

**Columbia Grange 267 Legislative Committee**  
**2024 Guiding Principles and Focus**

As in 2023, our Committee has adopted a focus on Fire and Water as issues critical to our community. This year we have broadened our focus to include our rural character and landscape. Using these three – Fire, Water and Rural Character – as filters, we are tracking Bills that either support or undermine our guiding principles and beliefs. We use these principles as lenses through which to set our legislative priorities and take action.

- Conservation of our natural resources is critical to mitigating the effects of climate change locally and globally. Think globally, Act Locally.
- Private, public and business practices, protocols and regulations that support conservation of natural resources and ecosystems is critical to making positive change.
- The responsibility for Safe and Adequate Drinking Water is not limited to our local Water District. We must support legislation that ensures a healthy watershed and infrastructure, for the health and safety of our citizenry and rural lifestyle.
- Wildfire preparedness and resources to promote and support preparedness is critical to our safety as a community and the natural environment we live in and rely on.
- Proper public agency funding, designated for conservation of natural resources and incentivizing citizens to act in this manner is critical to healthy change.
- Honoring and protecting the natural environment, ecosystem and all of its inhabitants that in turn support our community and lives is our responsibility as citizens and human beings. We are all in this together.
- Zoning and land use rules play an important role in how our land, its resources and community operate and develop – for better or worse.