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- Why MWPA exists
- Anchors the brand
- Idea that inspires or engages audience
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Component 2: Audience  >  Who do we need to reach to fulfill our mission and vision?

Fire Agencies
Civic Leaders
Marin Residents
Land Managers & Environmental Community
Auditors & Citizen’s Oversight
Planners, Developers & Business Owners
Component 3: Goals  > What should the communication accomplish?

MWPA Vision
The Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority communities are informed, prepared, fire adapted, resilient and capable of withstanding a major fire limiting loss of life and major property damage while protecting our rich environmental diversity.

MWPA organizational goals are in areas of:
- Vegetation Management
- Wildfire Detection & Evacuation Program Improvements
- Local Grant Programs
- Partnerships & Outside Grant Funding
- Public Education
- Defensible Space Evaluations
- Local Wildfire Prevention Mitigation
Component 3: Goals  >  What should the communication accomplish?

Goals Common to All Audiences

• **Marin County residents and agencies are:**
  - Inspired, empowered, and prepared to do their part to create a fire-adapted Marin County.
  - Aware of MWPA and understand how it relates to the greater Marin fire community.
  - Trust MWPA and know they are getting a good return on investment.

• **MWPA stays true to its core values in all aspects of communication including:**
  - Primary focus on wildfire prevention
  - Transparent and timely access to information
  - Driven by science
  - User-friendly: clear, concise, accessible, engaging, compatible with partner agency material
Component 3: Goals  >  What should the communication accomplish?

Example of a Communication Goal Segmented by Audience:

Fire Agencies

Civic Leaders

Need communication **from MWPA** about its projects and programs.

Will also be a crucial part of MWPA’s communication **to the public**.

**Goal 1: MWPA staff will effectively communicate with member agencies.**

**Objective 1:**
Member agencies will understand and be able to explain how MWPA relates to their own mission and the greater Marin fire community, including the role of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan.
Component 3: Goals > What should the communication accomplish?

Example of a Communication Goal Segmented by Audience:

Goal 1: Communications from MWPA and partner agencies will inspire and empower residents to do their part to create a fire-adapted Marin County.

Objective 1: Through MWPA and partner agencies, Marin residents will be engaged to effectively harden their homes, create defensible space, receive alerts and warnings, and safely evacuate a wildfire.
Ongoing and Already In Progress

1. **Ongoing Member & Partner Meetings**
   Continue to build trust, cross-pollinate ideas, express concerns, propose action items.

2. **Spring Community Workshops**
   *(led by FIRESafe Marin)*
   In May/June, MWPA will be reporting on work accomplished to date during a series of virtual workshops.

3. **Summer Public Meetings by Geographic Area**
   Public meetings organized by service area to create public awareness about forthcoming fire prevention projects.

4. **Wildfire Prevention Day/Week**
   Saturday, May 1 is Wildfire Community Preparedness Day, a national campaign from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). California Wildfire Prevention week is usually first week in May. MWPA will amplify messages.
Phase 1: Foundational Elements
Projects Initiated in Spring - Summer 2021

1. The Hub: Website Development & Management
   Accessible, easy-to-update website developed to showcase MWPA programs, projects, and funding. Updated in timely and transparent manner.

2. Earned Media (Free PR) Strategy
   Strategy and pitch calendar will be developed for free print, radio, and television coverage.

3. Style Guide and Key Messages
   “Fire Funds At Work.” Style guide and key messages developed for member and partner agencies to consistently communicate about MWPA/Measure C funds.

4. Organization Chart
   Explain how MWPA relates to member and partner agencies (e.g. confusion about FSM & MWPA).

5. Annual Report
   MWPA’s fiscal year ends on June 30.

6. Project and Comms Info Management
   Explore development of system to extract data from d-space evaluations, chipper programs, public meetings, and other resident points of contact. Use to assess needs, measure success, identify missing audiences, plan targeted campaigns, and report data.
Phase 2: Foundational Elements & Implementation
Projects Initiated in Fall 2021 – Winter 2022

1. Social Media Strategy
   Consider which audiences to reach, most effective feeds (add NextDoor?) goals, metrics, and realistic level of moderating/Q&A desired.

2. Partner Roll Out
   After style guide and key messages are complete, provide guidance to partner agencies to ensure consistent and effective communications.

3. Content Development
   Content for social media, MWPA’s website, and partner enewsletters will need to be defined and developed.

4. Outreach Strategy
   Develop a realistic and attainable strategy for building public trust including two-way communication (face-to-face d-space evals, FSM projects, public meetings, etc)

5. Develop & Implement Metrics for Success
   Define how to measure communication success to adapt the strategy as necessary (surveys, focus groups, metrics needed to see if org goals are being met).

6. Identify If/When Risk Communication Templates Might Be Used
   Risk Communication is a science-based approach for communicating effectively in situations of high stress, high concern, or controversy. MWPA should consider if and when it might use.
Budget

This Fiscal Year (ending June 30)
- Existing FIRESafe Marin contracts

Next Fiscal Year
- MWPA contracts TBD

*Actual budget TBD but anticipated at approximately 0.5% of annual budget for these early foundational communications elements.*