Public survey seeks to improve wildfire evacuation preparedness

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Wildfire is a natural part of our environment, but the increasing frequency and intensity of fire seasons highlight the need for the community to be prepared. One of the most critical aspects of wildfire safety is evacuation readiness – ensuring that residents, families and organizations know what to do, where to go, and how to stay safe when fire threatens.

The Calaveras County Office of Emergency Services as part of our Community Wildfire Protection Plan is conducting a survey to better understand how prepared the community is for evacuation.

The public's feedback will help OES identify the most common challenges residents face when preparing to evacuate; improve evacuation planning for people, pets, livestock and vulnerable populations; strengthen coordination between local fire, law enforcement, and emergency management agencies, and develop resources, trainings, and community outreach that reflect the real needs of the community.

The survey will take only a few minutes to complete and responses will remain confidential. To take the survey, visit https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6TZ6F6L.