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**CWPP – Community Wildfire Protection Program**


Our last meeting of January 2025 was brought to us by **PP Jenn Finnegan** as **President Rick** was out of town. She and co-captain **Gary Parkinson** enthusiastically introduced their team: **Carlene Fish, Jerry Kelley, Laurie Baker** and **Gary Parkinson** greeted, **Joe Wyse** gave the invocation, **PP Mark Ball** introduced guests, **Laurie Baker** led the pledge

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

I House is almost here and host families are still needed. Please contact **PP Amelia Ward**.

There are still some slots needing to be filled for Food for Thought, delivering food to schools. Please see below and scan the QR Code to sign up.

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05/08/2025	<b>OPEN</b>
05/22/2025	Tony Giovaniello

UPDATE: FOOD FOR THOUGHT IS NOW FULLY STAFFED. THANK YOU!!

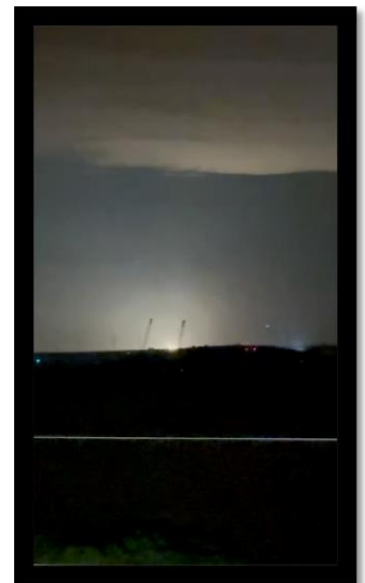
## RECOGNITIONS

**Laurie Baker** and **Bob Allen** got busted traveling. \$100 ea. to the club. We still don't understand the relevance of the gigantic remote control.

### Laurie Baker



### Bob Allen



# Gary Parkinson



**Jason Salter** celebrated his 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. \$300 to the club.



## PROGRAM-COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PROGRAM

Assistant Fire Marshall **Andrew Atkins** gave a presentation highlighting the challenges facing California due to heightened fire dangers. He indicated it is due to a combination of a changing climate and poor forest management over recent decades. Please see some of his presentation below.

### Defining the Problem: The Growing Threat of Wildland Fires

#### Key Points

- Wildland fires are increasingly becoming urban conflagrations. (Carr, Atlas, Tubbs, Camp, LA Fires)
- In the past, they destroyed a home, workplace, or school—now, they take all three.
- Entire communities are being devastated, with little time to recover.
- Many here have witnessed the catastrophic toll firsthand.
- The threat is growing, demanding urgent action.

### What is the Solution? It's Complex.

The CWPP identifies wildfire risks and prioritizes solutions to protect communities.

- **Key Points:**
  - Redding's CWPP was developed by Deer Creek Resources.
  - 18-month process to assess wildfire threats.
  - Used LiDAR technology to map vegetation.
  - Ran computer models to simulate wildfires in different scenarios.

[cityofredding.gov/wildfireprotection](http://cityofredding.gov/wildfireprotection)

### Recommendations & What's Coming

#### Policy & Insurance Considerations:

- CAL FIRE updating Fire Hazard Severity Zone Maps.
- Rising insurance premiums due to LA wildfires.
- California Fair Plan – Future developments?
- International Wildland-Urban Interface Code adoption (Jan 1, 2026?).

### How Did We Get Here?

#### Key Points

- War on fire
- Fire Return Intervals
- The Earth is designed to burn.
- Low-intensity fire is a natural part of the landscape
- Infrequent high-intensity fires are not natural.



### CWPP's Top 3 Findings

Proactive vegetation management is essential to reducing wildfire risk before fires start.

- **Vegetation Management Ordinance** is needed to control fire fuels and reduce fire intensity.
- **Less fuel = smaller fires** when they occur.
- **Homeless encampments in greenbelts** both cause and suffer from wildfires.
  - **Mobility impairment** makes evacuation difficult.
  - **40% of vegetation fires** are related to homeless issues.
- Early fall North Wind events are Redding's version of **Santa Ana winds**, increasing fire risk.

### Recommendations & What's Coming

#### Regulatory Improvements:

- Streamline or eliminate environmental reviews for fire fuel reduction projects.

#### Final Thoughts:

- 7 Habits of Highly Effective People
  - #1 Be proactive
  - # 2 Begin with the end in mind.
- Anthropology
- Help us re-adapt our community.

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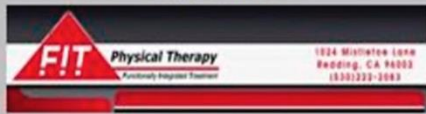


# The Four-Way Test

of what we think, say or do

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build good will and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

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