

MARIN COUNTY
PARKS
PRESERVATION RECREATION

October 29, 2013



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Board of Directors
Marin County Open Space District
Marin County Civic center
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, California 94903

**SUBJECT: UPDATE ON THE DRAFT VEGETATION AND BIODIVERSITY
MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Linda Dahl
DIRECTOR & GENERAL MANAGER

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Accept verbal report from Open Space District General Manager Linda Dahl and Marin County Fire Chief Jason Weber concerning development of the Draft Vegetation and Biodiversity Management Plan, and next steps.
2. Consent to initiation of the plan's environmental review process

SUMMARY:

On July 16, Open Space District staff presented the preliminary draft Vegetation and Biodiversity Management Plan to your board and the Marin County Parks and Open Space Commission at a joint public meeting. Since then, District staff has been engaged with representatives of the Marin County Fire Chiefs Association, Marin County Fire Chief Jason Weber, and Supervisors Sears and Rice in an internal review of the draft Plan. The revised draft plan presented to you today is the outcome of collaboration between Marin County's fire agencies and the Open Space District to ensure that the plan effectively addresses fire hazard reduction in open space preserves while protecting their environmental values. It incorporates the input of Marin's fire agencies through revisions to portions of chapters 1 (Project Initiation), 3 (Assessment of Regional Trends and Science), 4 (Framework for Vegetation and Biodiversity Management Plan), and 5 (Plan Implementation). The revised plan carries with it the endorsement of the Marin County Fire Chief's Association.

The revised draft vegetation and Biodiversity Management Plan is available for public review on the Open Space District's website www.marinparks.org.

Following is the proposed schedule for the plan's environmental review process:

Mid November Release Notice of Preparation which begins 60 day public scoping period.

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December 3	Public scoping meeting before Parks and Open Space Commission. 6:00 p.m.
Early to mid January 2014	End scoping period.
September 2014	Release draft EIR. Begin public review period.
December 2014	End public review period. Begin preparing Response to Comments and Final EIR.
Mid 2015	Board considers certification of EIR and adoption of plan.

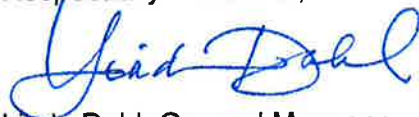
FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

REVIEWED BY:

<input type="checkbox"/> County Administrator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Dept. of Finance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> County Counsel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Human Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Dahl, General Manager
Marin County Open Space District