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**NAPA FIREWISE HOSTS COMMUNITY WORKSHOP  
ON WILDLAND FIRE AWARENESS**

NAPA, Calif., June 26, 2006 – Napa Firewise ([www.co.napa.ca.us/firewise](http://www.co.napa.ca.us/firewise)), the County's wildland fire prevention and education program, conducted a successful community workshop on June 25<sup>th</sup> for the residents of Deer Park, Angwin and Pope Valley. The event was held at Pacific Union College in Angwin and was attended by nearly 100 residents. The goal of the workshop was to inform local residents of the threat wildland fire poses to them and provide specific steps they can take to protect lives and property in the event a major wildland fire occurs in the area.

Napa County Supervisor Diane Dillon opened the half-day workshop with a note of praise for the work County and local fire officials are doing to prepare the community for a major fire. Her remarks were followed by presentations on defensible space planning and evacuation preparedness from Gabrielle Avina, Napa County Fire Marshal; Darren Drake, Fire Marshal for the City of Napa; Mike Wilson, Assistant Napa County Fire Marshal; Lieutenant Jerry Pike, Napa County Sheriff's Office; Jerry Davies, Personal Insurance Federation of California; and Avery Browne, Angwin Fire Chief.

Following the workshop presentations, attendees enjoyed a complimentary luncheon sponsored by Napa Firewise and the local volunteer fire departments. The day

concluded with demonstrations from manufacturers and providers of fire prevention products and services. The crowning touch of the day was the award of two gas-powered weed trimmers from Central Valley Building Supply in St. Helena. These went to Marc Wilson and Tom Combs, both Napa County residents.

Future workshops will be offered in other high-risk neighborhoods throughout the County in coming months. For information about Napa Firewise, visit [www.co.napa.ca.us/firewise](http://www.co.napa.ca.us/firewise) or call 707.967.1426. Napa Firewise is funded in part through grants from the Western States Wildland Urban Interface Program.

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