



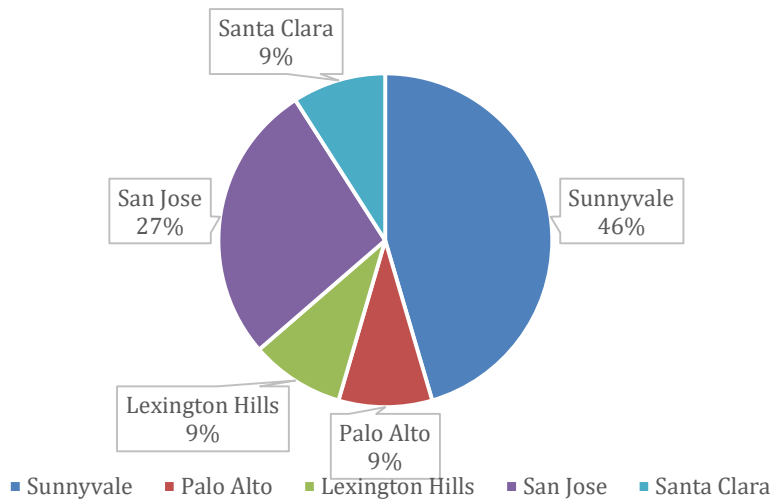
Summary

Safety Element Update Listening Session # 3: CRC March 15, 2023 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Facilitators: Sam Gutierrez, Principal Planner, County of Santa Clara
Location: Campbell Community Center, Campbell, CA

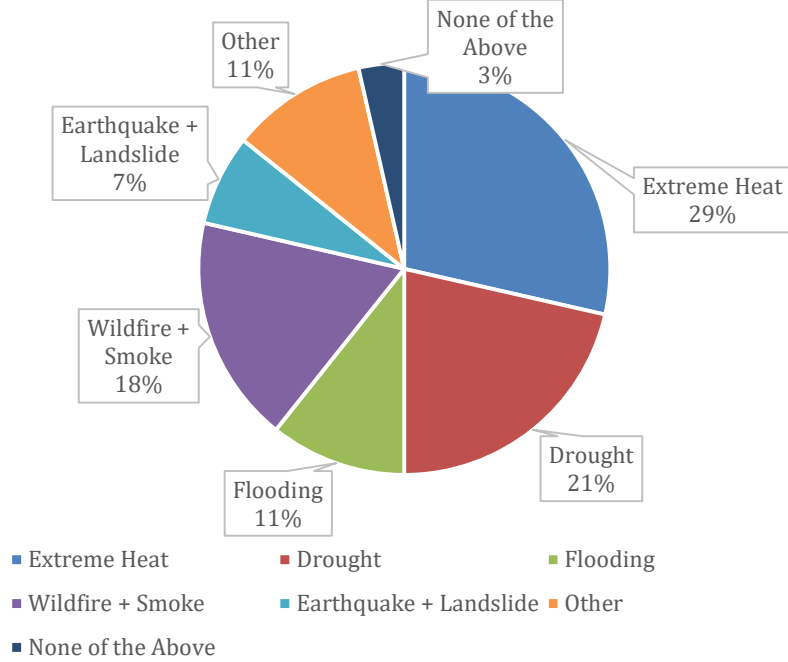
The Listening Session began with a poll to help the County better understand community demographics and experiences. As illustrated in *Figure 1. What City Do you Live In/Near?* A majority of residents live in or near Sunnyvale.

Figure 1. What City Do you Live In/Near?



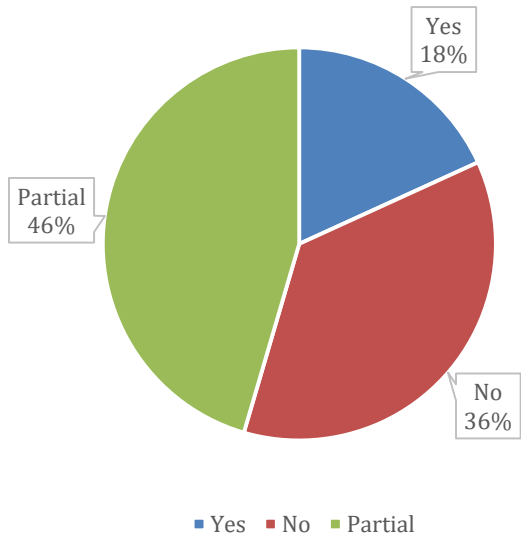
As illustrated in Figure 2. Hazardous Events with the Greatest Impact, participants have experienced a broad range of hazardous events with Extreme Heat the primary event, followed by Drought. Wildfire + smoke, and flooding were experienced by at least 11 percent of participants. 97 percent of all participants have experienced a hazardous event that has impacted their life or home in the past 5 years.

Figure 2. Hazardous Events with the Greatest Impact



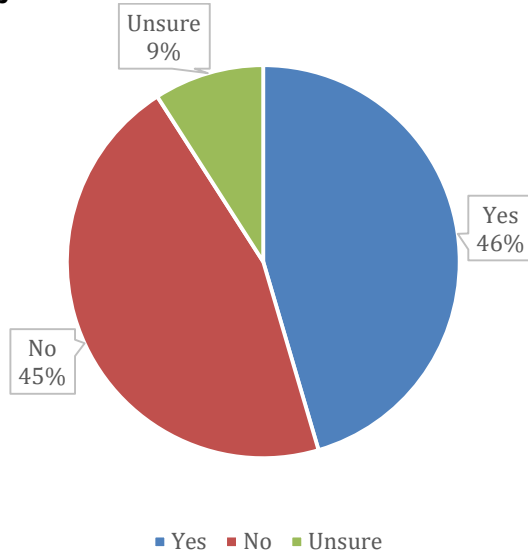
Approximately 1/3 of participants do not have a home emergency preparedness kit or supplies to support their household in the event of an emergency as shown in Figure 3.

Figure 3. Emergency Preparedness Supplies



Finally, only 46 percent of participants were aware of County Services or Programs to support them prepare or respond to a hazardous event as illustrated in in Figure 4. County Services Awareness.

Figure 4. County Services Awareness.



County staff facilitated a interactive session where participants could respond to questions posted on whiteboards. The following are their responses.

1. What are your primary hazards of concern and why?

Wildfire, severe rainstorms and evacuation planning, eroded roads

1. Extreme Heat / Calorextremo	
a. I do not have air conditioning in my home / <i>No tengo aire acondicionado en mi casa</i>	1
b. I have air conditioning in my home, but cannot afford to run it during all heat events / <i>Tengo aire acondicionado en mi casa, pero no puedo costearlo durante eventos de calor extremo</i>	1
c. I work outdoors / <i>Trabajo al aire libre</i>	
d. I have a family member or friends that work outdoors / <i>Tengo un familiaro amigos que trabajan al aire libre</i>	1
e. No close access to a cooling facility such as a park, library, or community center / <i>Las instalaciones del centro de enfriamiento, como parques, bibliotecas o centros comunitarios, no se encuentran cerca de mí</i>	
f. There are cooling facilities such as a park, library, or community center in my community, but I don't have physical access or do not feel safe going. / <i>Instalaciones de centros de enfriamiento, como un parque, bibliotecas o centros comunitarios en mi comunidad, pero no puedo viajar allí debido al acceso físico o problemas de seguridad</i>	
2. Drought / Sequía	
a. Plants are dying / <i>Las plantas se están poniendo marrones y/o muriendo</i>	3
b. Financial hardship of increased water cost / <i>El aumento de los costos del agua es un desafío para mí</i>	3
c. Water restrictions affect my health and well-being / <i>Las restricciones de agua afectan mi salud y bienestar</i>	1
d. I work in agriculture or a related and drought has led to less work / <i>Trabajo en el sector agrícola y la sequía ha provocado menos trabajo</i>	

3. Wildfire + Smoke / Incendioforestal+ Humo	
a. Injury to myself, family, friends / <i>Lesión a mí mismo, familia, amigos</i>	1
b. Loss of home, car, belongings / <i>Pérdida de casa, coche, pertenencias</i>	1
c. Don't have insurance to cover my belongings / <i>No tengo seguro contra incendios para proteger mi propiedad y pertenencias</i>	1
d. I am sensitive to smoke and pollution / <i>Soy sensible al humo y la contaminación del aire</i>	5
e. I have a family member or friends that are sensitive to smoke and pollution / <i>Tengo un familiaro amigos que son sensibles al humo y la contaminación del aire</i>	5
f. Fear of not being able to escape wildfire / <i>Miedo a no poder escapar de un incendio forestal</i>	2
g. Don't have information where to go during event of a wildfire evacuation / <i>No sabe adónde ir durante un evento de evacuación por incendio forestal</i>	5
4. Flooding / Inundación	
a. Injury to myself, family, friends / <i>Lesión a mí mismo, familia, amigos</i>	
b. Loss of home, car, belongings / <i>Pérdida de casa, coche, pertenencias</i>	
c. Don't have insurance to cover my belongings / <i>No tengo seguro contra inundaciones para proteger mi propiedad y pertenencias</i>	4
d. Fear of not being able to escape a flood / <i>Miedo a no poder escapar de una inundación</i>	4
e. Don't have information where to go during event of a flooding evacuation / <i>No sabe adónde ir durante un evento de evacuación por inundación</i>	2
5. Earthquake+ Landslide / Terremoto+ Deslizamiento de tierra	
a. Injury to myself, family, friends / <i>Lesión a mí mismo, familia, amigos</i>	4
b. Loss of home, car, belongings / <i>Pérdida de casa, coche, pertenencias</i>	3
c. Don't have insurance to cover my belongings / <i>No tengo seguro contra terremotos para proteger mi propiedad y pertenencias</i>	3
d. Fear of not being able to escape landslide / <i>No sé si los peligros de deslizamientos de tierra son una preocupación para mi comunidad</i>	2
e. Don't have information where to go during event of an earthquake evacuation / <i>No sabe qué hacer o adónde ir después de un terremoto</i>	3

2. Which of the following applies to your household? Check all that apply.

a. My household can easily cover the cost of housing. / Mi hogar puede cubrir fácilmente el costo de la vivienda.	2
b. My household can easily cover other regular expenses like transportation, food, and healthcare. / Mi hogar puede cubrir fácilmente otros gastos regulares como transporte, comida y atención médica.	2
c. My household has spent more than \$100 in the past year on repairing damages caused by the environment or reducing potential impacts. / Mi hogar ha gastado más de \$100 el año pasado en reparar daños causados por peligros o reducir problemas futuros.	3
d. We have delayed repairs we want to do to our home (like roof, windows, mold) because of cost. / Hemos retrasado las reparaciones que queremos hacer en nuestra casa (como el techo, las ventanas, el moho) debido al costo.	3
e. We do not have or need flood insurance. / No tenemos seguro contra inundaciones.	4
f. We do not have earthquake insurance. / No tenemos seguro contra terremotos.	2
g. If my household faced a \$400 emergency expense, we would not be able to immediately pay for it in cash. / Si mi hogar enfrentara un gasto de emergencia de \$400, no podríamos pagarlo inmediatamente en efectivo.	1
h. In order to pay a \$400 emergency expense, my household would have to pay with a credit card or borrow the money. / Para pagar un gasto de emergencia de \$400, mi hogar tendría que pagar con una tarjeta de crédito o pedir prestado el dinero.	1
i. Other / Otro	

3. What information or materials would be helpful to make you feel safer in future hazardous events? What County resources or programs (e.g., fire safety) would be helpful to prepare you for future hazardous events?

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a. Emergency alerts / Alertas de emergencia	5
b. Know evacuation routes / Conoce las rutas de evacuación	5
c. Items to keep in an emergency preparedness kit / Artículos para tener en un kit de preparación para emergencias	3
d. What to do with pets / Que hacer con las mascotas	2
e. Where are shelters or temporary cooling centers / Donde se ubican albergues o centros de enfriamiento temporal	3

What County resources or programs (e.g., fire safety) would be helpful to prepare you for future hazardous events?

a. Phone app that provides alerts / Aplicación de teléfono que proporciona alertas	4
b. Information about financial resources or services to support preparedness / Información sobre recursos financieros o servicios para apoyar la preparación	3
c. Written information provided in my language spoken / Información escrita proporcionada en mi idioma hablado	1
d. The ability to call someone at the County for support in my language / La capacidad de llamar a alguien en el condado para obtener apoyo en mi idioma	

5. Which of the following would you prioritize for neighborhood improvements?

a. Improved transit infrastructure (bus stops, signs, benches) / Infraestructura de tránsito mejorada (paradas de autobús, letreros, bancos)	1
b. Safer biking routes / Rutas para ciclistas más seguras	
c. Pedestrian safety (sidewalks, crosswalks, speed bumps) / Rutas peatonales más seguras (aceras, cruces peatonales, badenes)	3
d. Improved water supply (safe drinking, firefighting) / Mejor suministro de agua (bebida segura, extinción de incendios)	1
e. Flood barriers / Barreras contra inundaciones	2
f. Security cameras for safety and dumping / Cámaras de seguridad para seguridad y vertido	1
g. More or improved parks / Más parques mejorados	1
h. Improved roads (potholes) / Carreteras mejoradas (baches)	4
i. Air quality monitoring / Monitoreo de la calidad del aire	3
j. Cool and clean air shelters (community center) / Centros de enfriamiento/refugios de aire limpio (centro comunitario)	

General comments:

- Wind is a real concern. Falling trees and powerlines are scary to deal with.
- Residents are not universally affected by flooding.
- Needs to be planning for evacuation on non-County maintained roads. How many residents are in Lexington Hills? No one is paying attention or communicating what is going on in these areas.
- PG&E doesn't care about their mess.
- Power is slow to come back on in current event. (Note: These was a heat wave at time of listening session.)
- "Priorities" shift seasonally, but they are all important.
- Living with wildfires is a new reality for us.
 - People are working outside when the air is unbreathable.
 - Indoors [workers] work without money for air filtration systems.
 - Not just need for cooling centers, but filtration.
- Drought – A community well system is expensive.
 - This is another hazard that is seasonal.
 - Need better system for capturing stormwater runoff. Need more education and funding. Need help installing residential and community systems.
- San Jose Water increasing rates, doing a lot of work right now
- Flooding
 - Takes a long time to recover from losses, get back to pre-disaster state
 - Roads washing out
 - Flooding is an additional insurance, many areas didn't know it was something they needed.
- Extreme heat events happening more frequently and closer together than they use to. ("Once in 25 year rainfall" is happening five times per month)
- Weekly newsletters/newspapers to spread information.
- Sirens in Gilroy, used them in '98, haven't used recently to signify floods.
 - Five minutes can make a big difference as a house floods.
- Monterey County uses Alert/Sheriff system all the time – has evacuation warning and fire maps.
 - Make you respond that they've reached you.

- How much time is enough time to evacuate and prepare? Depends on the event. Storms vs fire vs drought have really different timescale.
- Averages don't always capture the real situation on the ground – also look at min and max.
- Why are these outreach meetings not also being sent out as press release to local news media for general circulation. Weekly newspapers service each of the different areas of the County unincorporated areas: Make a requirement for Public Notice?
- County failed to designate evacuation route planning since 2009 CWPP recommendations. Subdivisions of 30+ homes share a single egress route.