

**Midcoast Community Council
Wildfire Issues and Status
1/10/22**

| # | Issue | Status and Resolution (or Potential Resolution) | Responsible Party | MCC Actions |
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| 1 | Eucalyptus removal on private property requires permit process and fee | County issued one-year permit exemption for the removal of hazardous trees (through 7/1/22). Unclear whether permit exemption will be extended. | SMC Planning and Building Department | Wrote letter in support of change in permitting. |
| 2 | Neighborhood chipper program is wildly popular | Increase frequency of chipper program . | RCD | Could work with Kellyx to increase frequency of program. |
| 3 | No early detection program for wildfire | Two wildfire cameras installed at Montara Mountain and Pillar Point . | CAL FIRE | Worked with CAL FIRE and other parties to find potential locations and install cameras. |
| 4 | No single entity is responsible for wildfire preparation | County Coordinator grant (\$175k) won, and hiring is in process. | SMC | Wrote letter in support of grant. Could continue to advocate for a single entity to be accountable. |
| 5 | El Granada medians have unsafe eucalyptus trees | County completed Tree Removal Project (\$500k) to remove some eucalyptus trees in medians. Many trees still remain, and no work has been done on restoration. | SMC-DPW | Worked with Supervisor Horsley to find funding (Measure K). |
| 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 SMC Planning | Could write letter to CAL FIRE in support of opening gate, or ask Planning to redraw the lot to clear access to recreational trail. |
| 7 | Above ground power lines are potential fire hazard | Underground power lines in high-risk areas. | PG&E | Could write letter in support of underground power lines in areas of highest risk. |

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| 8 | No MCC representation on Fire Safe Council | MCC now has a representative on the Fire Safe Council. | Denise Enea | Designated representative (currently Len Erickson) to attend Fire Safe Council meetings |
| 9 | Evacuation routes along highways have eucalyptus groves <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hwy 1 North of Tom Lantos Tunnels - Hwy 1 at Frenchman's Creek - Hwy 1 at Medio Creek - Hwy 92 | CalTrans removed trees in right-of-way at Frenchman's Creek. Other areas still need to be addressed. | CalTrans | Write letter to CalTrans about issue and potential liability. Write County or CAL FIRE re concerns. |
| 11 | Quarry Park is full of fire-prone eucalyptus trees | Obtained funding for El Granada Scoping Project (\$75k). RCD received a grant from the State Coastal Conservancy (\$1 million) to fund a 100-acre mitigation project including shaded fuel breaks. SMC Parks' Wildfire Fuel Management Program includes 3 projects in Quarry Park. However, residents of El Granada Blvd. are still concerned that there is no clear timeline for the creation of a fire break to the East. | SMC / MCC / SMC Parks / RCD / CAL FIRE | MCC advocated for the Scoping Project. MCC forwarded resident petition and slides to the Board of Supervisors. Could pursue additional funding to build fire breaks and explore permanent revegetation project. |
| 12 | Areas around Moss Beach and Montara have fire-prone eucalyptus groves e.g. CalTrans Bypass | CalTrans has begun fuel reduction along Montara / Devil's Slide Bypass in response to MWSD letter. | CalTrans, GGNRA, CAL FIRE, MWSD | Could continue to press CalTrans or pursue additional funding to remove eucalyptus. |
| 13 | Eucalyptus and other fire hazards are common on private property, and Fire Marshal coverage seems insufficient to enforce all | Coastside Fire Protection District expanded its weed abatement program to include some trees. This is a one-time program. | CFPD, CAL FIRE | Could ask to change County Tree ordinance or request additional funding to support Fire Marshal efforts. |

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| 14 | Eucalyptus and other fire hazards are costly to remove | Provide funds to incentivize property owners to remove trees posing fire hazard | SMC | Could write letter asking for funding. |

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