

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA
RELATING TO THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY FIRESAFE COUNCIL'S
COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN
FOR THE EAST FOOTHILLS**

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County FireSafe Council (the Council) has completed a Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP) for the East Foothills which is an area on the California Fire Alliance's list of Communities at Risk from wildfire; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County FireSafe Council followed the California Fire Alliance CWPP Planning Process and collaborated with stakeholders and other interested parties to develop the CWPP, which recommends measures to reduce the ignitability of structures and protect the East Foothills from wildfires; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County FireSafe Council incorporated the California Fire Alliance's seven general objectives for CWPPs and established certain specific objectives that include encouraging and enabling property owners and residents to create and maintain a defensible space around their homes and neighborhoods, and identifying fuel reduction projects that can either be completed through stakeholder and community cooperation without federal grants or which require federal grants or other funding sources to be implemented; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County FireSafe Council concluded for the East Foothills that the area is vulnerable to wildfires, the existence of small, flashy fuels beneath shrubs and trees and the presence of ladder fuels and highly combustible vegetation increase the risk of wildfire, there are diverse types of construction in the area to include some high hazard residences, fire fighting resources to the area are significant, and that the fuel reduction recommendations in the CWPP are part of an overall vegetation management program; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County FireSafe Council recommends in the CWPP that the County continue to support local fuel reduction and vegetation management programs, consider updates to Locally Declared Hazardous Fire Zones and changes to promote and regulate the use of practices that will reduce losses from wildfires, and continue to implement and promote the wildfire-related mitigation strategies in the Association of Bay Area Governments Multi-Jurisdictional Local Government Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

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The foregoing instrument is a correct copy
of the original.

ATTEST: Phyllis A. Perez
Clerk of the Board

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BY: Wal Stou
Deputy Clerk

Date: SEP 23 2008

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara agrees with the contents of the East Foothills CWPP and authorizes the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign the Mutual Agreement Page.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara on SEP 23 2008 by the following vote:

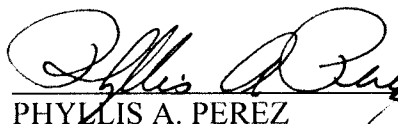
AYES: Supervisors **ALVARADO, GAGE, KNISS, MCHUGH, YEAGER**

NOES: Supervisors **NONE**

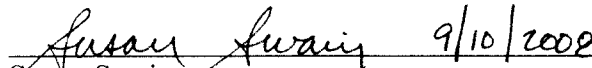
ABSENT: Supervisors **NONE**


PETE McHUGH, CHAIR
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

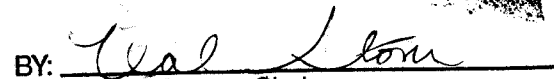

PHYLLIS A. PEREZ
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

 9/10/2008
Susan Swain
Lead Deputy County Counsel

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ATTEST: Phyllis A. Perez
Clerk of the Board

BY: 
Deputy Clerk

Date: SEP 23 2008