

# Waterfall Fire Grant Report 9/7/04

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- 50 homes or sites visited and recommendations made
- Participated with the BAER team
- Participated and answered questions of 30 people at the BAER sponsored information night
- 78 people attended class on “*What To Do With Your Landscape After Fire.*”
- Cooperative Extension natural resource specialist Ed Smith, taught a class “*Living with Fire*” to 40 people
- Attend weekly planning meetings with City department heads and with NDF and USFS staff
- Working with the non-profit Waterfall Fire Restoration Fund Corporation to outline potential projects to benefit the community
- Met with KC homeowners to address concerns on funding, erosion control, weed management
- Staff and I are working with the Kings Canyon homeowners, the City, John McLain and volunteers to control Russian knapweed in KC.
- Hired two staff, a community-based instructor and a volunteer coordinator
- Wrote 8 articles pertaining to fire recovery and erosion control
- Surveyed volunteers to identify their preferences in activities
- Developed a resource list for homeowners
- Developed a homeowners and volunteers email list
- Sent 3 email and ground mail updates to 85+ homeowners addressing issues such as bark beetles, watering, tree survival, erosion control, and resources.
- Connected volunteers with the City to help with chipping, to take care of an elder in the community, and to help a family
- Settled a homeowner dispute with Sierra Pacific Power company
- Distributed 250 copies of *Living with Fire*
- Distributed 963 fire or erosion control related fact sheets
- Facilitated settlement of 5 homeowners concerns with the City or with NDF
- Attended Board of Supervisors’ tour and talked with media.