



City of Santa Rosa

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Title:	REPORT - ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN, A WILDFIRE ANNEX TO THE LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN				

BACKGROUND: The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires that State and local governments develop and adopt a LHMP to be eligible to receive federal grants pertaining to disaster preparedness.

From November 2015 to February 2016, City staff from multiple departments worked with the City's consultant to create an updated plan. The team met four times during the period from November 2015 through January 2016.

On February 23, 2016, the public review draft of the LHMP was released for a 30-day public review period. On April 7, 2016, the Draft Local Hazard Mitigation Plan was submitted to California Department of Emergency Services (Cal OES). Council adopted the plan on January 10, 2017.

In December 2017, an application to develop a CWPP intended to be an annex to the LHMP, specific to the Wildfire section of the currently adopted plan was developed. The application was reviewed by State and Federal officials and funding was awarded in June 2018. In December 2018, the RFP process was opened to solicit applicants to provide proposals for the development of the CWPP. Geo Elements, LLC was selected based on their prior fire service experience in developing CWPP's, Wildland Fire Behavior Analysis, Community Wildfire Hazard Risk Assessments, Wildland Fire and Fuels Mitigation Strategy Development, Development of Cooperative Fire Protection Agreements at the State and local levels, Fire Management Planning, Fire Behavior Modeling GIS - Geospatial Analysis and Cartography and the cost to provide services. Geo Elements, LLC has provided projects for the communities of Montecito Fire Protection District, CA, Goleta Valley/San Marcos Pass Mountain Communities, Santa Barbara County, CA, California State Office, Bureau of Land Management, Dunsmuir, CA, City of La Verne, CA, City of Goleta, Santa Monica Mountain Communities, plus numerous other Federal, State and local projects.

On August 25, 2020, City Council accepted and approved the Community Wildfire Protection Plan as presented. The plan serves as a 5-year road map to work to mitigate the risk of wildfires through the course of nine objectives and forty-two actionable items.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Fire Department that the Council, by motion, accept the first annual report for the Community Wildfire Protection Plan, a Wildfire Annex to the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan in compliance with the Healthy Forests Restoration Act.

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