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Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I am running for Pacifica city council District 4 which is in the southeast corner of town. Most east and southern homes adjoin open space. This open space is GGNRA, state park (McNee) and San Pedro Valley County park. A large number of the voters I am talking to are concerned about a defensible break between their homes and open space lands.

Today we are discussing a county response regarding fire and fuel reduction issues.

The county must commit to a firebreak program. Then map and start work on firebreak protections around all county lands and Pacifica as soon as possible. A lightning strike which generated fires anywhere near the size and severity of what we witnessed in the CZU complex would destroy hundreds of Pacifica homes with very little warning.

Secondly, the County could be an invaluable ally in securing a joint meeting with the GGNRA and state to secure their engagement on a firebreak program as well. The county park is in the middle of adjoining open space-- GGNRA to the north, and state parks to the west.

All three open space owners have to engage in complementary firebreak programs for the effort to be seamless and useful.

Thank you.  
Mike Cohen  
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