# THE PROMONTORY WILDLAND FIRE SAFE PLAN REVISED FEBRUARY 2010

# AMENDMENT A

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Promontory Amendment A

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## AMENDMENT A

# I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Amendment A to the Promontory Wildland Fire Safe Plan is to update the Plan and make any changes that may impact the residence of the Promontory. Since the Fire Plan was last revised in 2010 there have been two changes. One change is in the California Building Code and a second change is an ordinance change by the El Dorado Hills Fire Department which may impact the residence of the Promontory. After careful review these 2 changes are being added to the Fire Plan.

## **II. FIRE PLAN LIMITATIONS**

The Wildland Fire Safe Plan for the Promontory does not guarantee that wildfire will not threaten, damage or destroy natural resources, homes or endanger residents. However, the full implementation of the fire safe standard requirements will greatly reduce the exposure of homes to potential loss from wildfire and provide defensible space for firefighters and residents as well as protect the native vegetation. Specific items are listed for the HOA's attention to aid in open space wildfire safety.

## III. Amendment A

The California Building Code as adopted in 2012 by the El Dorado Hills Fire Department requires all new residential construction to have as a minimum a NFPA 13D fire sprinkler system.

El Dorado Hills Fire Department has amended its Unimproved Property Hazard Reduction requirements. The new requirement is for a 100 feet clearance as opposed to 30 feet. The attached requirements became effective as of 2014.

All other conditions in the Promontory Wildland Fire Safe Plan Revised 2010 remain in effect. The 2 changes are a part of the 5 year review.

## **IV. Attachment**

## EL DORADO HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

#### UNIMPROVED PROPERTY HAZARD ABATEMENT STANDARD

### **DEFINITION**

- Weeds: All weeds growing upon streets, sidewalks, or private property, including any of the following:
  - a. Weeds which bear seeds of a downy or wingy nature.
  - b. Sagebrush, chaparral, and any other brush or weed which attains such large growth as to become, when dry, a fire menace to adjacent improved property.
  - c. Weeds which are otherwise noxious or dangerous.
  - d. Poison oak or poison ivy when the conditions are such as to constitute a menace to public health.
  - Dry grass, stubble, brush, litter, or other flammable materials which endanger the public safety by creating a fire hazard.

### CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS

The intent of this program is to establish a defensible space around all homes, buildings, and other structures that abut to unimproved property.

All combustible vegetation that is located within the designated defensible space shall be removed or cut to a maximum height of two inches and shall include the removal of tree limbs to a height of six feet above ground level.

Clearance to structures (including combustible fences):

a. All areas of district Minimum of one hundred (100) feet, or such greater distance as the Fire Marshal deems necessary due to unique geographic, topographic or vegetative conditions existing upon a particular parcel.

### ACCEPTABLE METHODS OF ABATEMENT

Discing: The discs shall be set at an angle sufficient to cut the sod loose and adequately bury the growth of weeds, grass, or noxious vegetation existing at the time. Discing shall include rototilling or cultivating. Discing shall be done each time the growth exceeds 6 inches in height.

Scraping: Area shall be scraped clear, and all debris shall be removed from the required clear area.

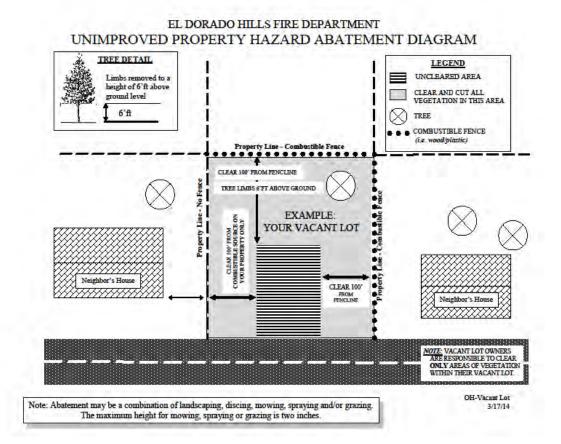
- Mewing: Height of vegetation shall not exceed two inches at completion. Mowing shall be done each time growth exceeds six inches in height. Mowing shall include hand-operated weedeaters, flail, and rotary mowers.
- Spraying: Spraying of herbidides and pre-emergents shall not be considered an acceptable method of weed abarement. If sprays or pre-emergents are utilized prior to growth of vegetation, preventing prowth of vegetation, then this will be an acceptable method of abatement. Any time prowth of vegetation exceeds 6 inches height, it shall be removed by avoider acceptable method of a stormout.

### DEBRIS REMOVAL

All brush or woody vegetation debris shall be chroped or removed from the producty. Any non-vegetative debris (i.e., construction) shall be removed from the property.

### EXEMPTIONS

Any open space areas which are subject to an existing Wildfire Safety Plan should be exampt from these standards and shall shide by the terms of the applicable Wildfire Safety Plan.



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