

## Glossary of Fire Safe Terms

California Environmental Quality Act	<p>A California statute passed in 1970 to institute a statewide policy of environmental protection. CEQA does not directly regulate land uses, but instead requires state and local agencies within California to follow a protocol of analysis and public disclosure of the potential environmental impacts of development projects. CEQA mandates actions all state and local agencies must take to advance the statewide environmental policy. For any project under CEQA’s jurisdiction with potentially significant environmental impacts, agencies must identify mitigation measures and alternatives by preparing an Environmental Impact Report.</p> <p><b>Fire Safe Council projects are subject to CEQA when municipal and state fire agencies provide significant assistance to the projects.</b></p>
Class-A Roofing Materials	Non-flammable roofing materials such as asphalt shingles, tile or metal roofing
Crown	Widest part of tree or shrub
Defensible Space	Area around a home where vegetation is managed to reduce the risks to life and property, recommended 100 feet
Embers	Lofted vegetation or construction materials that are burning
Firebrands (“Brands”)	Burning embers produced by wildfire, which are lifted high into the air and carried beyond the fire front. They are a major cause of homes burned due to wildfire.
Home Ignition Zone	The home plus 10 feet distance
Ladder fuels	Low-growing vegetation burning at ground level carries fire to shrubs, which in turn ignite tree branches, allowing a fire to climb even higher and spread faster.
National Environmental Policy Act of 1969	<p>A United States environmental law that established a U.S. national policy promoting the enhancement of the environment and also established the President’s Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ). NEPA’s most significant effect was to set up procedural requirements for all federal government agencies to prepare Environmental Assessments (EAs) and Environmental Impact Statements (EISs). EAs and EISs contain statements of the environmental effects of proposed federal agency actions.</p> <p><b>Fire Safe Council projects are subject to NEPA when a federal agency made specific funding decisions regarding the projects.</b></p>
Wildland Urban Interface	The area where houses and buildings meet the forest or chaparral.

## Glossary of Acronyms

BLM	Bureau of Land Management (U.S. Bureau of Land Management)
CALFIRE	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CFSC	California Fire Safe Council
CPUC	California Public Utilities Commission
CWPP	Community Wildfire Protection Plan
FSC	Fire Safe Council
FSCSDC	Fire Safe Council of San Diego County
GAFSC	Greater Alpine Fire Safe Council
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure/Protocol
USFS	United States Forest Service
WUI	Wildland Urban Interface