



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Fire
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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Fire Chief Fire Chief Michael Dyer 681-5500
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SUBJECT: Presentation of the Fire Department Vegetation Management Program and its efforts in the Mission Canyon Area.

Recommended Actions: That the Board of Supervisors receive a presentation on the Fire Department Vegetation Management Program and its efforts in the Mission Canyon area.

Summary Text: The Fire Department conducts numerous vegetation management projects each year for the purposes of fire prevention and fuel management. These projects include permitted and prescribed burning as well as the Defensible Space Program and others. The Vegetation Management Program (VMP) develops the Unit Fire Plan and assists communities throughout the county with developing their own wild land fire protection plans. This presentation is an oversight of the program and its efforts.

Background: Fire has played a major role in the history of Santa Barbara County and continues to affect our communities. The Fire Department's Vegetation Management Program has helped to reduce the impact of catastrophic fires through the management of vegetation and the use of controlled burning. Additionally, the Vegetation Management Program has reduced property loss, protected watershed and wildlife areas and enhanced graze lands.

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