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West Paso Robles Designated as City's First Firewise USA® Community

Paso Robles, CA — Paso Robles Fire and Emergency Services, in partnership with the West Paso Robles Firewise Board, is proud to announce that West Paso Robles has officially been approved as a Firewise USA® community, marking the first Firewise designation within the City of Paso Robles.

The boundaries of the West Paso Robles Firewise community include all city properties located west of Vine Street, from 1st Street to 24th Street. This designation reflects the neighborhood's commitment to reducing wildfire risk through proactive mitigation efforts, community engagement, and home hardening practices.

Firewise USA® is a national program administered by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) that recognizes communities actively working to reduce wildfire risk. Participation helps communities organize around wildfire preparedness while strengthening partnerships between residents and fire agencies.

In California, the state's "Safer from Wildfires" regulations require insurance companies to recognize Firewise USA® designated communities and provide potential insurance discounts to property owners located within those communities. NFPA processes Firewise USA® applications and provides approved community boundary data to insurance industry data providers twice annually, in March and October, ensuring insurers have updated information on communities in good standing.

Paso Robles Fire and Emergency Services extends its appreciation to the Paso Robles Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) for their assistance in preparing the Firewise application. Special recognition is also extended to Firewise Board members Dan Jones, Steve Eorio, Jill Corgill, Rick Goree, John Hamon, and Gina Grieb for their leadership and dedication in advancing the program.

While additional work remains, the Firewise designation represents a significant milestone in strengthening wildfire preparedness and promoting home hardening efforts within the city, particularly in the west side wildland-urban interface area.

Paso Robles Fire and Emergency Services looks forward to expanding Firewise participation to additional neighborhoods and continuing to work with residents to improve community wildfire resilience.

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