

Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
501 Low Gap Road
Ukiah, Ca. 95482

July 19, 2020

SUBJECT: Necessity for Emergency Ordinance for Hazardous Vegetation and Rubbish Abatement (Item 6b, 7-21-20 Board Meeting)

Honorable Board of Supervisors:

It surprises no one that wildfire hazards are increasing. The front page article in the San Francisco Chronicle just today points out the mounting effects of global warming, now and into the future. As a Redwood Valley resident, I have first hand experience with evacuation from an out-of-control wildfire that ultimately took the lives of 9 of my neighbors. It's also patently obvious that fuel abatement and landscape management are essentials to mitigating the effects of these fierce firestorms. Multiple approaches are essential to curbing the risks. Therefore, we fully support Supervisor Carre Brown's call for an Ordinance to compel property owners and residents to abate their hazardous fuels. This is a matter of urgency and of a priority as high as that of the current pandemic. Both require immediate action.

Thank you for all you are doing to keep our County safe and healthy. I hope you are able to obtain grant assistance for enacting this needed ordinance, in the interest of life safety and public health.

Respectfully, [sent via email 7-19-20]

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cc. Redwood Valley Municipal Advisory Council