

**VISTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
AGENDA  
Wednesday, March 10, 2021 6:00 P.M.**

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vista Fire Protection District will be held virtually and may be joined by logging onto the following internet platform:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83038339289?pwd=ZEtNa2ZLSDFyWWdFbGptQkpWR2Rldz09>

Meeting ID: 830 3833 9289  
Passcode: 286160

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**I. ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**II. APPROVAL OF THIS MEETING'S AGENDA**

**III. OPEN DISCUSSION WITH THE BOARD**

The Board invites District Residents and others in attendance to address the Board on any matter of public concern related to the District's business.

**IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The Board will review for approval the draft minutes of the District's regularly scheduled meeting held on February 10, 2021.

**V. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

- A. District Fire Inspector's Report. Fire Inspector Jeremy Nichols will provide results of activities in February, in addition to proposed activities for March.
- B. Fire Marshalls Report. Deputy Fire Chief Craig Usher will present for the Board's review a list of pending and approved projects for properties located within the District.
- C. Fire Department Performance Report. Fire Chief Ned Vander Pol will report on performance by the City of Vista's Fire Department during February 2021.
- D. Weed Abatement Notices. Fire Chief Ned Vander Pol will review the procedure and resident communications for this season's weed abatement program.
- E. Fire Chief's Update. Fire Chief Ned Vander Pol will report on other matters of interest to the Department and the District.

## **VI. OFFICERS' REPORTS**

- A. Accounts Payable. The Secretary of the Board and the treasurer will present for approval the District's Accounts Payable for the month of February 2021.
- B. Portfolio Summary/District Investments. The Board will review the Treasurer's Report on the District Investments as of February 28, 2021
- C. Management Report. The Treasurer will present a report on the District's budget performance for the first eight months of the 2020-21 fiscal year.
- D. Legal Affairs. District Counsel will report on the status of any pending matters.

## **VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Fuel Modification. The Subcommittee will introduce a presentation by Dudek on an updated Wildfire Protection assessment within the District.
- B. Response Times. The Subcommittee will report on the status of their review of District response times.

## **VIII. SPECIAL MATTERS DESIGNATED FOR CONSIDERATION**

- A. Resolution For Fire Mitigation Fees. Deputy Chief Craig Usher will present the first reading of a proposed Resolution to continue the District's program for collecting fire mitigation fees for fiscal year 2021-2022.
- B. Gopher Canyon Substation. Director Gomez will present a proposal and letter of intent for creating a substation in Gopher Canyon.

## **IX. CONTINUING BUSINESS**

- A. Emergency Access Roads. Director Ploetz will provide an update on the status of the Emergency Access Roads.
- B. District General Manager. Vice President Elliott will report on progress in developing and staffing a position for a part time District manager.

## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. District Access. Director Gomez will present his proposal for a dedicated telephone answering service for District business.

## **XI. DIRECTORS' ANNOUNCEMENTS & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Directors' are invited to make announcements and share written communications.

**XII. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT**

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**Draft - Pending Approval at March Meeting**  
**VISTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**MINUTES of Meeting Held**  
**Wednesday, February 10, 2021**

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vista Fire Protection District was called to order virtually through an audio-visual remote conferencing platform made available to the public, by the presiding President, Robert Fougner, at 6:00 P.M.

Directors Present:        Mr. Robert Fougner, President  
                                 Mr. James Elliott, Vice President  
                                 Mr. Daniel Gomez, Director  
                                 Mr. Read Miller, Director  
                                 Mr. John Ploetz, Director

Directors Absent:        None

Staff Present:            Chief, Ned Vander Pol, Deputy Chief, Craig Usher, Board Clerk,  
                                 Christie Ross, Legal Counsel, Fred Pfister, Esq., Jeffrey Golden,  
                                 Treasurer

**I.        ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**II.       APPROVAL OF THIS MEETING’S AGENDA**

On motion made by Director Elliott and duly seconded by Director Miller, the Directors present unanimously approved the agenda as amended, to reordering the sequence of matters for discussion.

**III.      OPEN DISCUSSION WITH THE BOARD**

Ms. Jo MacKenzie attended the meeting and recommended the Directors take advantage of the educational programs and scholarships available through the California Special District Association (CSDA).

**IV.     NEW BUSINESS (Item “X” on the Published Agenda)**

A. Revised Meeting Schedule. Director Ploetz introduced a discussion to move the day of the week and time for the District’s regular monthly meetings. No action was taken at this time.

**V.       APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

On a motion made by Director Gomez and duly seconded by Director Ploetz, the Minutes for the meeting held January 13, 2021 were unanimously approved by the Directors as presented.

## **VI. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

- A. District Fire Inspector's Report. In the absence of Fire Inspector, Jeremy Nichols, Deputy Chief Usher provided results of activities in January including parcel inspections for weed abatement, the District's emergency access roads, and proposed activities for March.
- B. Fire Marshalls Report. Deputy Fire Chief Craig Usher provided an update on fire hydrant inspections and development projects for properties located within the District, including the Bonsall Oaks project in Gopher Canyon. Deputy Chief Usher confirmed the schedule of hydrants submitted by the District's contractor with his invoice is accurate.

Members of the Board expressed concern whether the Bonsall Oaks project will affect response times to existing residents and requested staff continue to provide information about Bonsall Oaks as it is received, including requirements for an EIR, if any.

- C. Fire Department Performance Report. Fire Chief Ned Vander Pol reported on performance by the City of Vista's Fire Department during January 2021. Director Gomez expressed his concern regarding the response times of calls to Vista Valley in excess of ten minutes.
- D. Fire Chief's Update. Fire Chief Ned Vander Pol reported on other matters of interest to the Department and the District, including recent personnel changes and the efforts by members of the Department to distribute vaccines in health care facilities.

## **VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Item "VII. A." on Published Agenda)**

- A. Fuel Modification. Fire Chief, Ned Vander Pol led a discussion along with the Subcommittee on two candidates for identifying, studying and recommending actions to reduce wildfire risks in the District, and the costs of such studies. Treasurer Golden will prepare a management report on a comparison of the District's actual expenses as compared with the budget for the current fiscal year, to determine the availability of funds for such a study. Following a meeting with members of the Subcommittee, the first of these candidates will be invited by Chief Vander Pol to make a presentation at the March meeting.

## **VIII. OFFICERS' REPORTS**

- A. Accounts Payable. The Board reviewed the report of the District's Accounts Payable for the month ending January 2021. On motion made by Director Elliott, and duly seconded by Director Miller, the Directors present approved the payments as listed in the amount of \$505,929.55 for the month of January.

Director Gomez abstained due to a temporary absence from the meeting for personal business.

- B. Portfolio Summary/District Investments. The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report on the District Investments as of January 2021. Treasurer Golden confirmed that the authorized parties for requesting funds transfers among the District's custodians will be updated to include only current Directors.
- C. Legal Affairs. District Counsel provided a presentation on the District's obligations for record retention and responding to records requests.

## **IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. This item moved to – (See above – Committee Reports)
- B. Response Times. In order to address response times, Director Gomez requested the feasibility of issuing a letter of intent for a substation in the Vista Valley community be placed on next month's agenda. Director Miller provided a brief history on the location and renovation of the Department's existing stations, and the tradeoffs that must be considered when making such decisions.

## **X. SPECIAL MATTERS DESIGNATED FOR CONSIDERATION**

None.

## **XI. CONTINUING BUSINESS**

- A. Emergency Access Roads. Director Ploetz provided an update on his inspection and the status of the District's Emergency Access Roads.
- B. District General Manager. Vice President Elliott reported on progress in developing a job description for a position for a part-time District Manager that will be presented to the Board for approval once it is finalized.

## **XII. DIRECTORS' ANNOUNCEMENTS & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Director Fougner reported he will distribute some materials provided by Jo Mackenzie on educational programs sponsored by the California Special District Association. Director Gomez reported he had prepared draft identification documents for the Directors and asked that their approval, along with a dedicated District phone number, be placed on the March agenda. Director Miller and Chief Vander Pol reported on a special fundraiser for a member of the Fire Department who is suffering critical health issues.

## **XIII. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Director Gomez and duly seconded by Director Miller, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Vista Fire Protection District  
Minutes, February 10, 2021

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# Vista Fire Protection District

**Prepared by:** Jeremy Nichols, Fire Inspector / Investigator

**Approved by:** Ned Vander Pol, Fire Chief

**Meeting date:** March 10, 2021

**Agenda location:** Continuing Business

## **District enhanced activities for February 2021**

- Evaluated all emergency roads on 2/26/21.
  - No issues to report.
- Reinspected a total of 51 parcels and issued 0 hazardous fire area inspection notices.
- Had 26 face-to-face opportunities out in the field and provided 1 *Living with Wildfire* brochures.
- Received 6 public service requests that resulted in 4 field parcel assessments. Of these, 1 hazardous fire area notice was issued.

## **Planned activities for March 2021**

- Continue state-mandated building inspections.
- Update District Board on weed abatement progress to date.
- Continue to monitor for any emergency response map book inconsistencies.
- Quickly respond to all citizen service requests regarding any hazardous conditions.
- Assess all district emergency roads.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Nichols  
Fire Inspector / Fire Investigator  
Vista Fire Protection District





## February 2021 Monthly Incident Report

1. Monthly Activity Report
  - A. Response Travel Time Report: Total calls of 1,058 of which 980 were counted in the response summary. Calls not counted in the Response Travel Time Report include:
    1. Non-priority responses
    2. Cancelled while responding
    3. Staged for sheriff.
    4. Responding to another jurisdiction for Automatic/Mutual Aid.
    5. No 'on scene' MST by responding apparatus.
  - B. USR 5 year monthly comparison City and District \*
2. Response Time Chart
3. Total Response time >10 minutes in Fire District



**Monthly Activity Report**

**February 2021**

<b>Response travel time last month (cad)</b>			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>District</b>
Number of incidents	1,058	684	128
Number of urgent calls	980	639	117
Average travel time *	4:40	4:09	5:29
75 <sup>th</sup> fractal travel time *	5:18	5:02	6:25
90 <sup>th</sup> fractal travel time *	6:44	6:24	8:44

<b>Response travel time last 12 months (cad)</b>			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>District</b>
Number of incidents	13,886	9,588	1,751
Number of urgent calls	12,783	8,682	1,568
Average travel time *	4:32	4:21	5:38
75 <sup>th</sup> fractal travel time *	5:28	5:15	6:43
90 <sup>th</sup> fractal travel time *	7:08	6:47	8:47

\* First unit on scene and emergency calls only-includes automatic aid units

<b>Automatic Aid</b>		
	<b>Current month</b>	<b>Year-to-date</b>
Given	268	655
Received	160	399

<b>Ambulance Transports</b>		
	<b>Current month</b>	<b>Year-to-date</b>
Vista	520	1,149
Other Agencies	73	169

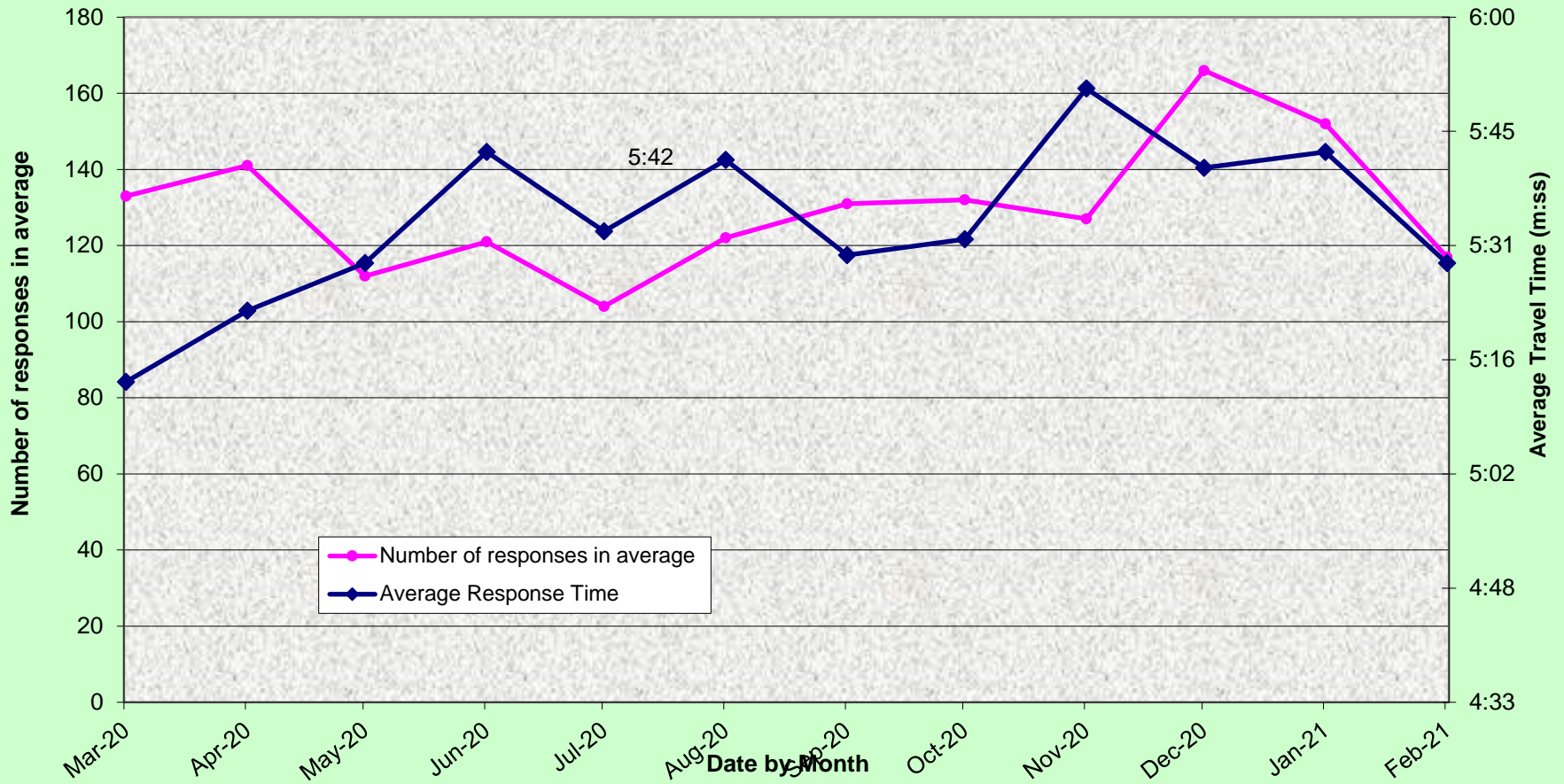
## February 2021

USR 5-year with monthly comparison-City						
	Urban		Suburban		Rural	
Year	Unit Responses	90th	Unit Responses	90th	Unit Responses	90th
2017	7,312	0:05:43	157	0:06:47	282	0:06:28
2018	7,005	0:05:30	529	0:06:22	66	0:07:19
2019	7,123	0:05:38	529	0:06:19	61	0:07:03
2020	6,840	0:06:07	571	0:06:53	55	0:07:11
2021 Jan-Feb	1,168	0:05:46	103	0:06:25	10	0:06:45
<i>Δ YTD previous year</i>		-0:00:21		-0:00:28		-0:00:26

USR 5-year with monthly comparison-District						
	Urban		Suburban		Rural	
Year	Unit Responses	90th	Unit Responses	90th	Unit Responses	90th
2017	1,023	0:06:55	90	0:09:47	327	0:08:30
2018	826	0:05:51	358	0:07:28	153	0:09:38
2019	804	0:06:01	431	0:07:13	196	0:10:13
2020	736	0:06:21	344	0:07:45	200	0:10:02
2021 Jan-Feb	111	0:06:27	75	0:08:02	36	0:10:28
<i>Δ YTD previous year</i>		0:00:06		0:00:17		0:00:26

Dispatched Incident volume types	February	Year to date
Alarm	38	94
Fire	91	273
Medical	905	2,047
Other	24	48
Total	1,058	2,462

### Fire District Average Travel Time 12 month



Data retrieved from Tableau Server at NCDJPA

Note: Incident count used in averages does not include the following:  
 Not completed incidents, Mutual Aid Given, Other Aid Given, Cancelled in route,  
 Not priority, Fill-in Standby, No arrival and Invalid Dates/Times

Response Time = turnout time + travel time

## February 2021 Response times >10 minutes in Vista Fire District

Master Incident Number	Date and time	Street Name	Response time
2021-010361	02/05/2021 13:46:52	Holly Lane	10:21
<b>Travel time from station 3: 09:22</b>		M115 from North County station 5 first on scene 9 minute travel time	
2021-015788	02/26/2021 07:20:39	Vista Valley Dr.	12:08
<b>Travel time from station 3: 10:31</b>		From Vista station three E123 and RA123	
2021-016235	02/27/2021 15:32:32	Emma Lane	11:14
<b>Travel time from station 2: 10:22</b>		From Vista station two E122	



April 14, 2021

With summer quickly approaching, it is that time of the year to prepare for “Fire Season”.

Each year, prior to our visual property inspections beginning June 1, the Vista Fire Department sends out “Notice to Clean Premises” letters to certain property owners as a reminder to maintain their properties to be fire safe. This program is very successful in helping to keep the community safe from vegetation fires.

The accompanying notice is a legal document with language and timelines specified in the municipal code. The Vista Fire Department is required to give legal notice should enforcement action be required. While most property owners do not require enforcement action, it is still necessary to provide legal notice as part of the program to ensure enforcement can be completed in a timely and effective fashion.

Please understand, the fire department has not inspected these properties prior to this notice. If your property meets the requirements listed in the attached Weed Abatement Policy by our initial inspection date of June 1, no further notification or action will be required.

The Vista Fire Department would like to thank you in advance and appreciates the high level of compliance by property owners like you, and your assistance in keeping our community fire safe.

Sincerely,

*Craig Usher*

Craig Usher  
Deputy Chief, Fire Marshal

VISTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
MEMORANDUM RE WEED ABATEMENT  
POLICIES AND NOTICES

To: Chief Ned Vander Pol, Vista Fire Department  
From: Robert B. Fougner, Director & President, VFPD  
CC: Read Miller, Director, VFPD  
Date: January 5, 2021

As previously requested by the Board, Directors Miller and Fougner reviewed the Department's draft "Notice To Clean Premises" (copy attached) to provide comments in advance of this year's seasonal weed abatement program. In addition, we received comments Mr. Jerry Hill, a former Director who had expressed interest in this subject.

### Goals And Objectives

The author first wishes to reiterate his strong support for this program. We speak for the entire Board in recognizing the significant work effort imposed on staff to implement this program, which affects many hundreds of properties. We also appreciate its importance in minimizing the risks to both residents and Department personnel during seasonal fire seasons. We also recognize the many benefits to our District, both in fire prevention and community education from its widespread implementation.

The second guiding principle is the economy of scale the District enjoys by adopting a program already applied within the City of Vista. To the greatest extent possible, the District understands the necessity of conforming its practices to those followed within the City. By doing so, Department Personnel can follow one set of rules and practices, efficiently covering more properties both inside the City and out, with less risk of confusion over conflicting rules and communications.

To better support this program, this Memo offers some modest feedback for improving the program's clarity, particularly for the residents who are directed to take some remedial action. We start with some general concerns regarding the structure of these notices. Once they have been considered, we would be pleased to work with staff and City counsel, if appropriate, by offering more specific line item drafting suggestions.

### The Current Forms

First, we would like to clarify the different versions of the Notice in circulation.

The one attached to this Memo is two pages, and merges discussion of both general weed abatement policies with a formal notice to take some specific action. By comparison, the form used for actual citations appears, in at least some cases, to be only the second half, beginning with the paragraph "Notice Is Given". An example of one such notice is also attached.

Finally, we have observed notices for vacant properties that are physically staked on the subject parcel. This appears to be similar to the second one, i.e. the one-page notice beginning with the words "Notice Is Given".

### Concerns With Combining Informational Policies With Legal Notice

To the extent the two-page version is used as part of the formal notification process, we question both its legal and practical efficacy. While the first half is useful and informative, it appears generic in form and provides no information as to the specific deficiency that requires remediation. Significantly, the reader is more than half-way through the document before they are apprised of a ten-day window for filing a legal appeal.

If our intent is to put the property owner on firm notice that they are obligated to take a specific action – or file a legal objection within a narrow window of time – then this communication should be emphasized by more prominent placement at the document’s introduction. This concern is aggravated by the document’s lack of specificity, which in some cases might require additional time for the property owner to identify the specific deficiency before they can evaluate their response.

Consequently, in its current form, this first notice appears to be trying to do too many things at the same time. By first providing general, non-specific background on the Department’s policies, the reader’s attention is diluted and may be left wondering how this applies to them. Only after reading all the way through do they realize that some specific action is expected – of them.

One solution is to reorder the messaging. Start with the specific notice followed by the general background on the Department’s policies. This does not solve the lack of specificity as to the targeted hazard, but it will clarify the document’s intent. The reader can then consult the remainder of the document for the guidance as to how they can comply with the Department’s guidelines.

Another solution, which we in the District ask the Department to consider, is a general informational mailing to all residents of rural properties, notifying them in a more educational manner of the Department’s policies, while cautioning them that, if they do not comply, they can expect to receive a formal notice. We note there is such a sample cover letter on the City’s web site, which could serve as a first draft for such a communication.

<https://www.cityofvista.com/home/showpublisheddocument?id=22729>

Alternatively, in the past the District has funded informational postcards, we believe to good effect. This approach could be used with specific pointers to the Department’s web site with its general rules and policies instead of the sample notice that appears at

<https://www.cityofvista.com/home/showpublisheddocument?id=22731>

This could be reinforced with pointers from the District’s web site to the Department’s pages.

We recognize the risk in breaking these messages apart, without the actual warning language in the first communication, may fail to satisfy the legal requirements necessary to qualify as a “first notice”. We believe this problem can be overcome, but first need a better understanding of how many “legal warning notices” are required, and over what period of time. Never-the-less, in its current form, even if the first letter satisfies the legal checklist requirements, we believe it still fails in its essential purpose of adequately warning the property owner.

We would also appreciate a better understanding of the “ten day” appeal period. The current forms are ambiguous as to which notice this applies. Does it begin to run from the date of each notice, the first one or just the last one? In addition, what is the provenance of the 10 days? Is this the minimum period under applicable statutes? What discretion was applied, if any? If so, is it reasonable or fair? This of course needs to be balanced with the necessity of completing this program within a brief window of several months.

### Lack Of Specificity

The second concern, mentioned above, is the lack of practical notice of the specific hazard that is being cited. For the majority of properties the problem may be “self-evident”, particularly when they are relatively small. However, the District includes many multi-acre properties typical of its rural setting, with both native and cultivated open spaces, encroached by roads and easements of various ownership. For some of these property owners, unless they are being asked to clear their entire property, they can be left guessing as to what action needs to be taken. This is not a hypothetical concern. We know of one



property owner, as recently as last year, who “guessed” what area was meant, and cleared an area that was different than the one intended by the inspector.

Nor is it sufficient to advise the recipient to call the Department for more information. This often leads to missed calls, or again very general discussions with someone other than the Inspector who is most knowledgeable about the citation.

One solution would be a digital image of the infraction annexed to the inspector’s report and citation. If this is not feasible, the notice might be improved by a line where the inspector could provide a description, such as “weeds along the common driveway”. This could be structured as an optional field of information, when appropriate and not in every case. Whatever time it takes to implement this option could be used to avoid the necessity of further and imprecise communications.

We also question the legal efficacy of a notice when, as in some cases, the issue is not self-evident or only one of several possibilities. If the purpose is to put a property owner on legal notice before they can be subject to forced abatement and significant fines, they are entitled to adequate notice. A generic statement concerning the Department’s policies, and that the property owner is in violation of one or more of such policies, we believe is insufficient.

#### Addressing The Responsible Parties

We also have some questions concerning how responsibility for abatement is determined.

For example, how are the recipients of the first notice selected? If the Department simply uses a list of past recipients for the first notice, how does this qualify for properties which have changed hands? If only second or third notices are matched against ownership records, what is the legal effect of the first notice when misaddressed?

In the past two years, the Department’s inspectors began implementing a new practice of requiring abatement alongside publicly owned easements cutting through undeveloped portions of relatively large residential tracts. These easements are maintained by the public authority itself, and access is restricted to their personnel by locked gates and warning signs. In some locations these easements are linked to parcels owned outright by the public authority. Notwithstanding the underlying property owner’s lack of control or access to these easements, the Department’s inspectors have been citing the property owner for abatement rather than the public authority (assuming the Department even has the authority to do so).

We appreciate the proactive stance of Department personnel in developing new vantage points along this easement to maintain their vigilance. This is of great benefit and comfort to the adjacent residents and is appreciated. We wish to help further this objective by improving communications with the affected residents to implement the Department’s policies.

However, there has been some tension over the Department’s use of its standard notice procedures to unilaterally impose the burden of abatement for these public authority easements on the adjacent residents rather than the public authority itself. Unfortunately, this change in policy was not communicated with the Board or the residents themselves, which led to understandable confusion why they were being cited for maintaining a roadway that was not under their control or access. This confusion was aggravated by the issues described above, namely the lack of specificity in the notice and the obtuse protest procedure.

We understand the Department takes the position, presumably based on the advice of the City’s counsel, that the property owner bears the ultimate responsibility for clearing the easement, and that it

is the property owner's burden to communicate with the easement owner and enforce the public authority's liability for its abatement. However, in practice, this is unrealistic. Among other reasons, the Department is far better positioned to gain the public authority's cooperation than the individual resident. Furthermore, the formal notice and claim procedure against a public authority does not synch well with the exigent circumstances of an imminent fire season. Finally, the public authority already employs the specialized equipment and personnel that can most efficiently cure this nuisance.

Fortunately, when the issue was raised by members of the Board, the Department took the initiative of contacting the public authority and arranging for abatement. In the future, rather than deal with this issue reactively, we would prefer to have a clear procedure in place with the Department so all parties can work together cooperatively. Before exploring this issue further, we would first like to know how many publicly owned easements, that are not used for roadways, are being noticed for abatement in the District. If necessary, the District is willing to consider a survey to identify all publicly owned easements in the District used strictly for government operations, and work with the Department in developing a policy for addressing the residents' responsibility, if any.

#### Next Steps

The concerns discussed above are preliminary to a working discussion with Staff on how to meet the goals of all interested parties, including the Department, City Counsel and the District. Please let us know when you are prepared to discuss these concerns.

Regards,



# NOTICE TO CLEAN PREMISES

(Please Note: This is not a notice to grade your property)

April 15, 2020

The Vista Fire Department and the Vista Fire Protection District, in an effort to prevent excess fuels for vegetation fires is providing the following notice and policies to all who own parcels within these jurisdictions.

## **WEED ABATEMENT POLICY**

This policy applies to both improved and unimproved land subject to weed and brush abatement in the City of Vista and the Vista Fire Protection District.

Native brush and chaparral that have been cleared or thinned previously in the past five years shall be modified in the same manner for a minimum distance of 60 feet measured from the closest combustible structure, discounting fences. Fuel modification shall conform to the standard requirements. Further information may be obtained online at [www.cityofvista.com](http://www.cityofvista.com).

Native brush and chaparral that have not been previously cleared or modified in the past five years must be assessed on a case-by-case basis to determine whether the removal will conflict with the Federal Endangered Species Act of 1993. Questions should be forwarded to Fish and Wildlife Service at (760) 431-9440.

All property owners and contractors are required to comply with State and Federal regulations regarding native vegetation, including the **Endangered Species Act**.

## **GENERAL POLICY (Note: This is not a grading permit)**

In general, parcels should only be mowed (per fire department standards). The Fire Chief or his agents may specify the method of clearance for any specific parcel.

### **Mowing**

Mowing is the preferred method of clearing. All standing weeds and annual grasses shall be cut to within two inches (2") of the finished soil surface with an approved mechanical mower. Mowing shall sever vegetation from its roots, not simply lay it over. **When mowing is the method of clearing, a second mowing later in the season may be necessary.**

Unless prohibited by the Endangered Species Act, all parcels 5 acres or less shall be **completely mowed**. For parcels *over five* (5) acres, please contact the Fire Department for guidance at (760) 643-5352.

Weed/annual grass removal is to be done as close to sidewalks, fences curbs, streets, and obstructions as is possible and practical. Hand work (weed whacker, whip, string trimmer, etc.) may be required to complete the task on slopes, banks or around obstacles.

Determination of whether the standard has been achieved rests with the Fire Marshal or his designee, with the Fire Chief acting as the final point of appeal.

**Disking and grading is not permitted under this policy.**

Property subject to weed abatement **NOTICE TO CLEAN PREMISES** which is not cleared to the above standards by June 1, 2020, the deadline established in the posting, will be cleared by the city or district contractor and the cost and administrative charges thereof may be assessed against the land and collected through routine property tax billing. A final attempt to contact the property owner will be made prior to parcels going to forced abatement. This contact will either be by phone, an in person meeting, posting a notice on the property, or by certified mail.

If you are clearing a parcel yourself or are using your own contractor, you must complete the clearing prior to June 1, 2020, the deadline established in the posting. Due to increased fire danger, no extensions will be granted. Those parcels cleared by owners will be re-inspected beginning June 1, 2020, and the property owner will be notified of any deficiency in meeting the above policy. If you take no further action within ten (10) days after you are notified of a deficiency, the property will be cleared by the city or district contractor and appropriate fees charged, including the established administrative charge.

Notice is given that any weeds, grasses, dead trees, and/or dead palm fronds or pine tree limbs within six (6) feet of the ground upon the lot(s) or parcel(s) of land in the City of Vista and within the Vista Fire Protection District, California, as described on the address label by County Tax Assessor's Number, and in the street, sidewalk and parkway adjacent thereto, are public nuisances in that they are a **fire hazard** or in all probability will become a fire hazard. Any rubbish, rubble, discarded asphalt, concrete, auto bodies and parts, or other waste material thereon that might interfere with the abatement of the aforementioned public nuisance are also a public nuisance.

Said public nuisances are required to be abated before June 1, 2020. If not abated by this date, the Fire Marshal will authorize abatement, and the cost thereof may be assessed against the land and collected through routine property tax billing. An administrative fee of six hundred ninety five dollars (\$695.00) per parcel cleared may be added to said costs, regardless of the size of parcel. An additional fee of one hundred sixty dollars (\$160.00) may be added if an administrative warrant is required to clear the parcel. Due to increased fire danger, no extensions will be granted.

**For parcels located within the city limit of Vista:**

The owner of said land, or authorized agent thereof, may appeal to the City Council of the City of Vista and show cause if any there be, why the public nuisance should not be abated. Such appeal shall be filed in writing with the City Clerk of Vista, 200 Civic Center Dr., Vista, California, 92084, within ten (10) days from the date of this notice.

**For parcels located outside city limits, but within the Vista Fire Protection District (unincorporated county):**

The owner of said land, or authorized agent thereof, may appeal to the Board of Directors of the Vista Fire Protection District. Such appeal shall be filed in writing with the Secretary of the Board of the Vista Fire Protection District at 955 Vale Terrace Dr., Suite A Vista, CA 92084 within ten (10) days from the date of this notice.

This notice is given pursuant to the provisions of Title 2, Chapter 2.36, Section 2.36.020 & Title 8, Chapter 8.60 of the Municipal Code of the City of Vista, California, City of Vista Ordinance 2016-14 and the Vista Fire Protection District Ordinance 2016-4 and No. 18, California Health & Safety Code § 13879, and Division 12, Part 5 (commencing with § 14875) and Division 12, Part 6, §§ 14930, 14931.

Dated and Posted: April 15, 2020 By order of the Vista Fire Department Fire Marshal

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**CONTACT: VISTA FIRE DEPARTMENT 760.643.2801**

Information on vegetation management, an independent contractors list, or the Endangered Species Act, is available online at <https://www.cityofvista.com/city-services/city-departments/fire-department/fire-prevention/weed-abatement-program>



# NOTICE TO CLEAN PREMISES

(Please Note: This is not a notice to grade your property)

July 31, 2019

SALVI FAMILY TRUST  
6 BUCKAROO RD  
LADERA RANCH, CA 92694

1264801800  
MONTRACHET ST  
BONSALL, CA 92003

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Said public nuisances are required to be abated before August 30, 2019. If not abated by this date, the Fire Marshal will authorize abatement, and the cost thereof may be assessed against the land and collected through routine property tax billing. An administrative fee of six hundred ninety five dollars (\$695.00) per parcel cleared may be added to said costs, regardless of the size of parcel. An additional fee of one hundred sixty dollars (\$160.00) may be added if an administrative warrant is required to clear the parcel. Due to increased fire danger, no extensions will be granted.

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Dated and Posted: July 31, 2019

By order of the Vista Fire Department Fire Marshal

**CONTACT:**

FIRE DEPARTMENT 760.643.2801

Information on vegetation management, an independent contractors list, or the Endangered Species Act, is available online at <https://tinyurl.com/vistafire>

# **FINAL NOTICE TO CLEAN PREMISES**

APN: **1264602200** DATE: **7/22/20**  
ADDRESS: **GOPHER CANYON RD**

**Note: This is not a notice to grade your property.**

Notice is given that any weeds, grasses, dead trees, dead palm fronds or pine tree limbs within 6 feet of ground (upon the lot(s) or parcel(s) of land in the City of Vista and the Vista Fire Protection District, California, as described on the address label by County Tax Assessor's Number), and in the street, sidewalk and parkway adjacent thereto, are public nuisances in that they are a **FIRE HAZARD** or in all probability will become a fire hazard. Any rubbish, refuse, discarded asphalt, concrete, auto bodies and parts, dead trees or other waste material thrown or placed on the street, sidewalk, parkway and aforementioned public nuisance are also a public nuisance.

Said public nuisances are required to be abated before **7/29/20** and abated by this date. The Fire Marshal will commence abatement, and the cost thereof will be assessed against the land and assessed through routine property tax billing. An administrative fee of six hundred ninety-five dollars and (\$695.00) per parcel cleared shall be added to said costs, regardless of the size of parcel. An additional fee of one hundred sixty dollars (\$160.00) shall be added if an administrative warrant is required to clear the parcel.

The owner of said land, or authorized agent thereof, may appeal to the City Council of the City of Vista or the Board of Directors of the Vista Fire Protection District and shall advise within 10 days of this notice why the public nuisance should not be abated. Such appeal shall be filed in writing with the City Clerk of Vista, 200 Civic Center Dr., Vista, California, 92084, or the secretary of the Board of the Vista Fire Protection District at 937 Vista Terrace Dr., Suite 8, Vista, CA 92084 within ten (10) days from the date of this notice.

This notice is given pursuant to the provisions of Title 5, Chapter 6.60 of the Municipal Code of the City of Vista, California, City of Vista Ordinance No. 21, or the Vista Fire Protection District Ordinance No. 18 and 25.

Dated and Posted: **7/22/20**  
BY ORDER OF THE VISTA FIRE DEPARTMENT  
Fire Marshal

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU  
17800  
619-733-2807

For further information on regulations, administrative fees, independent contractors list or the Complaints Appeal Act please call the Vista Fire Department at 619-733-2807 or visit our website at [www.vistafire.com](http://www.vistafire.com)

**VISTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**  
**FEBRUARY 28, 2021**

I have reviewed the Accounts Payable and have determined that sufficient funds are available. The accounts payables listed are typical in nature for the VFPD. *Jeffrey C. Golden*

COMMITTEE ASSIGNED	PAYEE & ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	
Admin	COPELAND, MIRANDA & BENNER CPAs 955 VALE TERRACE DR, SUITE A VISTA, CA 92084	TREASURER DUTIES CPA DUTIES	\$1,968.75
Admin	WHITE AND BRIGHT 970 CANTERBURY PLACE ESCONDIDO, CA 92025	LEGAL FEES - DISTRICT BUSINESS INVOICE # 3499 & 3764	\$7,657.03
Admin	STREAMLINE P.O. BOX 207561, DALLAS, TX 75320-7561	MONTHLY BILL FOR WEB HOSTING INVOICE #67009CA4-0004	\$75.00
Fin'l	CITY OF VISTA 200 CIVIC CENTER DR VISTA, CA 92084	APPORTIONMENT #7, INVOICE # 19616	\$123,185.47
Facilities	AZTEC LANDSCAPING 7980 LEMON GROVE WAY LEMON GROVE, CA 91945	EMERGENCY ACCESS ROADS, INV# 36663-IN PAR VALLEY, FABRY LANE, CATALINA & DEEB HARDELL LANE, EL PASO ALTO, FEB 2021	\$2,082.00
Facilities	LITTLE YELLOW BUDDIES 13615 FAIRLANE RD VALLEY CENTER, CA 92082	INVOICE # 225	\$2,772.25
Facilities	SAN DIEGO COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR P.O. BOX 129009, SAN DIEGO, CA 92112	PANORAMIC WAY-INSTALLMENT #2 '20-21	\$2,220.77
Fin'l	FEDAK & BROWN LLP 6081 ORANGE AVE, CYPRESS, CA 90630	PROGRESS BILLING ON AUDIT 6/30/20	\$2,877.00
Facilities	LAND PLANNING CONSULTANTS 777 W VISTA WAY, STE 200, VISTA 92083	CONSULTANT SERVICES PAR VALLEY DRIVE-DIXON PROPERTY	\$600.00
Admin	DANIEL GOMEZ VISTA, CA	REIMB. FOR BADGES AND ID CARDS ENTENMANN-ROVEN & INSTANT IMPRINTS	\$447.08
Admin	CHRISTIE ROSS OCEANSIDE, CA 92056	REIMB. FOR ZOOM 2/6/21	\$14.99
Admin	ROBERT FOUIGNER VISTA, CA	REIMB. WEB SITE DOMAIN COSTS Order # 1816140215	\$39.34
			\$143,939.68
Director		DATE: MARCH 10, 2021	
Director		DATE: MARCH 10, 2021	

VISTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
 PORTFOLIO SUMMARY  
 FEBRUARY 28, 2021

INVESTMENTS	CASH BALANCE	ACCRUED INTEREST	TOTAL ASSETS	CURRENT RATE	DURATION	PURCHASE YIELD (1)	DATE MATURE	ORIGINAL COST	BOOK VALUE
Fire Mitigation Fee	84,819	800	85,619	1.168%	***				
Wells Fargo Bank	182,683	2	182,685	0.030%					
Calif. Asset Mgmt Program	244,995	200	245,195	0.090%					
Local Agency Invest Fund	899,068	2,000	901,068	0.407%					
San Diego Investment Pool	3,960,714	11,000	3,971,714	1.168%	***				
Freddie Mac						0.610%	11/10/2025	500,000	500,940
Freddie Mac						0.320%	11/24/2023	150,000	150,129
Freddie Mac						0.350%	11/24/2023	300,000	300,283
Fannie Mae						0.800%	6/24/2025	100,000	100,149
Fannie Mae						0.625%	8/28/2025	250,000	250,013
Fannie Mae						0.590%	10/20/2025	199,900	200,329
Fannie Mae						0.600%	10/29/2025	250,000	250,508
Fannie Mae						0.600%	7/29/2025	100,000	100,053
United States Treasury US Bond						1.689%	4/30/2021	199,094	200,816
Sallie Mae Bank						3.050%	7/6/2021	124,821	125,565
Wells Fargo Bank						1.750%	6/17/2021	250,000	250,144
American Express Bank						2.249%	8/30/2021	149,714	151,601
American Express National Bank						2.450%	8/29/2022	154,634	154,901
Capital One Bank						2.400%	4/26/2022	249,410	251,892
Capital One Bank						2.350%	7/26/2022	124,415	125,097
Raymond James Bank, Nat'l Assoc.						2.950%	1/25/2022	200,000	200,566
Axos Bank						1.532%	3/27/2023	244,488	244,369
Federal Farm Cr. Bnks Funding Corp						0.750%	5/27/2025	249,750	250,263
Federal Farm Cr. Bnks Funding Corp						0.785%	6/16/2025	199,950	200,282
Federal Farm Cr. Bnks Funding Corp						0.675%	8/4/2025	249,938	250,070
Federal Farm Cr. Bnks Funding Corp						0.607%	8/12/2025	249,550	249,673
Federal Farm Cr. Bnks Funding Corp						0.420%	8/26/2024	100,000	100,006
Federal Farm Cr. Bnks Funding Corp						0.560%	9/16/2025	299,850	300,619
Federal Home Loan Banks						0.480%	8/5/2024	350,000	350,121
Morgan Stanley Bank						1.450%	4/17/2023	69,898	70,292
West Town Bank & Trust						0.500%	10/30/2025	245,000	245,409
Core Account-Goldman MM								986,913	986,913
FMV Goldman / Zions CA			6,561,003						
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>5,372,279</b>	<b>14,002</b>	<b>11,947,284</b>		<b>1.478</b>	<b>0.940%</b>		<b>6,547,325</b>	<b>6,561,003</b>
Accounts Payable **	(144,365)		(144,365)			(1)			
<b>Net Investments Available</b>	<b>5,227,914</b>	<b>14,002</b>	<b>11,802,919</b>						
** Funds due to the City of Vista from property tax apportionments and due to miscellaneous consultants/vendors									
(1) Yield = .940% vs. Book Yield = .926%									
(2) Sufficient funds exist to cover payables									
***Updated rate to be emailed b/f meeting									



**VISTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ACTUAL 1/21 TO ESTIMATED FINAL AT 6/21 TO FINAL  
BUDGET AT 6/21**

		<b>ESTIMATED</b>	<b>FINAL</b>
	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>FINAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>7/01/20-01/31/21</b>	<b>7/01/20-6/30/21</b>	<b>7/01/20-6/30/21</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
TAX REVENUES	\$2,206,072	\$3,700,000	\$3,500,000
OPERATING REVENUES	48,183	89,000	100,000
INVESTMENT REVENUES	68,731	138,000	150,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$2,322,986</b>	<b>\$3,927,000</b>	<b>\$3,750,000</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>			
<b>ACCOUNTING &amp; FINANCE</b>			
TREASURER	13,781	23,625	25,988
BOARD CLERK	3,220	5,520	6,072
AUDIT	263	9,500	9,500
TREASURER BOND	2,979	2,979	2,979
<b>EDUCATION/COMMUNITY</b>			
COMMUNITY OUTREACH	0	0	5,000
PERSONNEL/FIRE INSPECTOR	25,063	50,126	60,000
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>			
ADMINISTRATION/MISC	440	1,000	3,000
LAFCO COST ALLOCATION	1,867	1,867	2,500
COUNTY ELECTION	26,000	26,000	1,000
BANK/SECURITY/INVEST FEES	6,187	10,532	11,500
DIRECTOR COMPENSATION	2,500	5,000	6,000
LEGAL SERVICES/NOTICES	10,288	20,000	20,000
INSURANCE/WORKERS COMP	2,416	5,000	6,000
<b>FIRE PROTECTION/MEDICAL RESPONSE</b>			
SERVICES PURCHASED (CITY)	2,009,935	3,378,600	3,210,000
<b>REPAIR &amp; UPGRADES</b>			
ACCESS ROADS / CONSULTING	32,774	44,000	50,000
FIRE STATION SITE / LAND ACQUISITION	0	0	25,000
FIRE HYDRANT MAINTENANCE	9,045	26,000	27,000
GENERAL MAINTENANCE	0	0	25,000
WEED ABATEMENT	0	0	4,000
<b>PANORAMIC ESTATES</b>			
RE TAX /MAINTENANCE	2,471	4,692	6,000
LAND ACQUISITION	0	0	0
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$2,149,229</b>	<b>\$3,614,441</b>	<b>\$3,506,539</b>
<b>NET OPERATING REVENUE BEFORE BUDGETED CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$173,757</b>	<b>\$312,559</b>	<b>\$243,461</b>

## **RESOLUTION No. 2021 -**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE VISTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE MITIGATION FEE PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Vista Fire Protection District is anticipating that new development will occur within the district which will cause the need for the expansion of existing fire protection facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vista Fire Protection District is currently participating in San Diego County's Fire Mitigation Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of San Diego is empowered to collect mitigation fees from applicants for new development for the purpose of the expansion of fire protection and firefighting facilities and equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of San Diego has established fee ceilings for types of construction by Chapter 3 of Division 10 of Title 8 (commencing with § 810.301) of the San Diego County Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of San Diego has amended Chapter 3, Division 10 of Title 8 of the San Diego County Code of Regulatory Ordinances relating to fire mitigation fees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vista Fire Protection District intend hereby to comply with said amendments to continue to participate in the fire mitigation fee program.

### **IT IS HEREBY FOUND THAT:**

- (1) The Vista Fire Protection District does not have existing facilities which could be used to provide an adequate level of service to new development within the district's boundaries; and
- (2) The Vista Fire Protection District does not have sufficient funds available to construct additional facilities from fund balances, capital facility funds, property tax sources, or any other appropriate sources; and
- (3) The lack of fire protection facilities and equipment to serve new development would create a situation perilous to the public health and safety if fire mitigation fees are not levied within the district; and
- (4) The annexation fees and plan check fees charged by the Vista Fire Protection District do not include a payment toward the costs of capital facility and equipment expansion as a component of the fee.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

- (1) The Vista Fire Protection District requests the County to collect 100% of the ceiling amount of the fire mitigation fee on the district's behalf from applicants for building permits. This percentage of the ceiling fee is equal to or less than the capital facility expansion needs caused by new development.
- (2) The fee amounts do not exceed the ceiling for fire mitigation fees established by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors.
- (3) Mitigation fees paid under this program will be used to expand the availability of capital facilities and equipment to serve new development.
- (4) The district shall place all funds received by the County under this program, and all interest subsequently accrued by the district on these funds, in a separate budget accounting category to be known as the "San Diego County Fire Mitigation Fee".
- (5) The district shall expend funds from said "San Diego County Fire Mitigation Fee" budget accounting category only for the purposes of providing capital facilities and equipment to serve new development.
- (6) The district shall submit a Fire Mitigation Fee Annual Report, not later than August 29 of each year, to the Director of the Office of Disaster Preparedness specifying the amount of funds collected and the expenditures by category. In addition, the report shall specify the actions the district plans to take to alleviate the facility and equipment needs caused by new development in a Multi-Year Facilities and Equipment Plan adopted at a noticed public hearing. The district shall make available, upon request by the Director, a copy of its annual audit report.
- (7) The district shall make its records available to the public on request, which justify the basis for the fee amount.
- (8) The district shall hold San Diego County harmless for any errors made by the County in collecting and/or transmitting these fees to the district.
- (9) The district agrees to a review of revenues and expenditures collected and dispensed pursuant to this resolution each fiscal year by a committee established by the County Board of Supervisors.
- (10) The district shall make findings, with respect to any portion of the fee remaining unexpended or uncommitted in its account five or more years after deposit of the fee, to identify the purpose to which the fee is to be put and to demonstrate a reasonable relationship between the fee and the purpose for which it was charged. The agency shall refund to the then current record owner or owners of the development project or projects on a prorated basis the unexpended or uncommitted portion of the fee, and any interest accrued thereon, for which need cannot be demonstrated.

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- (11) By April 16 of each year following the year of original adoption of this District's resolution, the Vista Fire Protection District shall submit a copy of a new resolution adopted by the Board of Directors making the required findings and setting the percentage off the fire mitigation ceiling requested by the District.
- (12) All fees collected pursuant to the San Diego County Fire Mitigation Fee Ordinance shall be used by the District for providing for capital facilities and equipment.
- (13) "Facilities and Equipment" means any long-term capital facilities and equipment used by the Vista Fire Protection District for suppression or emergency medical services, including station construction, station expansion and fire or emergency medical apparatus.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution supersede Resolution No. 2019 - 1 To Participate in the Fire Mitigation Fee Program adopted June 2019.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vista Fire Protection District on January 13, 2021 by the following vote:

- AYES:
- NOES:
- ABSENT:
- ABSTAIN:

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Robert Fougner  
President

ATTEST:

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Christie Ross, District Clerk

**Fire Mitigation Fee  
Five Year Capital Plan  
Vista Fire Protection District**

Estimates reflect only that portion of facility cost necessitated by new growth.

Fiscal Year 2021-22

No planned capital expenses related to growth

Fiscal Year 2022-23

District anticipates acquiring land to build a new fire station in the area of E. Vista Way and Warmlands Road. Building this station is being prompted by the Polo Club development planned for the Gopher Canyon area and the proposed Kawano development on E. Vista Way. These projects are in addition to the 200-300 already existing legal lots that are yet to be developed and an influx of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's). Anticipated land costs are estimated at \$1,200,000.

Fiscal Year 2023-24

District anticipates building a new fire station for the above projects. Cost estimated at \$6,000,000.

Fiscal Year 2024-25

No planned capital expense related to growth

Fiscal Year 2025-26

No planned capital expense related to growth

Approved:

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Robert Fougner, President, Vista Fire Protection District

Date:

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James Elliott &lt;jelliott2kmail@gmail.com&gt;

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**Legislative Priority: Prevent Wildfires**

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**Assemblywoman Waldron** <Assemblymember.Waldron@outreach.assembly.ca.gov>  
Reply-To: Assemblymember.Waldron@assembly.ca.gov

Wed, Feb 17, 2021 at 5:43 PM

**MARIE WALDRON, *State Assemblymember***

Wildfires are an ever-present threat in California. Last year was the worst on record with over 4.2 million acres burned statewide. In recent years local fires, such as the Cedar, Witch, Cocos, Guejito, and Lilac fires have devastated the 75th Assembly District. Even as the state spends billions trying to prevent and fight wildfires the situation has worsened. We need a new, multi-pronged approach.

This is why I am joining Assemblyman James Gallagher in co-authoring Assembly Bill 297, the **Wildfire Prevention and Forest Resiliency Act of 2021**. This bill **allocates \$500 million** annually from the existing Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to provide resources for forest management and fire prevention programs.

Just as we need to remove dead and dying trees from our forests and vegetation along our back country roadways, we must also remove bureaucratic hurdles that prevent good vegetation management in California. AB 297 expands forest management CEQA exemptions so that more acres, 500,000 to be precise, can be treated annually. Additionally, homeowners will be incentivized with exemptions to expand defensive space around their homes.

Wildfires in California are costly, and harmful to the environment. They pour billions of metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> into the atmosphere, and the cost to fight them is enormous. Last year alone the state spent \$1.3 billion on fighting and preventing wildfires. Once enacted, AB 297 will cut firefighting costs, protect private property and the environment, and most importantly, save lives.

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