



February 16, 2022

From: North Sonoma Valley Municipal Advisory Council

To: Sonoma County Vegetation Management Grant Review Committee

Re: Letter of support for the grant proposal "County of Sonoma Vegetation Management Grant Program"

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in support of the Sonoma Valley Fire District's (SVFD) application for grant funding through your organization. We believe this project will provide a valuable benefit to our community.

The North Sonoma Valley Municipal Advisory Council (NSVMAC) is appointed by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors and serves the communities of Glen Ellen, Kenwood and Eldridge. The NSVMAC advises on issues of local concern, such as emergency preparedness for wildfire safety, and provides a process to effectively communicate the needs of the community to County government and elected leaders. The MAC also serves to deliver information about the County government, including information from fire districts, to the residents within our jurisdiction.

The NSVMAC Emergency Preparedness ad hoc committee conducted outreach to the community and determined the need for greater wildfire preparedness and education outreach to encourage community-based evacuation planning, home hardening, and defensible space vegetation management around homes and along evacuation routes.

The NSVMAC is currently working with Fire Safe Sonoma and the SVFD to complete a CWPP for the Glen Ellen/ Eldridge and Kenwood communities and look forward to working with the SVFD to achieve their wildfire preparedness objectives outlined in this grant proposal, which are in alignment with the NSVMAC emergency preparedness goals and the Sonoma-Lake-Napa Units Strategic Plan. We are prepared to assist with public outreach to engage the community in the education programs and vegetation management workdays proposed by the SVFD.

Please contact me if you have any questions or require more information about the NSVMAC.

Sincerely,

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