



FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

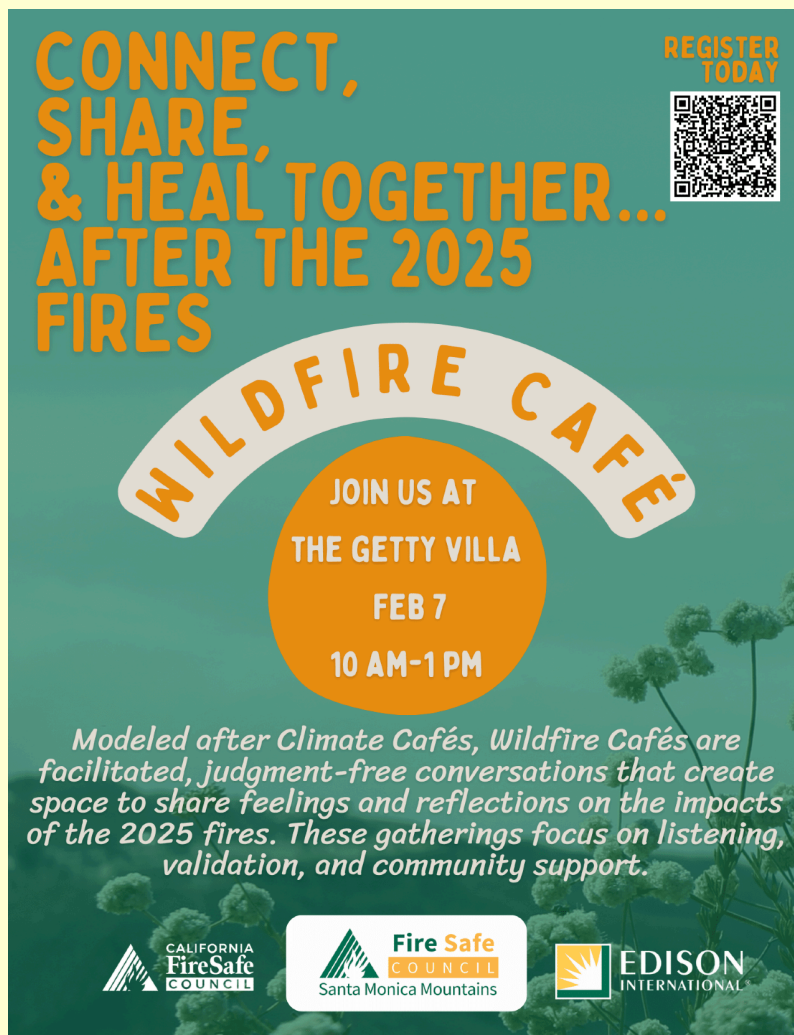
The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that every receipt, invoice, and bill should be properly filed and indexed for easy retrieval. This not only helps in tracking expenses but also ensures compliance with tax regulations.

In the second section, the author provides a detailed breakdown of the company's financial performance over the past quarter. This includes a comparison of actual results against budgeted figures, highlighting areas of both success and concern. The analysis shows a steady increase in revenue, primarily driven by new client acquisitions, though operating costs have also risen significantly.

The third section focuses on the company's strategic initiatives for the upcoming year. Key priorities include expanding into new markets, investing in research and development, and strengthening the talent pool. The author outlines specific goals and the resources allocated to achieve them, demonstrating a clear vision for the future.


Finally, the document concludes with a summary of the overall financial health and a call to action for the board and management. It stresses the need for continued vigilance and proactive management to ensure long-term success and shareholder value.

RSVP for our Wildfire Café!



**CONNECT,
SHARE,
& HEAL TOGETHER...
AFTER THE 2025
FIRES**

REGISTER TODAY





WILDFIRE CAFÉ

JOIN US AT
THE GETTY VILLA
FEB 7
10 AM-1 PM

Modeled after Climate Cafés, Wildfire Cafés are facilitated, judgment-free conversations that create space to share feelings and reflections on the impacts of the 2025 fires. These gatherings focus on listening, validation, and community support.

 CALIFORNIA Fire Safe COUNCIL

 Fire Safe COUNCIL Santa Monica Mountains

 EDISON INTERNATIONAL

It's not too late to RSVP for our in-person Wildfire Café at the Getty Villa! This event offers a welcoming, supportive space to connect, reflect, and heal together one year after the 2025 fires. Participants are welcome to stay and enjoy the Getty Villa after the café. Please RSVP by **midnight on February 3rd** so we can plan accordingly and ensure space for everyone.

[RSVP HERE](#)

Upcoming



Goldspotted Oak Borer Trainings

Build your skills in identifying GSOB and reporting suspected infestations.

Webinar training:
February 24th
6-7pm

In-person training:
March 24th
Location: Calabasas
6-7:30pm

Field trip:
April 25



East and Rice Canyon



OH NO!

SCAN HERE
Or register at
bit.ly/4oNhYnc



Do you want to learn more about GSOB and how to identify it? Register for a GSOB training with the SMMFSC below! We offer 2 trainings and 2 in-person survey days as well as a field trip to an infested area (East & Rice canyon).

[Register Here](#)

SMMFSC is Awarded the Environmental Program of the Year!



On January 22, the Santa Monica Mountains Regional Fire Safe Council attended the Assembly District 42 Community Excellence Awards event and the *“Where the Mountains Meet the Sea”* Student Art Show.

During the ceremony, SMMFSC was honored with the Environmental Program of the Year award, presented by Assemblywoman Jacqui Irwin.

Executive Director **Pauline Allen** and Director of Programs **Danielle Picciano** accepted the award on behalf of SMMFSC, in recognition of their leadership and the impact of their work guiding the organization’s environmental and wildfire resilience programs.

Field Trip with Manzanita Middle School



Manzanita Middle School visited the Malibu Forestry Unit on Las Virgenes Rd. for a field trip. Students rotated through hands-on activities including nursery work, a demo house tour, and a guided nature walk. This marked the start of school tours at the Forestry Unit. If you know a school that would be interested in a visit, please reach out below.

[Contact Us](#)

Community Workday with TCEP



On January 31st, the SMMFSC joined Topanga Coalition for Emergency Preparedness (TCEP) to do a community workday at the TCEP Emergency and Operations Center. Community members came together to remove hazardous vegetation and learn more about defensible space. Volunteers were rewarded with a BBQ lunch and a sense of fulfillment! If you or anyone you know is interested in hosting a community workday, follow our guide below.

FIREWISE COMMUNITY WORKDAY GUIDE

1. Have 2 community leaders contact the Santa Monica Mountains Fire Safe Council
2. Set up an initial meeting
 - a. *Plan for 2 more before the workday*
3. Set a date and time
 - a. *Plan for 4 hours of work!*
4. Get permission and notify partners (if part of an HOA)
5. Invite your neighbors
 - a. *Minimum of 10 participants needed*
6. Prepare tools and supplies
7. Hold the workday and get the project done together!

Must be within a Firewise Community

To learn more, visit smmfsc.org/firewise
To participate, register at smmfsc.org/services
or scan the QR code to get started!


Fire Safe COUNCIL
Santa Monica Mountains
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Our Firewise Networking call is the last Wednesday of every month! Meet other community members involved and learn more about firewise communities. Register below to attend our monthly meetings.

[Register Here](#)


Home Hardening and Defensible Space Monthly Tips



**FIRE SAFETY 101:
WINDOWS**

For more information visit smmfsc.org to stay informed on the latest educational material from our monthly fires safety series


FIRE SAFE WINDOWS




It is important to invest in fire safe windows, as they can prevent fire from spreading into your home from radiant heat.

When it comes to fire safe best practices for windows, multi-pane, tempered, non-combustible framed, and well maintained windows are preferred.


MULTI-PANE




TEMPERED



FRAME




CONDITION



MULTI-PANE WINDOWS

Replace single pane with multi-paned windows. Multi-pane offers multiple panels to act as a barrier from potential radiant heat from wildfire.

Remove vegetation or combustible items away from your windows.

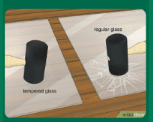


Double Pane vs. Triple Pane Windows

TEMPERED GLASS

Tempered glass offers resistance to breaking under thermal stress in the event of a wildfire, and further prevents fires from entering your home.

You want every window in your home to be multi-pane and tempered, especially skylights.




FRAME


NON-COMBUSTIBLE

MATERIALS


For the frame of your windows, use non-combustible materials like metal or composite. Wood can offer some resistance to fire, if properly maintained with weather resistant paint. Weather resistant paint can prevent cracking in the frame, where embers can intrude.



ALUMINUM



STEEL



FIBERGLASS

CONDITION


WEATHER STRIPPING

Replace your weather stripping on windows when signs of deterioration or gaps begin to form.

SCREENING

To prevent ember intrusion, replace screening if there are gaps or holes.

To learn more visit: fire.ca.gov/home-hardening



FRAME

Annually check the condition of your window by assessing the frame. Check if there are any gaps or wood paneling that needs to be replaced or filled with caulking. Repaint wood frames with weather resistant paint.

Santa Monica Mountains Fire Safe Council
www.smmfsc.org

We're on Nextdoor! Follow us for local events, fire safety tips, and ways to get involved in building a more fire-resilient community.



