**Recommendations**

*INSTRUCTIONS: It is suggested that you use the Firewise CRA Form Worksheet (shown left) to complete the Recommendations Section. This tool will highlight the areas that require the most attention and thus should be the higher priority.*

*When completing the Recommendations Section, it is recommended to begin the paragraph with a sentence that is a statement of fact relating to the observations, and then follow that with a sentence describing in general terms what can be done to mitigate the observed hazard along with the inclusion of a ranking of the importance of completing the mitigation. For Example: [STATEMENT] Our analysis shows that the two areas to focus on related to access/egress are the general condition of roads and driveways leading to the home, and the vegetation along those roads. [MITIGATION] Projects designed to reduce roadside vegetation along roads and driveways leading to homes are a high priority.*

**Summary paragraph:**

The primary priorities are evacuation, vegetation management, structural hardening incentives, and education and outreach in all the priority areas. Based on input from fire officials, Fire Safe Sonoma and members of the community, the proposed projects will focus on the following:

**Projects related to Access/Evacuation:** Our analysis shows that the two areas to focus on related to access/egress are the general condition of roads and driveways leading to the home, and the vegetation along those roads. Projects designed to reduce roadside vegetation along roads and driveways leading to homes are a high priority. Some homes also should have address umbers installed – low priority.

**Projects related to Home Ignitability**: Our analysis shows that four areas to focus on related to home ignitability are wood attachments such as storage sheds, decks, patio roofs, fences, etc.; underfloor/deck protection from embers; exterior siding; and soffit vents. Projects that provide incentives and resources to encourage home improvement projects related to these items should be a high priority.

**Projects related to Defensible Space/Fuels Reduction:** Our analysis shows that in the Immediate Zone there are a lot of trees/shrubs next to homes; in the intermediate Zone there is a fair amount of area where vegetation is closely spaced; and in the Extended Zone there is a heavy accumulations of ground litter/debris. Therefore, a high priority should be placed on projects that will; encourage residents to carefully maintain and/or remove trees/shrubs next to the home; provide resources such as incentives and community work parties that will help to create greater separation between vegetation in the Intermediate Zone, as well as reduce the accumulations of ground litter/debris.

**Projects related to Education and Outreach:** The analysis shows that there are issues with access/egress related to roads and driveways, a significant amount of vegetation exist along roads and driveways, the homes are not significantly resistant to embers, there are a lot of trees and shrubs next to homes, and much of the heavy vegetation is closely spaced. Projects that will inform and educate people on ways to mitigate these hazards should be a high priority.