



PRESENTATION ABSTRACTS

Cal VTP & PWP in Practice: Covell WUI Fuel Reduction Webinar

Presenter: Steve Auten

Title: Navigating the CalVTP with Resolve

Abstract: Navigating the development of a Project Specific Analysis (PSA) for the California Vegetation Treatment Program (CalVTP) requires a deep dive into a newly created regulatory world. Many resource professionals are recognizing quickly that creating a solid project vision and description that fits within the Standard Project Requirements (SPR) of the Cal VTP is the first and most important step. Journey with a practicing qualified professional as he walks through developing a Treatment Type, Treatment Activity, and treatment units on an area of land brimming with sensitive resources. These regulatory and physical considerations are very important in considering approvable treatments in the CalVTP but, as important is to recognize the current state of the ecosystem, what the ecosystem will be in the future, or what the system might be with or without treatment influence. We have an opportunity to break decades of institutionalized beliefs in regulation and management and take a multispecies, landscape look at systems that are in great need of a different approach through the CalVTP. Do we, the old and new land stewards and regulators, have the resolve to break from what we all thought was the right path to ease the ecosystem change that is upon us?

Presenter: Andy Johnson

Title: Is a PWP right for me? The Public Works Plan Journey

Abstract: A Public Works Plan (PWP) is a permitting pathway allowing the use of the new California-Vegetation Treatment Program (CalVTP), Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for proactive wildfire prevention treatments within the coastal zone. The PWP is a 10-year agreement with structural elements developed within the framework of the California Coastal Commission's (CCC) guidelines for projects occurring in the coastal zone. In place, it provides an opportunity for users to forgo the Coastal Development Permit process for a more streamlined approach. The PWP is developed with input from county planning staff, the California Coastal Commission, and the Board of Directors of the Resource Conservation District (RCD) leading the development of the plan. An RCD is the organization available as deemed by the CCC to develop a PWP for the coastal zone of their respective District. Large scale and long-term collaboration and project coordination with local CAL FIRE units will benefit the overall utility of a PWP. RCD staff will need to foster broad agency collaboration in order to tailor a PWP to be most effective for their district.