

**Midcoast Community Council  
Wildfire Issues and Status  
5/26/21**

#	Issue	Potential Resolution	Responsible Party	Potential MCC Actions
1	Eucalyptus removal on private property requires permit process and fee	Modify Tree Ordinance to remove fee and simplify process	SMC Planning Department	Write letter in support (DONE) Write to change fire code to classify eucalyptus as weed so CAL FIRE can issue abatement/condemnation orders
2	Chipper program is wildly popular	Increase frequency of chipper program	SMC Resource Conservation District	Work with Kellyx, write letter in support
3	No early detection program for wildfire	Install cameras on Midcoast, investigate sensors	CAL FIRE	Work with CAL FIRE and other parties to find potential locations and install cameras – in process; Karen Allanson
4	No single entity is responsible for wildfire preparation	County form agency to be responsible	SMC	Work with Supervisor Horsley, write letter in support
5	El Granada medians have unsafe eucalyptus trees	County take responsibility for cutting trees in medians, work with GCSD on restoration	SMC-DPW, GCSD? CAL FIRE? LHMP	Work with Supervisor Horsley to find funding, write letter in support – DPW advises some funding in process.
6	Gate at top of El Granada Blvd. is locked	Obtain easement to allow gates to be unlocked: a) for hikers/bikers b) for CAL FIRE/PG&E c) for evacuation	CAL FIRE?	Write letter in support – CAL FIRE? approaching homeowner? Ask Planning to redraw the lot to clear access to recreational trail
7	Above ground power lines are potential fire hazard	Underground power lines	PG&E	Write letter in support
8	No MCC representation on Fire Safe Council	Join Fire Safe Council	Denise Enea	Designate representative to attend Fire Safe Council meetings
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	Pursue funding to remove eucalyptus	CalTrans, CAL FIRE? LHMP	Further research responsible parties of adjacent properties; write CalTrans letter putting them on notice of liability; write ?County? CAL FIRE re concerns.

10	Quarry Park is full of fire-prone eucalyptus trees	Pursue funding to build fire breaks	SMC Parks; CAL FIRE?	LHMP/FEMA unlikely for this; MCC letter in support of resident petition
11	Quarry Park is full of fire-prone eucalyptus trees	Explore permanent revegetation project	MCC / SMC Parks / RCD CAL FIRE?, LHMP	Facilitate privately funded study (with possible county contribution), write letter in support
12	Areas around Moss Beach and Montara have fire-prone eucalyptus groves e.g. CalTrans Bypass	Pursue funding to remove eucalyptus	CalTrans, GGNRA, CAL FIRE? MWSD? LHMP	Further research responsible property owners; write letter in support
13	Eucalyptus and other fire hazards are common on private property	Revise fire code to allow eucalyptus and other fire hazard trees to be subject to Fire Abatement Orders, then enforce orders	CAL FIRE?	Write letter in support ? also change County Tree ordinance? ? delegate inspection requirements beyond CAL FIRE to avoid staffing bottlenecks
14	Eucalyptus and other fire hazards are costly to remove	Provide funds to incentivize property owners to remove trees posing fire hazard	SMC; LHMP	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)	Reach out to representatives
16	Fire Marshall support on Midcoast is insufficient to ensure citizens are defending private property against potential fire hazards	Request additional Fire Marshall for Midcoast	Board of Supervisors, CAL FIRE	Send a letter to the SMC BOS requesting an amendment to the CAL FIRE contract.

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