SLO COUNTY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL PROJECT READINESS FLOWCHART

FireSafe COUNCIL
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

*Guide for the **FireShed** Project Readiness Input Form*

1 HOW DOES A PROJECT GET INCLUDED?

Projects can be submitted to the Fire Safe Council (FSC) through any of the following:

- Local Fire Agency
- FSC Focus Group
- From an FSC Meeting
- Direct contact to the Fire Safe Council (website, email, phone)
- Other community partner referral

2 MAP THE PROJECT AREA

Draw an estimated project boundary in **FireShed**.
A general location is okay for early concepts.

3 DESCRIBE THE WORK

Name the project, choose its status, explain the goal, and select the work type and treatment objectives.

4 DEFINE MEASURABLE RESULTS

List outcomes you can count, such as acres treated, workshops held, homes reached, or fuels removed.

5 CONFIRM LAND ACCESS

Identify parcel numbers if known and note whether landowner approvals are secured, in progress, or not started.

6 CHECK PERMITS AND COMPLIANCE

State whether CEQA, NEPA, CalVTP, local ordinances, or other approvals apply.
Ask for help if unsure.

7 IDENTIFY PROJECT SUPPORT

Note whether groups support the project, such as HOAs, advisory bodies, nonprofits, clubs, project partners, support letters, and the fire agency with jurisdiction.

8 NOTE SITE ASSESSMENTS

Indicate whether cultural, tribal, or biological review has been completed, is pending, or is unknown.

9 ADD PROJECT AREA DETAILS

Estimate acreage, note who or what benefits, include funding status and funding source if known, and note whether past work occurred, how much was spent, and who funded it.

10 PLAN FOR UPKEEP

Explain whether long-term implementation or recurring maintenance will be needed after the grant period.

11 TIE IT TO EXISTING PLANS

List any CWPPs, hazard mitigation plans, safety elements, or other plans that support the project.

12 SUBMIT THE FORM

Send the Project Readiness Input Form so the Fire Safe Council can review it and follow up on next steps.

HOW A PROJECT MAY BE DECLINED

A project may not move forward if it:

- Is a stand-alone project with no connection to broader planning
- Does not connect to an approved Protection Plan, CWPP, or the Governor's Resilience Task Force priorities
- Lacks clear goals, outcomes, or community benefit
- Does not have willing landowner participation or access
- Cannot meet required permits, compliance, or legal standards
- Duplicates existing or planned work without added value

13 FSC REVIEW WITH FIRESHED DASHBOARD

The FSC will review each proposal using the FireShed Dashboard to evaluate:

- **Alignment:** Is the proposal part of a Strategic Goal?
- **Feasibility:** Are the resources (staff, partners, materials) available to complete it?
- **Funding:** Is there a budget available or a clear funding path?
- **Impact:** Does the project advance resilience outcomes in the community?

Projects that align with strategic goals, have available resources, and a viable budget path will move forward in the prioritization process.

PROJECT ADVANCES

Approved projects are prioritized, connected with partners and funding opportunities, and monitored for implementation and measurable results.

Read left to right across each row.