

Midcoast Community Council  
Wildfire Issues and Status

6/9/21

<b>Date of Next Discussion:</b>	6/9/21 (This Meeting)	6/23/21 (Next Meeting)	No Planned Date	Resolved Issue
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#	Issue	Date Discussed	Potential Resolution	Responsible Party	Updates & Potential MCC Actions
1	Eucalyptus removal on private property requires permit process and fee	5/12/21; 6/9/21 Agenda #5 ?6/23/21?	Modify Tree Ordinance to remove fee and simplify process	SMC Planning Department; CCC (for CDP)	MCC letter in to streamline SMC planning written 5/12/21; Planning still reports eucalyptus as 'significant' tree in permit review.
2	Chipper program is not adequate	6/9/21 Agenda #1	Increase frequency of chipper program	SMC Resource Conservation District (RCD)	Program expanded; check Fire Safe website <a href="http://www.firesafesanmarateo.org">www.firesafesanmarateo.org</a> for 2021 eligible neighborhoods and schedules. Monitor the program for results.
3	No early detection program for wildfire	4/28/21 6/9/21 Agenda #5	Install cameras on Midcoast	CAL FIRE	Work with CAL FIRE and other parties to find potential locations and install cameras – in process; Awaiting update....
4	<b>Governance:</b> No single entity is responsible for Midcoast wildfire preparation	<i>Various beginning 10/13/20 @BoS +</i> 6/9/21 Agenda #1 & #4b	County form agency to be responsible. Define required governance.	SMC ?LAFCO?	SMC forming FireSafe Advisory Council; Denise Enea to speak at MCC/recommend fire marshal; Send letter to County requesting a CalFire Fire Marshall for the Midcoast with first priority in El Granada surrounding Quarry Park and then all properties
5	El Granada medians have unsafe eucalyptus trees	6/9/21 Agenda #4b; 6/23/21	'Pilot' to be discussed County take responsibility for cutting trees in medians, work with GCSD on restoration	SMC-DPW, GCSD ? CalFire?	Supervisor Horsley requesting \$500k funding, write letter in support 6/23/21; DPW advises some funding & pilot program in process. Need enlist GCSD. Not complete solution to medians; unclear value as funding benchmark.
6	Gate at top of El Granada Blvd. is locked	6/9/21 Agenda #5 6/23/21 Agenda	Obtain easement to allow gates to be unlocked: a) for hikers/bikers	?CalFire? Parks	Pedestrian bars removed; Parks considering better access. Wrote County Counsel. MCC discussion about letter, a statement that the MCC urges the County to take any and all appropriate

			b) for CalFire/PG&E c) for evacuation		measures to secure access. (get specific)
7	Above ground power lines are potential fire hazard	6/9/21 Agenda #5 Future Agenda	Underground power lines	PG&E DPW, Planning	Write letter in support: Make PGE lines in front of the the El Granada Fire Station a model first case to implement undergrounding because of fire concerns. Prioritize other areas of the Midcoast
8	No MCC representation on Fire Safe Council	6/9/21 Agenda #1 and #4d	Join Fire Safe Council	Len Erickson; Denise Enea	MCC Designate Len Erickson as representative to attend Fire Safe Council meetings; plus as rep on new SMC Advisory Committee
9	Evacuation routes along highways have eucalyptus groves - Hwy 1 North of Lantos Tunnel - Hwy 1 Frenchman's Creek - Hwy 1 Medio Creek - Hwy 92	Denise Enea & letter 6/23/21?	Pursue funding to remove eucalyptus	CalTrans, CAL FIRE? LHMP Denise Enea	Denise Enea to update MCC. Further research responsible parties of adjacent properties; write CalTrans letter putting them on notice of liability; ?write County & CalFire re concerns. Letters to HMB & Pacifica requesting identification of neighboring properties & owners with wildfire fuels?
10	<b>Quarry Park eucalyptus risk:</b> Immediate Mediation	Schedule pending update on Parks' funding & timing.	Pursue funding to build fire breaks & improve CalFire access	SMC Parks; CalFire?	Small budget approved; trails widened for fire access. LHMP funding unlikely for this; resident complaints, letter & petition re: inadequate Parks' funding; unclear alignment between Park's projects, current funding, and resident concerns. Research for MCC letter in support of residents.
11	<b>Quarry Park eucalyptus risk:</b> Permanent Solution	6/9/21 Agenda #1 & Agenda #5 & 6	Explore permanent revegetation project; funding initiative	SMC Parks, RCD ? Calfire?, LHMP	Facilitate privately funded study (with possible county contribution), Grant applications in process; mention RCD issuing RFP for consultant.
12	Fire-prone eucalyptus groves in Montara, GGNRA, CalTrans Bypass	6/23/21	Pursue funding to remove eucalyptus; transfer ownership to MWSD	CalTrans, GGNRA, CAL FIRE? MWSD LHMP	Further research responsible property owners; discuss letter in support MWSD receive funding and responsibility for a project in this area Green foothills had slowed the transfer prior.
13	Remove regulatory barriers to removing Eucalyptus and other fire hazards on private	Pending research with RCD & FireSafe Council. Update on 6/23/21	A. Revise SMC fire code to allow eucalyptus and other fire hazard trees to be	CAL FIRE? Coastal Commission, New Fire	RCD has <a href="#">studied this issue since 2011</a> , and had the verbal support of SMC planning since then. RCD working issues with Coastal Commission at both species and project level. Expect June 17

	property		subject to Fire Abatement Orders, then enforce orders; B. Amend CCC CDX requirements for eucalyptus C. Revise SMC tree ordinance.	Marshall	Zoom update. Determine point of contact within SMC planning for this effort. Then, write letter in support of desired actions (at left) plus: - delegate inspection requirements beyond CalFire to avoid staffing bottlenecks?
14	Eucalyptus are costly to remove		Provide funds to incentivize property owners to remove trees posing fire hazard	SMC; LHMP; RCD	Obtain cost benchmarks; Define strategy; Write letter in support.
15	Residents concerns are not being adequately addressed		Escalate concerns above county	State Assembly (Mullin, Berman) State Senate (Becker) Federal House (Speier)	Residents have already written some of these officials. ?Reach out to representatives.
16	<b>Governance:</b> coordination with NGO's owning wildfire risk properties.		Work with "big dogs" (list)	SMC fuel reduction task force + List.	Community Wildfire Protection Plan is inadequate for Midcoast, lacks governance authority, and relationships with major landowners (Stanford, MWROS, ... )

Possible funding sources:

- FEMA and CalOES via LHMP
- RCD and/or FireSafe SMC to assist homeowners - filing joint agency grants
- County Measure K for safety & homelessness prevention
- Local property tax supplements
- California \$536M wildfire package