

Prospect Heights Town Hall

Public Safety and Wildfire Preparedness

September 14th, 2023



MANU KOENIG
1ST DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- County Update — Supervisor Manu Koenig
- City of Santa Cruz Fire Department — Chief Tim Shields
- City of Santa Cruz Police Department — Lieutenant Carter Jones
- Resource Conservation District — Laurel Bard, Forest Health and Wildfire Resiliency
- Prospect Heights Firewise — Chris Pearson
- Q&A
- Adjourn - 7:30



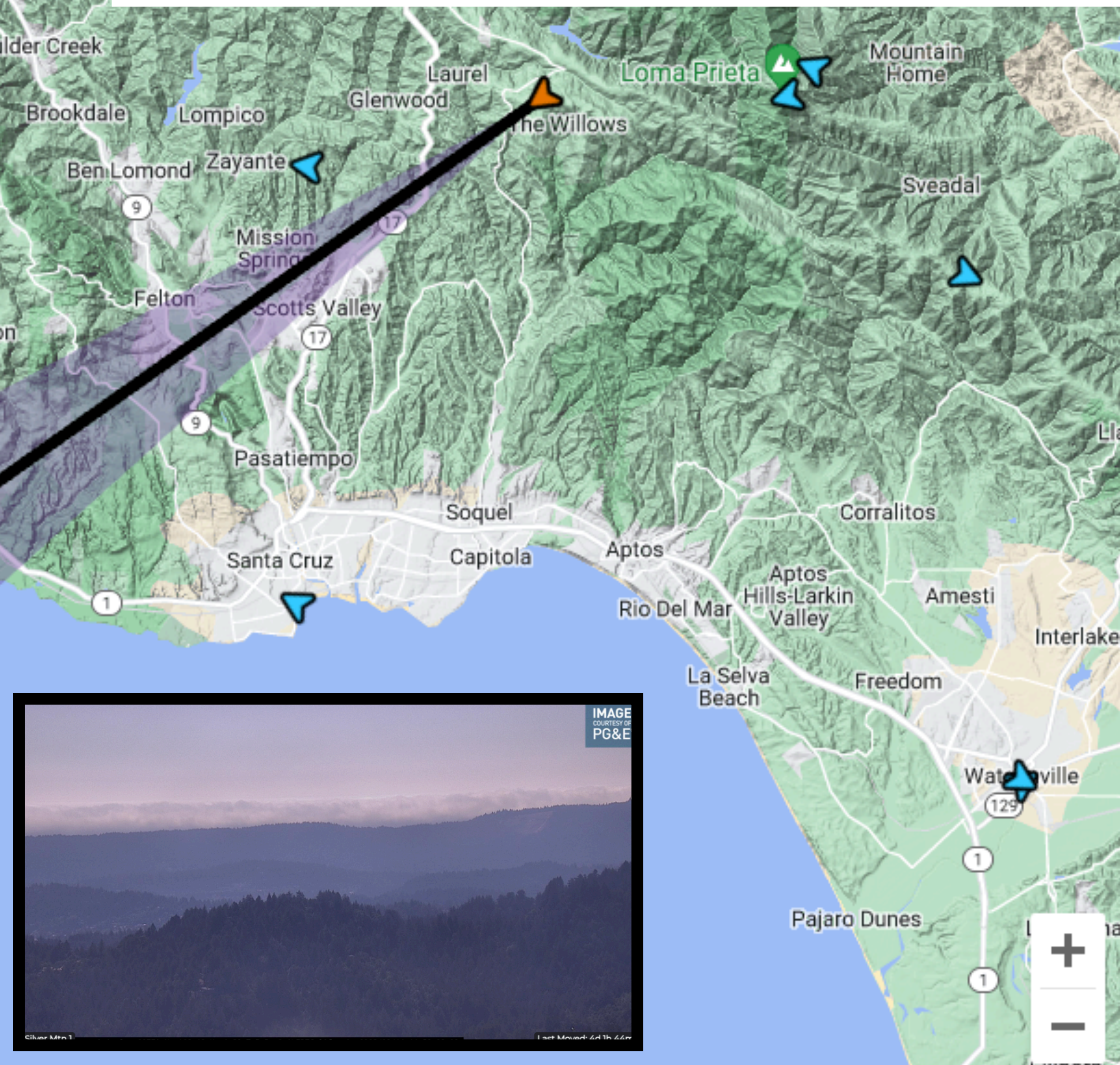
County Update - Homelessness




- Point in Time Count shows **22% decrease** in homelessness
- Over **600 families housed** with emergency housing vouchers (911 individuals)
- New housing resources coming online include:
 - Veterans Village (20 units)
 - Park Haven Plaza (36 units)
 - Behavioral Health Bridge Housing (34 units)
- New mental health and substance use resources coming online include:
 - Sobering Center
 - 24/7 Alternative Crises Response
 - Youth Crises Stabilization Center





County Update - Safety Measures

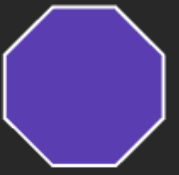


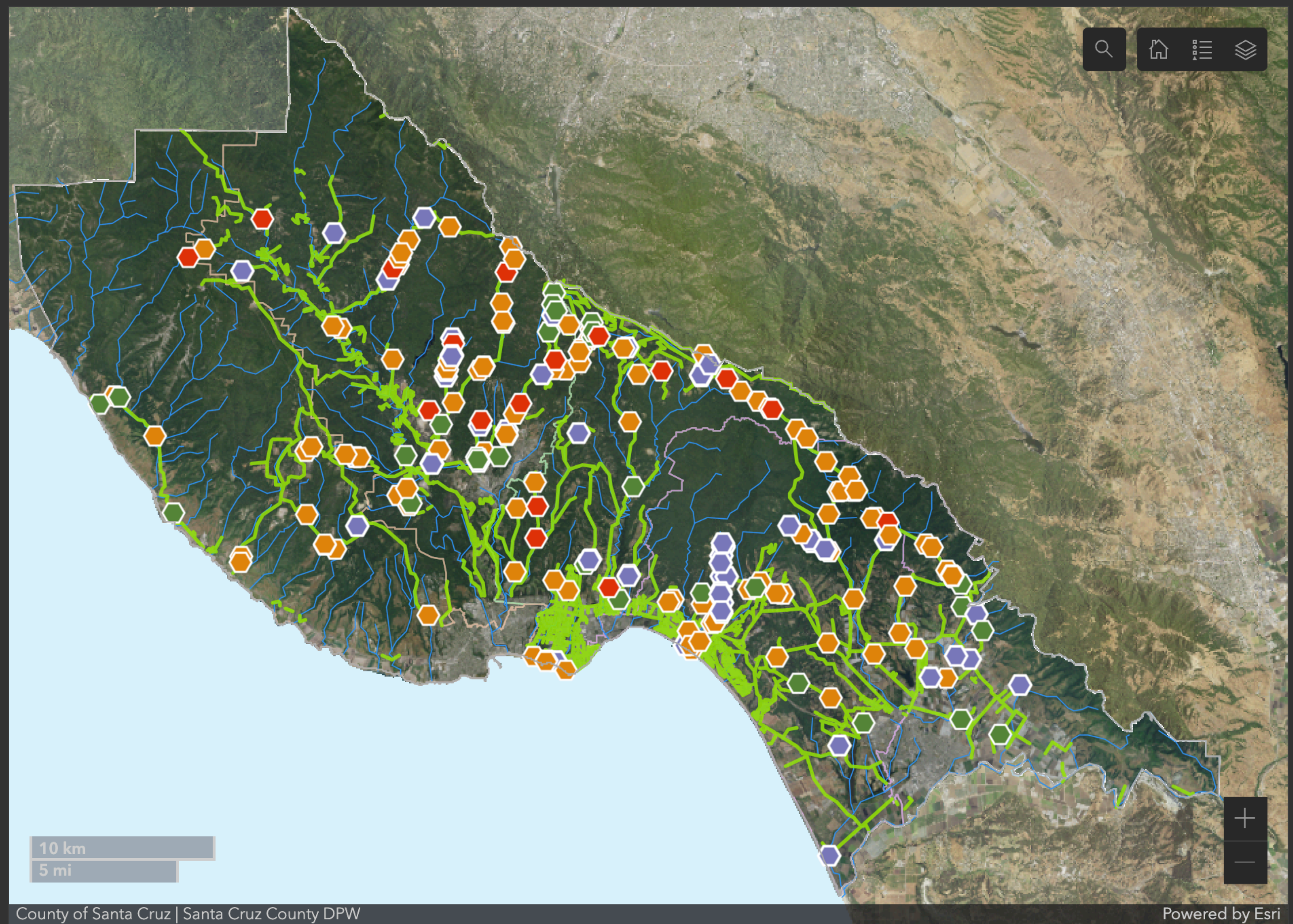
- 3 Additional Alert Wildfire Cameras since 2021 (alertcalifornia.org/cameras), 7 total locations
- Updated Alert Warning System - CruzAware.com
- Updated Cell Tower Ordinance and working with telecoms providers to install 72 hr backup power.
- Funded the Santa Cruz County Fire Safe Council

HIGH
 **19**





MEDIUM
 **115**

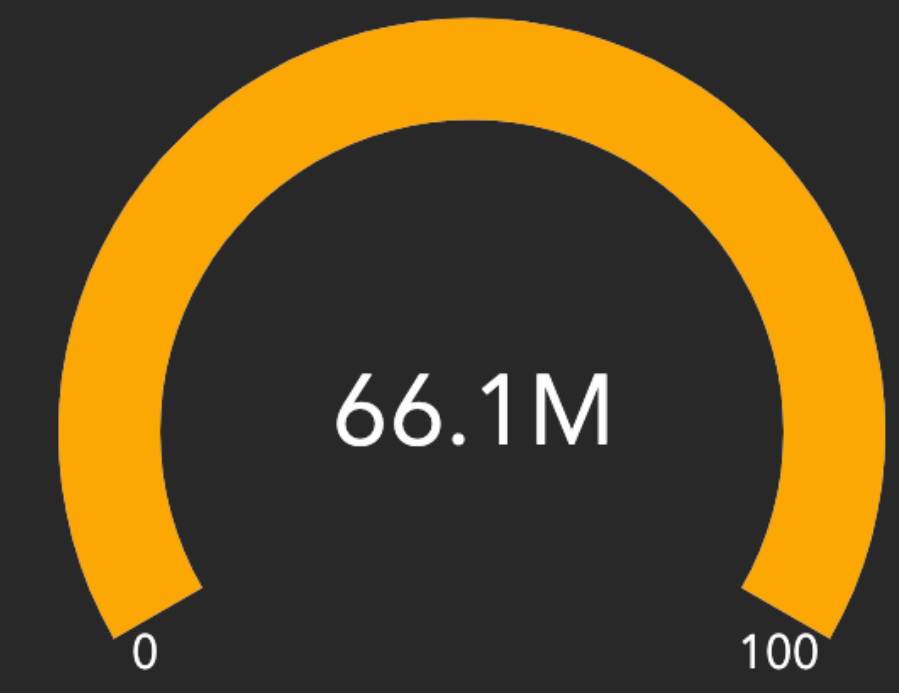
LOW
 **31**

UNSCORED
 **51**



SITE LIST

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BEAR CREEK RD PM: 2.85
 Description: Roadway Slipout, 50' long x 10' tall, 1/2 Roadway damaged, Large erosion gully formed
 Cost: \$1,100,000
 Score: 16
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MAIN ST (SOQ) PM: at Bates Creek
 Description: Failed 6'-8' pipe. Road is gone
 Cost: \$2,300,000
 Score: 14
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VALENCIA AV PM: 0.40
 Description: Severe road washout.
 Cost: \$250,000
 Score: 13
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CHINA GRADE RD PM: 0.62
 Description: Culvert washout, road gone for 50'



Mid-County Possible Trail Alignment

Proposed Trail

Segment Distance	Phase
0.74 mi	Phase One
0.56 mi	Phase Two
0.77 mi	Major Roads
1.30 mi	Assessors Parcels
0.14 mi	
1.35 mi	

0 0.05 0.1 0.2 Miles

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Firewise Update



FIREWISE USA
RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS

51 Firewise recognized communities as of August, **2023** - a **460%** increase from 2020

Firewise Investments in 2022:

- **43** communities, **3871** homes
- **\$6.1** Million personal money
- **78,538** volunteer hours

Investments for 2021:

- **26** communities, **3027** homes
- **\$2.7** Million personal money
- **48,924** volunteer hours



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Planned Clean-up



Branciforte Drive



Questions?

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