

## Wildfire Preparedness Questions for Governance Agencies

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### A. San Mateo County Parks:

1. Describe the projects planned for Quarry Park wildfire safety over the next 5 years.
2. Why isn't removing and replanting eucalyptus in your plan?

### B. CAL FIRE

1. What is the current wildfire rating for Quarry Park?
2. Will the 5-year plan described above by County Parks change that rating? To what?
3. What scope of work would lower Quarry Park from Very High to High fire rating?
4. What scope of work would lower Quarry Park from Very High to Moderate fire rating?
5. What scope of work would lower Quarry Park from Very High to Low fire rating?
6. Is El Granada defensible in the event of a wildfire in Quarry Park?
7. What is the current plan to contain a wildfire in Quarry Park?
  - a. If a ground fire?
    - i. Can brush fire be contained?
  - b. If a canopy fire?
    - i. Do you agree a canopy fire is unstoppable?
8. What alternatives may be used in the event of an evacuation – Hwy 1 (North and South), Hwy 92 (East), etc?
  - a. Would El Granada Blvd. ever be used as an evacuation route, and if so, who has a key to the locked gate?
9. If roads were blocked or gridlocked, which areas of refuge would be available?
10. Who can declare a state of emergency regarding the wildfire risks in Quarry Park?
  - a. Under what conditions?
  - b. Would this not trigger additional funding?

### C. Resource Conservation District

1. Has your agency been asked to prepare a plan for fire prevention in Quarry Park?
  - a. If so, describe the scope.
    - i. How does this approach contrast with what was done in San Diego ~2003-15?
    - ii. What types and level of ongoing fire prevention maintenance would be required after such a plan is executed?
    - iii. Does the scope described above reduce Quarry Park wildfire risk, and to what level?
  - b. If so, describe your funding approach.
  - c. If so, describe the timeline.
  - d. If so, but you have no plan prepared:

- i. What are the steps in preparing the plan and when will it be actionable, that is, funding identified, resources mobilized, and work beginning?
- ii. What duration would you expect for a plan to re-invent Quarry Park, from today through completion?

D. San Mateo County

1. Who is chartered to prepare the plans to remove eucalyptus trees from Quarry Park and similar areas along the Midcoast, and to replant with appropriate species and erosion controls?
  - a. Who at County will be responsible for affixing responsibility for wildfire prevention actions for each of the items in 2d below? By when?
2. What are potential sources of funding to eradicate eucalyptus from the Midcoast?
  - a. Measure K, CDFW grants, CAL FIRE, parcel tax, LHMP/FEMA, general funds?
  - b. How can we obtain funds from Governor Newsom's \$536M Wildfire Prevention Plan?
  - c. What is the status of other state bills on wildfire preparedness funding (AB 9, AB 1255)?
  - d. Who is writing the LHMP/FEMA grant request for removing the eucalyptus in:
    - i. Quarry Park?
    - ii. El Granada medians?
    - iii. CalTrans ROW from Pacifica to Moss Beach?
    - iv. Hills in GGNRA near Alta Vista MWSD tanks/pumps?
    - v. Hwy 1 north of Lantos tunnel?
    - vi. Hwy 1 at Frenchman's creek?
    - vii. Hwy 92 east of HMB?
    - viii. "Paper streets" at top of El Granada Blvd.?
3. What is the process for and the hold-up in easing the eucalyptus removal permit process? What person(s) in what department has what remaining steps to get this done?
4. For any items that are NOT assigned and actionable, what does Supervisor Horsley require to obtain accountability and actions on these matters?