



MEMORANDUM REPORT

Date: June 18, 2019

TO: Board of Commissioners of the Los Altos Hills County Fire District

FROM: J. Logan, General Manager
CWPP Subcommittee

SUBJECT: **Community Wildfire Protection Plan Report, Revised Annex 4 and Addendum**

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Revised Annex 4 and Addendum as the Los Altos Hills County Fire Protection District's Community Wildfire Protection Program

Background

The Los Altos Hills County Fire District Board of Commissioners (Board) received a Community Wildfire Protection Program (CWPP) Addendum Report at its May 21, 2019 meeting. The Report provided background on the federal law and local initiatives that encouraged communities to establish CWPPs in their jurisdictions.

A Community Wildfire Protection Plan:

- Identifies and prioritizes areas for hazardous fuel reduction treatments, and
- Recommends the types and methods of treatment on that will protect one or more at-risk communities and essential infrastructure, and
- Recommends measures to reduce structural ignitability throughout the at-risk community.
- Address issues such as wildfire response, hazard mitigation, community preparedness, or structure protection, or all of the above.

Santa Clara County Fire Department efforts resulted in the 2016 Santa Clara County CWPP, a countywide strategic plan with goals for creating a safer wildland urban interface community. The County CWPP includes as section of annexes specific to each jurisdiction in Santa Clara County.

The Board appointed a CWPP subcommittee to study, research and review Annex 4 that was written during the 2016 initiative by the County Fire Department consultants for the Los Altos Hill County Fire District. Annex 4 was revised. The revisions were review by executive staff of Santa Clara County Fire and their revisions are incorporated into the Revised Annex 4.

In addition, an Addendum to Annex 4 was produced to provide an overview of topics in the County CWPP and to provide general information to residents. The Addendum is written for residents and the community to educate them on wildfire risks and mitigation efforts. These documents encourage specific pre-planning actions for resiliency of property in wildfire and for self-reliance in event of

disaster for residents and the community. It is hoped the Revised Annex 4 and Addendum will encourage residents to seek additional information and become more aware of the threats of wildfire and mitigation efforts for the safety of their families and as concerned residents in the community. Neither Revised Annex 4 nor the Addendum are complete or inclusive of all the information, mitigation efforts or strategies to address the threats and realities of wildfires and disasters.

It is the recommendation of the CWPP subcommittee for the Board to adopt the Revised Annex 4 and Addendum as the Los Altos Hills County Fire District CWPP.

Discussion

Revised Annex 4 and Addendum are designed to be dynamic documents that will be revisited and revised as fire science and wildfire experiences dictate new approaches and best practices. LAHCFD, in partnership with the Santa Clara Fire Department, will assess its practices and programs and makes changes in its policies to ensure continuous improvement for wildfire preparedness and protection. LAHCFD programs will be supported by the LAHCFD budget and in collaboration and partnership with other stakeholders and agencies.

It is recommended that the Board adopt Resolution 19-21 that will adopt the Los Altos Hills County Fire District Revised Annex 4 and Addendum as the Los Altos Hills County Fire District Community Wildfire Protection Plan (LAHCFD CWPP). Resolution 19-21 included Revised Annex 4 and Addendum as an attachment to the Resolution.

Attachment: None