



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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May 3, 2016

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Dear Ms. Hannigan:

FIRE PROTECTION DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, "VEGETATION TREATMENT PROGRAM", A COMBINATION OF MANMADE AND NATURAL FACTORS HAS LED TO A SITUATION WHERE WILDFIRE ACREAGE, FIRE SUPPRESSION COST, AND LOSSES OF RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES HAVE INCREASED DRAMATICALLY IN THE PAST THREE DECADES, STATEWIDE (FFER 201600052)

The Fire Protection Draft Environmental Impact Report has been reviewed by the Planning Division, Land Development Unit, Forestry Division, and Health Hazardous Materials Division of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department. The following are their comments:

PLANNING DIVISION:

1. We have no comments at this time.

LAND DEVELOPMENT UNIT:

1. The Land Development Unit has no comments at this time. Please contact FPEA Wally Collins at either (323) 890-4243, or Wally.Collins@fire.lacounty.gov for any questions.

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FORESTRY DIVISION – OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS:

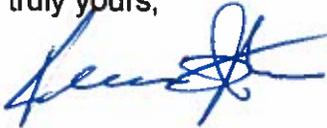
1. The statutory responsibilities of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department's Forestry Division include erosion control, watershed management, rare and endangered species, vegetation, fuel modification for Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones or Fire Zone 4, archeological and cultural resources, and the County Oak Tree Ordinance. Potential impacts in these areas should be addressed.

HEALTH HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DIVISION:

1. The Health Hazardous Materials Division (HHMD) of the Los Angeles County Fire Department has no comment regarding the "Vegetation Treatment Program" project.

If you have any additional questions, please contact this office at (323) 890-4330.

Very truly yours,



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PREVENTION SERVICES BUREAU

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