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To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Cc: Don Horsley; Don Horsley; Dave Pine; SM COUNTY Bd. of Supervisors <ALL
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT FOR TODAY's FIRE STUDY Meeting 10-14-2020
Attachments: current weekend traffic in the eucalyptus grove between tunnel & pacifica IMG_7509.jpg; IMG_7513.jpg; shopulder eucalyptus debris HWY 1 IMG_7511.jpg; narrow shoulders on evacuation route Hwy 1 IMG_7506.jpg; narror shoulders covered with debris IMG_8700.jpg; steep hillsides and dense vegetation along Hwy One Evacuation Route IMG_7507.jpg; eucalyptus burning IMG_8561.jpg; czu lighning fire evacuation zone IMG_8501.jpg

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My Comments: I am a Coastside REALTOR and several years ago, as a member of the SAMCAR Legislative Committee, we approached Supervisors Don Horsley and Adrienne Tissier to amend the SM County Tree Ordinance, especially for the Unincorporated areas. To my recollection, nothing came of this meeting to lobby for a sensible tree ordinance.

Now that we have had this catastrophic event in the southern portion of the unincorporated County, I have noticed that Mark Church is offering property owners Temporary Tax Reductions for Fire victims.

I would like to suggest that the Board of Supervisors create a new incentive for property owners to remove the Tree species that are the most problematic, such as highly flammable Eucalyptus, Acacias, or the Monterey Pines (which are dying from Pine pitch cancer disease). *This would be far less expensive than After-the-Fact years of Property Tax reductions would cost the County.*

In addition, by amending the list of plants that are "suggested" on new construction or remodels on the Coastside SM County Building & Planning Department could offer developers and homeowners more fire-safe options, and eliminating the higher risk plants from the list.

on the County website the County Tree Ordinance Update Project has halted agendas around 2018.

<https://planning.smcgov.org/tree-ordinances-update-project>.

Last, as far as *Emergency Evacuation Choke Points* go, as CalFire Division Chief Sampson has hinted, we need to eliminate choke points on Key evacuation routes, and I **IMPLORE** the Board of Supervisors to require CalTrans to clear the edges of roadways on northbound Highway 1 in the Eucalyptus grove between the Tom Lantos Tunnel and Pacifica. Eucalyptus debris covers the bicycle lanes along the Highway shoulders and should that dense grove of trees bordering the roadway catch fire from wind-blown embers, northbound evacuation from the Coast will be eliminated.

Images attached

Sincerely, C. Young

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