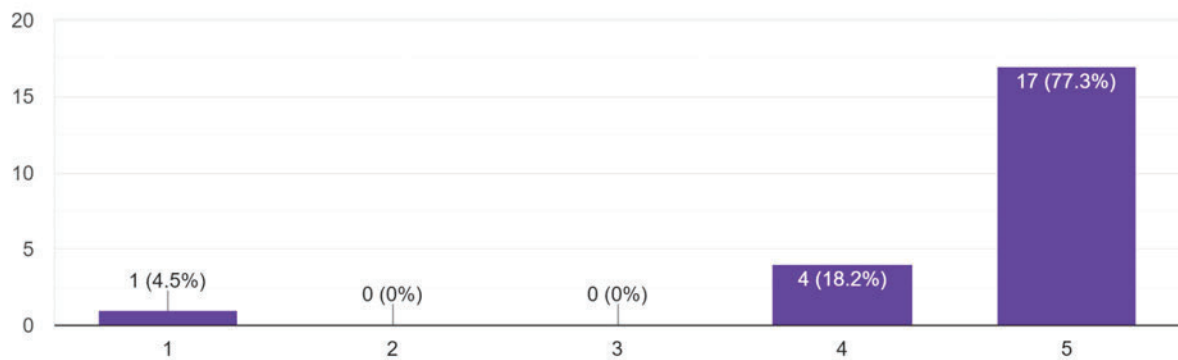
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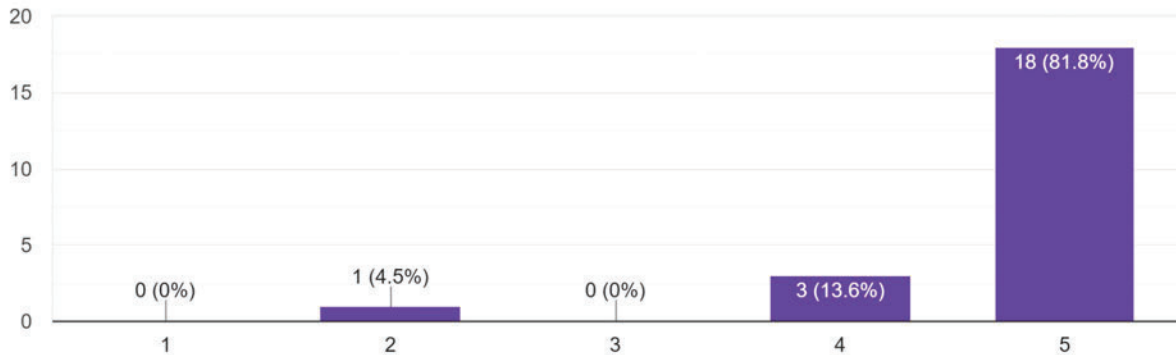




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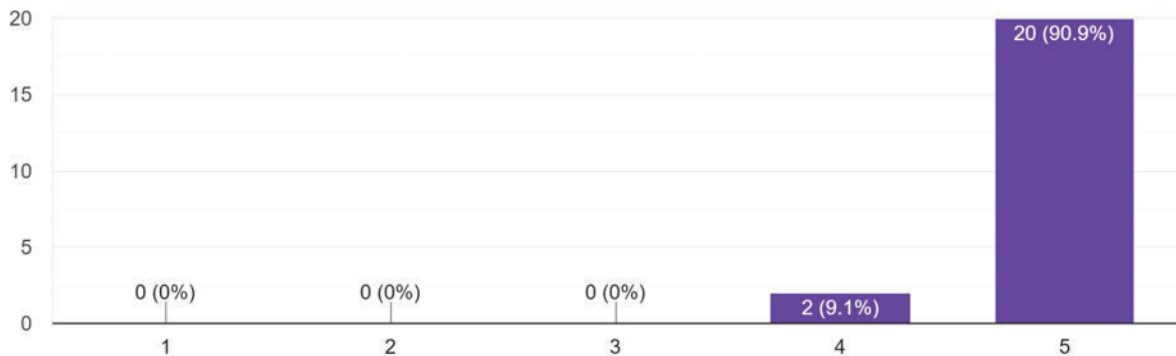
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22 responses



Q6: What key points are you taking away from today's meeting?

- We learned about disasters
- Addressing and preventing natural disasters
- About disasters and the needs of the community
- Listening to the people in the group and that we are going to help the community
- Air contamination
- Key points about disasters
- About planting more trees, the roads have potholes, more traffic lights...
- Water and preventing natural disasters



- About the disasters in the community and getting help from the County
- That we can work together to have a community that is more safe and clean
- The key points around earthquakes
- Learning to give value to the planet regarding environmental contamination
- Creating awareness and agreement about climate change
- The importance of taking care of the environment
- Sharing and knowing those who attended the meeting. The workshop is very important.
- That there can be different programs for the county
- Learning about disasters and the needs of my community, and that we can work as a community
- About climate change
- We learned about natural disasters and the priority

Q7: What are your top two (2) priorities and solutions for your community in the next year?

- Potable water and contamination
- That they work on completing projects that we talk about
- Pedestrian crossings
- More pedestrian traffic lights, and the traffic
- More trash cans, less contamination. Start setting an example
- That they complete the plans that we talk about
- Parks and planting trees
- To put more trash cans in public areas
- Cleanups and about the environmental air
- Raise awareness in my family about taking care of the environment, and one day per month doing a cleaning of the community
- Working with the example of starting at home and one day contributing to cleaning public areas
- Cleaning public areas
- Parking lots and safety
- Awareness and air contamination
- More parks
- The first priority is flooding and not littering, and that the city provide cleaning of sewers. The second is the air in the environment
- More pedestrian traffic lights, and putting more trash cans in public areas
- That they plan with all the desires and needs that we share

Appendix 2: Participant Notes During Discussion

1. Work by example; start at home with the family to increase awareness
2. Recreational parks
3. Plant trees
4. A community cleanup day



5. Fountains of potable water to not use bottled water
6. More trash cans in public areas
7. More pedestrian crossing lights
8. Fix roads to avoid accidents that cause traffic
9. A pedestrian bridge on highway 92 (Lemos Farm)
10. Security cameras to prevent delinquency



May 4, 2025 1:00 PM | Pescadero Safety Element Focus Group

CRC Staff in Attendance: Alba Cardenas, Kamille Lang, Lina Karamali

Meeting Logistics:

- Tuesday, May 4th, 2025, 1:00 - 2:45 pm
- Workshops hosted at the Pescadero Middle School
- Total attendees: 18 total residents of Pescadero and surrounding unincorporated areas
- A meeting held exclusively in Spanish was held concurrently with a meeting held exclusively in English



Description: This report summarizes the outcomes of two focus groups on the Safety Element Update for the County of San Mateo's General Plan. They were organized by PlaceWorks in collaboration with Climate Resilient Communities (CRC) and Arriba South Coast for both the Spanish- and English-speaking communities within Pescadero and surrounding unincorporated areas on May 4th, 2025. The primary facilitator for the Spanish workshop was Alba Cardenas (CRC staff), and the primary

facilitator for the English workshop was Kamille Lang (CRC staff).

Participant Demographics:

- All participants were residents of Pescadero and surrounding unincorporated areas

Objectives/Purpose:

Major Themes:

- Introducing the General Plan Safety Element.
- Reviewing and ground-truthing state data that highlighted areas in Pescadero and surrounding unincorporated areas that are more disadvantaged or otherwise at risk from safety hazards and issues than the city as a whole.



- Getting resident input on the areas of greatest concern, answering questions the public may have about the topics, the data, and opportunities for participation going forward.
- Assuring workshop attendees that their feedback is important to Climate Resilient Communities and will be shared with the appropriate agencies in San Mateo County to ensure that planning is informed by community feedback. CRC



makes this disclaimer at all workshops to build trust with a community who may not usually engage in City and County processing for planning and policy.

Structure

- The workshop began with a presentation from Climate Resilient Communities that provided exposure to the existing data and the state developed requirements for a Safety Element.
- The second half of the session involved asking participants discussion questions about their community and obtaining details regarding specific concerns about safety risks.

These questions included:

- Do you believe that these policy concepts are going to tackle dangers and vulnerabilities of priority?
- Where should we prioritize solutions first and why?
- What is lacking? What do you want to see San Mateo County do to improve safety and resilience?



Methodology:

Outreach: Arriba South Coast conducted targeted outreach through their community leaders and partnerships. Arriba issued personal invitations to people who attended the initial 2024 workshop, people active in other preparedness/resilience projects, and residents from remote neighborhoods

across the unincorporated South Coast. Arriba also distributed flyers and digital invitations



through Puente to the Spanish-speaking community, announced the event on Pescadero Public Radio and at the Pescadero Municipal Advisory Council, and shared it online through newsletters, NextDoor posts, and local club message boards.

Facilitation: The below agenda explains the general outline of the meeting. It began with an overview of the Safety Element and General Plan Update in San Mateo County before discussing more specifically issues that residents of Pescadero and surrounding unincorporated areas have dealt with. The discussion ended with open-ended questions about residents' needs and desires for policy prioritization through this process. Participants received a \$40 Visa gift card upon the return of the feedback survey.

Logistics

Date/Time	Venue	Food	Stipend	Childcare
Sunday, May 4th, 1 - 2:45 pm	Pescadero Middle School	Burritos, salads, and sandwiches from local restaurants (Provided by Arriba)	\$40 Visa gift card per attendee (must be 16 years of age or older)	N/A

Agenda

Time	Activity	Facilitator
12:45 - 1:00 pm	Arrival, Food	CRC
1:00 - 2:00 pm	Presentation & Q&A	CRC
2:00 - 2:45 pm	Discussion	CRC

Materials Required:

From Venue	From CRC	From PlaceWorks	From Arriba
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Screen HDMI plug in Tables and chairs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laptop with HDMI port (or AV connections) Feedback Form (English and Spanish) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slide deck (English only, translated by CRC) (shared before workshop) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food for participants Stipends

Key Findings



- Attendees shared serious concerns about disaster preparedness, flooding and other weather-related disasters, and communication.
- Residents expressed frustration around frequent and lengthy power outages that result in an inability to communicate or receive updates due to lack of cell and radio signals.
- They also discussed the challenges that arise when roads close, including due to flooding.
- Additionally, attendees shared that they felt unprepared for hazards or disasters when they do occur, and that when they did gather at emergency points there were no available resources to support them.
- Finally, residents shared that trainings and classes are essential resources that they need, including around how to take care of children. They stated that being issued certificates of trainings (such as CPR, CERT, etc.) would help them feel more confident and ensure a uniformity of knowledge.

Conclusions and Supplementary Recommendations from Climate Resilient Communities, based on community feedback

Issue 1: Emergency Communication and Knowledge

Residents of Pescadero and surrounding unincorporated areas communicate that they deserve timely and accessible information about emergencies, hazard mitigation, and available resources. They feel like they do not know what to do in case of emergencies and that they are overlooked by existing safety infrastructure due to accessibility issues, including language barriers. As a result, CRC amalgamates community feedback to share the following recommendations:

- Implementing a multi-channel communication strategy that reaches all community members, including those with limited internet access or language barriers. This would include multiple systems such as opt-in texting, visual signage on roads and in public areas, and testing to ensure that these systems work, along with practice days to make sure residents are aware of and bought into these systems.
- Organizing locally-led practice scenario days, with funding and support from the County, to test the communication plan and allow residents to familiarize themselves with emergency procedures.
- Establish direct feedback channels for residents, community leaders, and local CBOs throughout the planning and implementation process. This might include the establishment of a task force, advisory committee, or other community-led leadership



opportunity for those who are most passionate about being a part of the development of this resource.

- Providing comprehensive and uniform materials to residents in various languages listing supplies they should have on hand in case of emergencies and how to prepare their homes for disasters, as well as overhauling existing materials to ensure they contain all relevant information and are accessible to community members.
- Support City and County paid staff positions hiring individuals who live in these communities to organize more localized trainings at times/places that are convenient for working people, including providing stipends, childcare, and transit so that attending is not a burden.
- Ensure that trainings provide information on how adults can protect themselves and their children in situations of emergency or extreme weather/natural disaster events, and that they are issued certificates for these trainings following a certain level of knowledge to ensure a high standard of knowledge uniformly among participants.
- Support and align with efforts such as the Thrive Alliance Community Organizations Active in Disaster committees working to address specific preparedness issues for older adults, those with Access and Functional Needs, and families with children.

Issue 2: Resources During Outages/Disasters

Attendees reported frequent and lengthy power outages that have massive impacts on their daily lives, including losing all cell service, experiencing difficulties obtaining food, and a lack of resources when residents do follow safety procedures, such as gathering at specific locations. As a result, CRC amalgamates community feedback to share the following recommendations:

- Ensuring resources are stored at emergency gathering points, such as community centers and the local schools, including non-perishable food, blankets, water, generators, and other supplies.
- Providing subsidies for residents to obtain personal generators (fuel or solar) and backup battery storage systems so that the impacts of outages are not so severe.
- Working with PG&E and cell service providers to ensure more communication surrounding outages and putting backup plans in place so that residents are not cut off from all communication and resources in the case of outages.
- Increase direct funding to support and expand operations at Pescadero Public Radio Service (KPDO) in order to: add a translator station in La Honda to cover the entire south coast; train and pay Spanish-language announcers; and instate Starlink or similar backup option in case the broadband connection goes down.
- Supporting local efforts to secure grant funding for developing and maintaining Neighborhood Resilience Centers, including training for resident area captains, procurement of emergency supplies, and regular awareness and educational events to build community capacity for self-sufficiency.

Issue 3: Flooding and Other Weather-Related Disasters



Residents of Pescadero and surrounding unincorporated areas suffer from the impacts of flooding and other weather-related disasters. As a result of these phenomena, residents are often unable to go about their daily lives and responsibilities, and the prevalence of roads that often only have two lanes and serve as primary through-ways for the community makes detours difficult. Residents' routes are also sometimes disrupted by heavy tourist loads and a lack of infrastructure to handle these issues. Given the Pescadero area's vulnerability to extreme weather and ongoing community concerns regarding their safety, CRC amalgamates community feedback to share the following recommendations:

- Conducting a thorough assessment of flood-prone areas, especially in central Pescadero. This assessment would include in-person tours to investigate drainage systems, along with developing a targeted action plan to address these issues first on these streets and then adapting the plan for the rest of the community.
- Developing and widely disseminating clear, actionable plans for residents on what to do before, during and after flooding events. This may also be included in the aforementioned practice scenario days.
- Implementing more nature-based solutions for flood abatement, such as creek/river restoration, native plant restoration efforts, watershed scale planning efforts, and installation of rain gardens or more water-absorbent landscaping.
- Regularly assessing the impact of flood mitigation efforts to measure impact and exploring opportunities for innovative solutions.
- Creating a mobile ramp or bridge to serve as a backup for infrastructure failures so that even in cases of flooding residents can still go about their lives.
- Issuing a method of granting locals priority access when roads are closed (e.g., a "local" card that residents can display in vehicles so they can get access to alternate routes).

Community-Supported Emergent Project: Pescadero to Sea Initiative

CRC urges the County to proactively partner with Arriba South Coast to advance the Pescadero to Sea Trail Exploration Project from planning to implementation within the next two years, aligning with the adoption of both the Safety and Environmental Justice Elements. This project has consistently been part of the narrative from communities in multiple engagement areas, including during this workshop and at other tabling events. The community has expressed excitement about this project that seems like a valuable opportunity for them.

The Pescadero to Sea initiative stands as a transformative opportunity to address long standing community needs. By connecting downtown Pescadero to the coast through a safe, accessible, and multi-benefit trail, this project directly responds to community feedback gathered throughout the Safety Element update process. Residents have consistently voiced the need for safer routes, improved access to recreational spaces, and meaningful action on flood mitigation and



habitat restoration. The Pescadero to Sea project is uniquely positioned to deliver on all these fronts.

Partnering with Arriba South Coast will enable the County to:

- Advance Environmental Justice: The trail will increase equitable access to open space and nature for historically underserved residents, addressing disparities in health, mobility, and recreation.
- Enhance Community Safety: By providing a dedicated, multi-modal route, the project will reduce pedestrian and cyclist risk along hazardous roadways, directly addressing critical safety concerns.
- Support Nature-Based Solutions: Integrating flood mitigation and habitat restoration into trail design will help safeguard the community from climate impacts while enhancing local ecosystems.
- Demonstrate Tangible Progress: Moving this project into implementation within the next two years will show the County's commitment to turning community feedback into visible, lasting improvements.

CRC strongly recommends that the County formalize its partnership with Arriba South Coast, leveraging their local expertise and groundwork, and pursue joint funding opportunities. By doing so, the County can ensure that the vision for a safe, beautiful, and resilient Pescadero to Sea trail becomes a reality-delivering on both the Safety and Environmental Justice Elements and setting a model for community-driven action.

Meeting Notes

- What brought them to the workshop?
 - Floods and fires and tsunami risk, fear and wanting to learn/prepare
 - All of the issues they face in the community
 - They need help because there are not good living conditions and they don't have good ways to stay safe in the case of disasters
 - To learn more
 - Having kids in school it's extra difficult and sometimes there is no power and they can't go to school or get groceries
 - Wanting to know what to do in case of fires, floods
- Most of them work outside - it always depends on the boss whether they have to stay outside in dangerous conditions
 - Important to take precautions when it comes to smoke and working outside
 - Luckily not too many pests so they aren't exposed to as many chemicals as they used to be
- They're always told to go to the high school in cases of emergencies but when they do, there is nothing there like places to sleep or anything to eat or resources
- What would work is establishing energy systems b/c when it rains or is very hot the power goes out a lot



- Sometimes two or three weeks without electricity
- Having a generator for electricity would be a great idea
- Food spoils too in these conditions
- Electricity is one of the most important priorities
- Without electricity there is also no communication so it would be great to have a community center with power
- Would be good to have a training with how to be ready, what to have in an emergency kit
- Radio signal here is really bad, even if you're prepared with a radio it doesn't do much, you don't get any stations
 - And the only ones that work are in English
- If there's no electricity AT&T doesn't work, only Verizon works (not the best but better than the alternative)
- Lots of areas don't have good cell signal and some areas only have AT&T
- A participant using T-Mobile reported only being able to use cell phones with wifi
- Puente does send updates, but without electricity they can't see any of the information anyway
- If every person could have a generator that would be incredibly helpful but it's still not really possible with the price – need some support/discount
- How can we motivate others?
 - Need to be positive about potential impact
- It always floods in central Pescadero
- It would be helpful to put a ramp or bridge over the river so people can leave and/or so the water can drain
 - They dig but it's not sufficient
 - In the past when it floods people can't come or go so it's difficult for them
 - Maybe there could be a movable bridge so it can be moved when it doesn't rain
- Even when there are trainings for things like CPR, they don't give you a certificate
 - They feel more prepared, but it makes them feel safer to have a certificate
 - They don't really get to practice that much in the classes, at least not as much as in a class where you actually get certified
 - It feels really important to have this knowledge to be able to help others and save your family if the need arises
 - Even if adults feel prepared to help themselves/each other, they need more preparation to be able to help the children
 - Not many people attended the classes that exist
 - Exposure to information is essential, but practice is even more important to feel prepared to help others, especially children
- In 2022 it was really difficult because the high school was an evacuation point but there were no resources
 - People decided it was better to go elsewhere because there wasn't anything here
 - Really important to prepare these locations for emergencies (trailer, closet, generators, storage container, blankets, etc.)



- Haven't seen any improvements/changes
 - In 1998, the county did help, but in 2022 they didn't – just firefighters
- What are the top priorities?
 - Communication systems
 - Creating a bridge over the river/flooding
- Excessive snow and excessive wind are missing from the list of hazards; unusual for South Skyline to get heavy snow and people are not equipped to drive on snowy roads; heavy winds are a more frequent problem. Both types of weather highlight the area's increasing vulnerability to impacts of changing climate.
- Road Safety: Rural roads used for high speed tourist traffic. Car accidents are a major hazard because of lack of medical services in the area, and long response times for emergency personnel. Residents are often first on-scene and need more training in advanced first aid.
- Road Safety is also compromised by excessive tourist traffic loads. In an emergency, non-locals have no idea what to do or what the evacuation routes are.
- In a major disaster, local services are not prepared to also support hundreds of extra people who might be trapped in the area.
- Locals would like priority access when roads are closed for weather-related disasters.
 - Idea: Comment that some neighborhoods along Highway 17 in Santa Cruz County have "Local" card that residents can display in vehicles so that they can get access to alternate routes.
- Animal evacuation plans/protocols are also an area of concern.
- Lack of enough first responders with local knowledge. When local crews get called away to serve other disasters, substitute crews are not familiar enough with roads and landmarks.
- PG&E is a huge challenge. Utility crews and their contractors often do not know which roads are not suitable for their large trucks. They get stuck or damage people's driveways because equipment is too heavy. Residents want a better way for the County to communicate with utilities and other contractors which roads are suitable, or require them to use pilot cars.
 - Idea: Improve maps of local road limitations and make sure the County shares maps with any public works contractors.
 - Idea: Put additional signage on roads. Some private road owners do this but it's not consistent. County needs to also put more signage on public roads.
- In 2016 or 2017, CalFire and La Honda Fire Brigade compiled a new GIS mapping database for several South Coast neighborhoods to assist with fire response. This dataset cannot be shared due to privacy agreement, and it may be quite outdated.
 - What can be done to update this map layer, make sure all neighborhoods are included, and then use it to help with road signage or evacuation planning?
- Trust is a big issue – resident to County, and sometimes neighbor-to-neighbor.
- We have a small pool of volunteers and there's a loss of institutional knowledge whenever someone moves or passes away.



- This area is very diverse. There's a big difference between people who live on big parcels vs those who live in small cabins in the trees vs those who live in "town-like places." Every area needs different solutions.
- Need to make it easier for people to find information on how they can help their neighbors. CERT classes and other trainings need to be very localized to the neighborhood/terrain that they serve.
- Need more neighborhood self-organization in the more remote areas, instead of relying on a CERT team activated by the fire station or County.
- Middleton Tract specifically wants more funding or direct provision of earthquake supplies, fire hoses, etc because they know they will get completely cut off.
- The better a neighborhood is prepared, the less the County has to do so it can save resources for other areas.
- Pescadero is not a mono-geography.
- BUT neighborhoods tend to be very inconsistent about self-organizing, especially if neighbors don't get along, and this isn't usually captured in any dataset.
- Need to have some sort of Service-Level-Agreement between the organized neighborhood groups and the County to ensure resilience is achieved.
- Another challenge is what defines the "neighborhood" given that many houses are too isolated to be considered neighbors. The Genesys zone maps don't necessarily correspond to what people actually call their neighborhood.
- The problem is also that a lot of us wear many hats and it's hard to choose what to focus on. We are spread very thin and we need more county services and more emergency response staff.
- Refresher courses more often and more specific topics of hazards we are likely to encounter.
- Better communications: Email should only be a backup/secondary option; NextDoor works, people under 30 prefer direct text; Flyers and big signs/banners at major intersections work to get people's attention. SMC alerts still aren't working well enough/aren't specific or timely enough
- Infrastructure maintenance, esp. on roads close to the creek where erosion is already apparent; clogged culverts; County needs to cut brush along roadsides more frequently because cyclists go out into vehicle lanes when brush encroaches on the shoulder.
- Do more triage and cut before the bad plants go to seed.
- County does road maintenance but is not good at prevention.
- Power resiliency has to be different based on individual needs. A single backup solution is not resilient.
- Simplify permitting for ground-mounted solar so more people can get it.
- Resilience needs to include solutions for all populations. Don't divide the community by blaming people for living in a rural place.
- Safety Element needs to recognize that South Coast bears the "wear and tear" of being the playground for the rest of the County.
- County officials need to come out here more often to understand what we live through, and that we can't just "run down to Target" to get emergency supplies.



- Build better relationships and institutionalize how we communicate

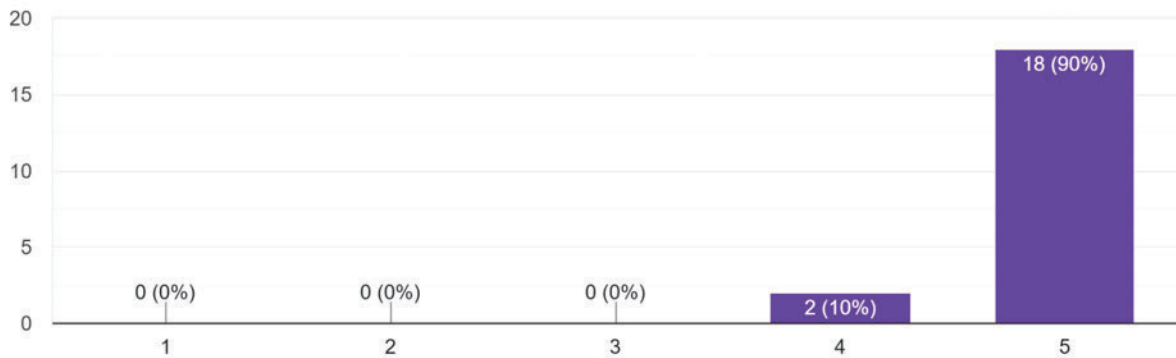
Appendix 1: Post-Workshop Feedback Survey Results

Total Surveys Completed: 22

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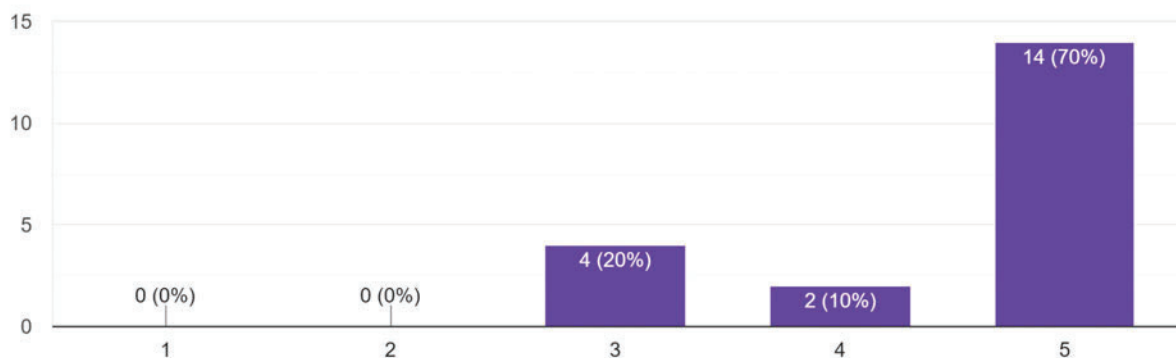
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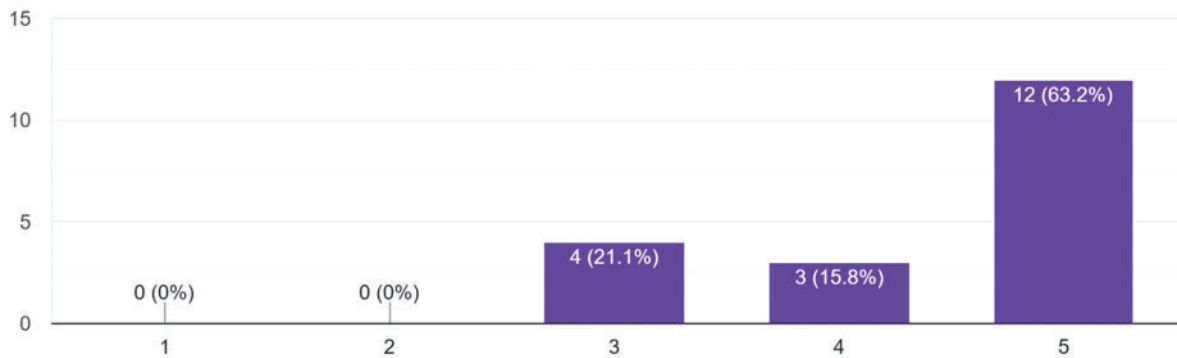




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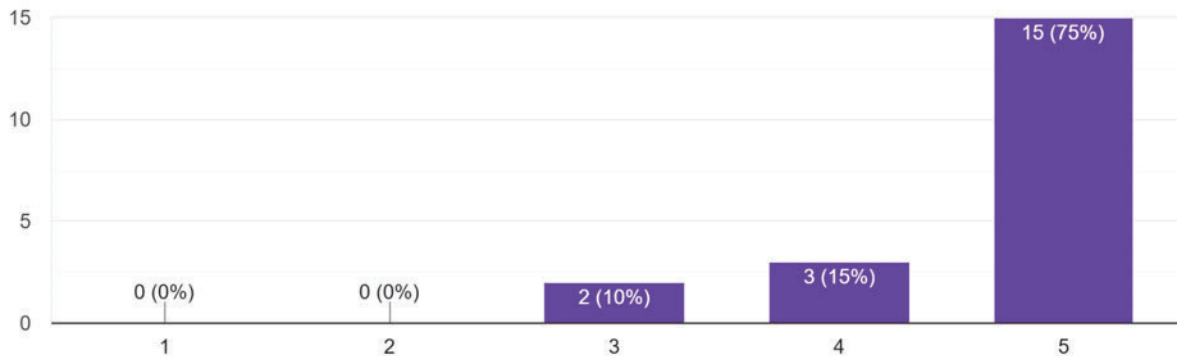
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20 responses



Q6: What key points are you taking away from today's meeting?

- Flooding and fires
- The need for greater coordination and collaboration among various neighborhoods/communities on the South Coast. The need for greater county resources (physical and monetary) to create resiliency.
- About flooding and storms
- Knowledge of community organizations to look for more info. The importance of working together with the complete coastside area for solutions.



- Around flooding
- The matter of fires
- Badge for locals to reenter during emergency
- There is a very diverse community in the county
- Cell towers and generators
- I found this encouraging to see/hear what my county is wanting to learn how to help our community and is curious to learn what our challenges are
- Look at how to better communicate emergency preparedness events and information. Look at more events in Pescadero area
- Neighbors collaboration, planning and preparing, mobilizing resources
- The key is personal participation in the CRC group
- We work well in our individual communities, we need better structured/organized communities
- Cell towers, preparation for children, and generators if possible

Q7: What are your top two (2) priorities and solutions for your community in the next year?

- Electricity and communication
- Petition county for better roadside/road maintenance. Continue to work toward building community resilience hubs on the South Coast
- About electricity and communication
- Better communication within our community and include those outside our immediate area
- Communication, a movable bridge
- Preparation for Pescadero
- Fire, flood
- Communication and household appliances
- A bridge in flood areas
- Road conditions, emergency prep
- 1) We need to have county point people in the county who can help our individual communities connect to resources -> e.g. preemptive fixes to erosion and clogged culverts along roads. 2) Create a strategic roadside mowing and maintenance (but NO herbicide!) 3) how to get updated signage for properties (addresses, turn-arounds ahead, limitations on what size of large trucks, etc.)
- Increase number of involved volunteers in each neighborhood, reach more residents
- Communications, energy resilience
- The organization of a bridge as soon as possible
- A better coded map with hard-to-reach communities (particular hazards). Do NOT mandate electric appliances or power banks (more options)



Appendix 2: Workshop Sign-in Sheets

Name / Nombre	Email or Telephone (for event reminders) / ¿C Where do you live? / ¿Dónde vives:	Signature	Stipend (yes/no)
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[Redacted]	[Redacted] Native Sons Rd		
[Redacted]	[Redacted] Pescadero		
[Redacted]	[Redacted] Pacifica	[Redacted Signature]	No thanks
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[Redacted]	[Redacted] Portola State Park Rd., La Honda		Sure!

8 total

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