

SAN MARCOS PASS –EASTERN GOLETA VALLEY COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN UPDATE

County of Santa Barbara

Board of Supervisors

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WHAT IS A COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN (CWPP)

- Identifies fire hazard reduction strategies
 - Identifies and prioritizes areas for hazardous fuel reduction treatments
 - Recommends current best practices as to the types and methods of fuel treatments
 - Recommends measures to reduce structure ignitability
- Built on collaboration with agencies and interested parties

2011 BOARD POLICY - CWPP DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

- Convene the CWPP Development Team
- Development Team reaches out to Federal and State agencies
- Development Team engages interested parties
- Establish a base map and boundary area for the CWPP
- Develop a community risk assessment
- Recommend hazard reduction priorities and measures to reduce structure ignitability
- Develop draft plan
- Finalize and submit CWPP draft

SAN MARCOS PASS –EASTERN GOLETA VALLEY CWPP DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

- Consultant hired to write CWPP in October 2016
- Community Kick-off meeting in late January 2017
- Fact gathering and initial versions of CWPP developed between February 2017 and January 2018
- Development Team members from Forest Watch and Urban Creeks Council resign in January 2018
- Latest version of the CWPP dated April 2018
- Current draft does not constitute a project under CEQA since it recommends but does not commit to any actions
- Fuel treatments would require CEQA when they occur

SAN MARCOS PASS –EASTERN GOLETA VALLEY CWPP NEXT STEPS

- Complete the edits recommended by the County's Working Group
- As requested by the representatives that resigned, remove the individual names and organizations from CWPP
- By October 30, 2018, provide CEO staff with a copy of the Final CWPP for docketing for a later Board Meeting

RECOMMENDATION ACTIONS

- Receive a report on the status of the development and future actions needed for consideration and approval by the Board of the San Marcos Pass – Eastern Goleta Valley Mountainous Communities Community Wildfire Protection Plan
- Provide direction to staff as needed
- Determine, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines 15378(b)(5), that the above actions are not a project subject to CEQA review because they are administrative activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.