

# Wildfire Resilience

Ad Hoc Committee  
Status Update –  
Overview for  
Resiliency Advisory  
Board

# Wildfires are increasing in frequency and intensity due to climate change.

San Diego's diverse landscape requires a **multi-faceted resilience strategy.**

Effective wildfire management depends on **collaboration** between:

- Fire agencies
- Government entities
- Local communities
- The private sector

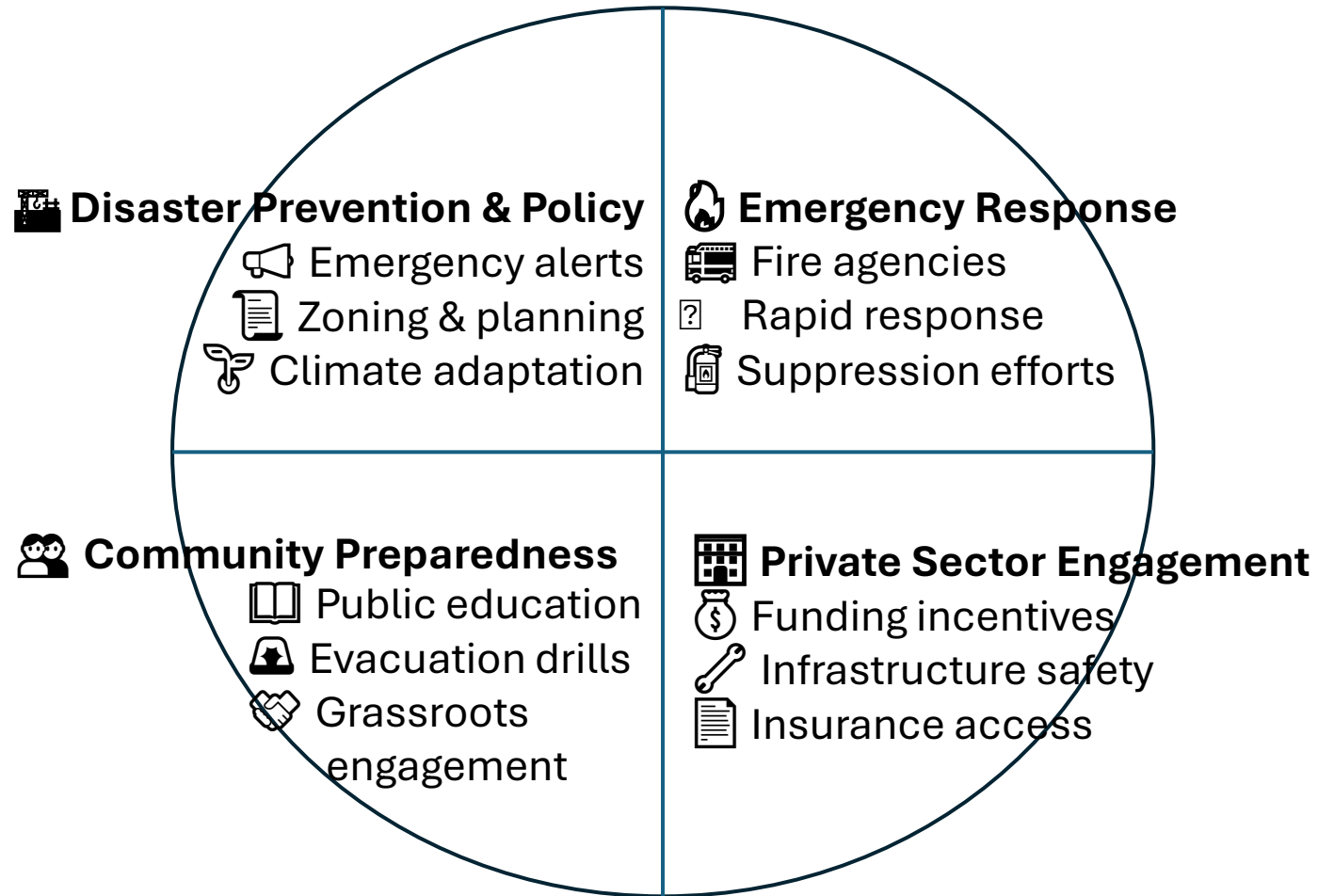
This presentation outlines a **Quadrant Approach** to wildfire resilience to:

- Identify and prioritize key challenges
- Foster a shared understanding of the issue
- Develop coordinated strategies

# The Quadrant Approach to Wildfire Resilience

- For board members involved in wildfire resilience planning, the **Quadrant Approach** provides a **structured, strategic framework** that enhances **decision-making, accountability, and cross-sector collaboration**. Here's how it benefits board members:
- The **Quadrant Approach is a leadership tool** that helps board members:
  - ✓ **Define clear responsibilities** across sectors
  - ✓ **Facilitate collaboration** between agencies, businesses, and communities
  - ✓ **Make data-driven, strategic decisions**
  - ✓ **Ensure accountability and track measurable progress**
  - ✓ **Engage stakeholders and justify investments**
  - ✓ **Adapt wildfire resilience efforts for the future**

# Quadrant Approach to Wildfire Resilience



# Emergency Response

- **Key agencies involved:**
- San Diego Fire-Rescue Department (SDFD)
- CAL FIRE
- County Fire
- **Focus areas:**
- Rapid response & suppression efforts
- Coordinated interagency operations
- Resource allocation for peak fire seasons

# Disaster Prevention & Policy

- **Key stakeholders:**
  - City Government
  - Office of Emergency Services (OES)
- **Focus areas:**
  - **Zoning & land-use planning** – Reducing fire risk in high-hazard areas
  - **Emergency communication systems** – Enhancing real-time alerts & evacuation strategies
  - **Post-fire recovery** – Addressing flood/landslide risks & long-term restoration
  - **Climate adaptation measures** – Strengthening infrastructure to withstand wildfire impacts

# Community Preparedness

- **Key groups involved:**
  - Fire Safe Councils
  - Homeowners' Associations (HOAs)
  - Neighborhood groups & environmental organizations
  - Tribal governments
- **Focus areas:**
  - **Education & training** – Public awareness campaigns & evacuation drills
  - **Support for vulnerable populations** – Special assistance plans for seniors & disabled individuals
  - **Cross-jurisdictional coordination** – Ensuring seamless response efforts between agencies and local communities

# Private Sector Engagement

- **Key partners:**
  - San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E)
  - Insurance companies
  - Technology firms
- **Focus areas:**
  - **Infrastructure protection** – Reducing fire hazards from power lines & other utilities
  - **Funding incentives** – Encouraging businesses & homeowners to invest in fire-resistant measures
  - **Economic preparedness** – Expanding access to affordable wildfire insurance
  - **Public-private partnerships** – Developing innovative fire prevention solutions





# Next Steps

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