



# THE CITY OF MONTEREY

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### **WILDFIRE READY MONTEREY TOWN HALL TO INCLUDE PANEL DISCUSSION WITH WILDFIRE EXPERTS, VENDOR BOOTHS**

**Thursday, February 27, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m.**

**at the Monterey Conference Center**

Monterey, Calif. – People who live or work in the cities of Monterey, Pacific Grove, and Carmel-by-the-Sea are encouraged to attend a *Wildfire Ready Monterey* Town Hall event at the Monterey Conference Center, Serra Ballroom, Thursday, February 27, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. The event is free and includes validated parking in the Downtown East and West Parking Garages. Pizza and refreshments will be served.

The *Wildfire Ready Monterey* Town Hall will include:

- A panel discussion with wildfire preparedness experts from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
  - [Submit your questions for the panelists](#) on topics related to defensible space around your property, tree regulations, fire-safe building materials, evacuation plans, fire response. You can also submit questions by email to [suggest@monterey.gov](mailto:suggest@monterey.gov).
- Community partner vendor booths from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. featuring:
  - City of Monterey's Fire, Police, Forestry, and Building Safety staff
  - Representatives from [PG&E](#), [Cal Am Water](#), [CAL FIRE](#), [Fire Safe Council](#), [County of Monterey Emergency Management](#), [MST](#), [SPCA of Monterey County](#), and [American Red Cross](#)
  - We are working to have representatives from both the California Insurance Commissioner's Office and a home/fire insurance company, and;

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- Vendors from the building materials industry, providing examples of residential and commercial fire safe materials used for vents, gutters, decks, lumber supplies, windows, fire sprinklers, and other materials.
- Short break-out sessions will also be part of the evening agenda.
- Fire apparatus will be on display both outside and inside the Conference Center.

Monterey City Manager Hans Uslar said, “The event is a great opportunity for residents to ask questions and hear from expert panelists about what community partner agencies are doing to reduce fire risk, prepare for wildfires, and aims to ease potential anxiety caused by the recent wildfire storms in Los Angeles County.”

“Our wildfire fuels mitigation, vegetation management, and defensible space inspection efforts have been significant in helping mitigate the impacts of wildfires within our community,” said Monterey Fire Chief Andrew Miller. “The town hall will provide an opportunity to learn about what all of us can do to be prepared in case of a wildfire.”

*The event is hosted by the City of Monterey. Spanish translation will be offered at the event.*

*The Monterey Conference Center is located at One Portola Plaza in Monterey. Validated parking will be offered in both the East and West Downtown Garages. Supporting materials and resources will be posted at <https://monterey.gov/wildfire-ready> .*



<https://files.monterey.gov/News/FINAL-Wildfire-Ready-Monterey-Flyer-Feb2025-Eng-Spa.pdf>

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