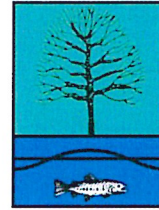


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URBAN CREEKS COUNCIL



March 4, 2019

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
105 East Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Re: San Marcos Pass – Eastern Goleta Valley Mountainous Communities CWPP
Agenda Item #4 (19-00195)

Dear Chair Lavagnino and Members of the Board:

Los Padres ForestWatch and Urban Creeks Council share a common goal of promoting science-based methods to protect our communities from wildfire. Due to the short amount of time to review the finalized San Marcos Pass – Eastern Goleta Valley Mountainous Communities Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), we are submitting these brief comments.

We are glad to see that the CWPP has improved since the last version we were able to review in 2018. We sincerely appreciate the time and effort the CWPP Development Team contributed to create and modify the document. We still feel that the document can be significantly improved with more tangible action items relating to structure hardening, home ignition zone inspections, ignition prevention, community shelters, and development practices. Our organizations look forward to contributing our recommendations to the Development Team as the CWPP is re-examined and revised in the future. We will continue to contribute our expertise to the development process for other CWPPs in Santa Barbara County as well.

We hope that through collaboration with stakeholders and scientists, we can all work toward improving wildfire preparedness, firefighter safety, and environmental protection throughout our communities.

Sincerely,

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