

**HILLS
EMERGENCY
FORUM**

**EAST BAY
FIREWISE COMMUNITIES
WORKSHOP**

October 15 & 16, 2003

GOAL:

The East Bay was one of eight FIREWISE Community Workshops developed by the National Fire Protection Association and sponsored by the California Fire Alliance throughout California in 2003.

Through educational sessions and hands-on small group exercises participants learned the tools for building more defensible communities and survivable homes. They also developed working relationships that can make the vision a reality. Presentations included California focused sessions on the General Plan Safety Element, multi-hazard mitigation planning and model wildland/ urban interface codes.

ATTENDEES:

This workshop provided an opportunity for HEF SLC members to increase our collaboration with regional fire agencies and build new partnerships at local, state and federal levels. 113 individuals shared their skills and viewpoints to foster a collaborative approach to reducing wildland fire risks. Registrants included elected officials, local government planners, legislative staff, emergency planners, developers, fire departments, contractors and others. The local sponsors provided scholarships.

SPONSORS:

Sixteen local sponsors included the HEF, Diablo Fire Safe Council, East Bay Municipal Utility District, East Bay Regional Park District, City of Berkeley, Contra Costa Water District, Society of Fire Protection Engineers and local businesses. Grant funding was provided by the Bureau of Land Management Community-Based Wildfire Prevention Grants Program.



The Hills Emergency Forum facilitates a cooperative approach among eight governing organizations addressing urban wildland interface fire issues in the Oakland-Berkeley hills.