



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: Fire  
Department No.: 031  
For Agenda Of: 07/15/2008  
Placement: Departmental  
Estimated Time: 30 Minutes  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: No

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Fire Chief John Scherrei 681-5500  
Contact Info: Fire Marshal Chris Hahn 681-5500

**SUBJECT:** Presentation of the Fire Department Vegetation Management Program in Vandenberg Village and the Burton Mesa Reserve

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**Recommended Actions:** That the Board of Supervisors receive a presentation on the Fire Department Vegetation Management Program and its project work in Vandenberg Village, the Burton Mesa Reserve and the surrounding communities.

**Summary Text:** The Fire Department, in conjunction with the California Department of Fish & Game (DFG), has implemented a vegetation reduction and modification project on the Burton Mesa Reserve. There are 18 project areas, of which 7 have been completed. These 7 project areas have cleared 2.5 miles of vegetation 100 feet in width and have greatly enhanced the clearance between the Reserve and structures. Work will resume after August, once Fish & Game has declared the end of nesting season.

**Background:** Due to significant fire history, the Fire Department, with the support of the third district, requested vegetation reduction on and surrounding the Burton Mesa Reserve, which is managed by the California Department of Fish & Game (DFG). Once the appropriate plans and environmental review were completed by the DFG, the Fire Department assisted them with a plan on prioritizing project areas and the implementation of the vegetation reduction.

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