

# Midcoast Community Council

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Date: Dec 14, 2022

To: Mike Schaller, Planner, Nicholas Calderon, Parks Director, Board of Supervisors

Subject: MCC requests removal of the Quarry Park South Ridge Fire Road Extension

The Midcoast Community Council requests the removal of the Quarry Park South Ridge Fire Road extension from the Quarry Park Master Plan, as well as from PLN2022-00125, a project to implement some of the Master Plan projects.

The fire road extension was added to the Master Plan well after all public presentations and discussions of the Master Plan, and was not mentioned as a change when the draft Master Plan was released in August. There was no announcement that it had been added via web page updates, email to those who had participated in the community outreach process, nor other publicity (newspaper, etc.)

Residents of east Miramar, where the new extension connects to the County road system, were not informed either. Residents of this neighborhood will now have additional traffic from the public to use the road for hiking and biking, as well as maintenance vehicles, and of course, significant construction traffic.

At a recent MCC meeting, we were told that the fire road was added at the request of CalFire to improve access to that portion of the park.

The MCC thinks that this fire road is unnecessary, in that there is access from nearby roads in the valley below. More importantly we believe that this road will significantly increase erosion. The road loosely follows a trail originally built by mountain bikers, which itself has had significant erosion effects. PLN2022-00125 does not address the erosion issues caused by both the construction and the use of this road. It will disturb at least 2.3 acres of vegetation. With increasingly heavy rainstorms (we had another just this week), older standards for erosion control are not sufficient.

Please remove the road extension from the Master Plan, and please do not approve the road extension as it is described in PLN2022-00125. If, despite this request, the road is built, it should be redesigned to decrease the risk of slides and new paths for water erosion from water concentrated in culverts.

See the attached presentation for more information.

s/ Claire Toutant, Chair