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Subject: Fw: Please Review CZU Fire After Action Report / Improvement Plan Submitted to Board of Supervisors Dec. 7
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Dear Doug and Carey,

Yesterday, the Board of Supervisors accepted the CZU Fire After Action Review / Improvement Plan as submitted by the County's Office of Response, Recovery and Resilience (OR3). The Report was listed as Consent Agenda Item #52, and was not even discussed, other than Chairman McPherson's statement of appreciation for all agencies that worked to produce it.

There is no mention of the good response by County Fire Dept. and other local fire crews, or CAL FIRE interactions with those crews..

[Accept and file 2020 CZU August Lightning Complex Fire Santa Cruz County After Action Report, as recommended by the Director of the Office of Response, Recovery and Resilience - Santa Cruz County, CA](#)

I respectfully request that the County Fire Department Advisory Commission place this CZU After Action Report / Improvement Plan on the January agenda for public discussion, and consider sending a letter to the Board of Supervisors recommending further review and reporting regarding the critical issues surrounding CAL FIRE's interactions with County Fire Department crews, as well as with the informal brigades of local residents who stayed in place to protect their communities.

Please acknowledge receipt of this message. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Becky Steinbruner

From: Scalia, Melissa@CALFIRE
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Subject: Fw: Wildfire Component of 2021-2026 Santa Cruz County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Approved
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Subject: Wildfire Component of 2021-2026 Santa Cruz County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Approved

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Dear Carey and Doug,

The County Board of Supervisors recently approved the 2021-2026 County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan as part of the November 9, 2021 Consent Agenda. This large critical document ought to have been made a regular agenda item, and publicly discussed, but was not even mentioned.

http://santacruzcountyca.iqm2.com/Citizens/Detail_LegiFile.aspx?Frame=&MeetingID=1884&MediaPosition=1617.991&ID=11502&CssClass=

Chapter 5 includes Wildfire mitigations.

<https://www.sccoplanning.com/Portals/2/County/Planning/policy/LHMP/Chapter%205%20Wildfires.pdf>

This section of the document is very vague, and fails to discuss the significant Emergency Fire Safety Regulations currently in final stages of review by the State Board of Forestry. It also fails to discuss the fact that the 2008 FRAP is due for updating, and will hopefully provide a more granular and accurate evaluation of wildfire risk designations for all SRA and LRA areas of Santa Cruz County.

I am curious to know more about a stated mitigation listed in the Chapter 5 descriptions (page 11 of the 12-page report):

"County Fire puts on education programs for schools and businesses in the unincorporated areas of the County. Additional school programs have been added as part of the County Fire Prevention and Education program. All schools in County Fire are inspected annually. Commercial Business inspections are ongoing. (C-5)"

What exactly are these educational programs in the unincorporated areas that County Fire offers?

I would appreciate a discussion of the Wildfire Hazard Mitigation Plan at the next County Fire Dept. Advisory Commission meeting. I feel the document is very vague and should include more specific information as to projects that have been accomplished, the existence and status of the County Fire Master Plan, and fuel reduction projects the FDAC is considering for the future with prioritization.

I feel it would benefit County Fire Dept. residents if there were more public involvement in the next Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, due in 2026. Discussion regarding this project will likely get underway within the next two or three years, and it would be beneficial if your Commission were involved early in the process.

Please send a letter to the County Planning Department Director requesting to be involved moving forward.

Thank you.
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