Promontory Lot D1 and Lot H

Wildland Fire Safe Plan

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I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Communities are increasingly concerned about wildfire safety. Drought years coupled with flammable vegetation and annual periods of severe fire weather insure the potential for periodic wildfires.

The purpose of this plan is to assess the wildfire hazards and risks of the Promontory development of Lot D1 and Lot H, to identify measures to reduce these hazards and risks and to protect the native vegetation. There are moderate fuel hazards and moderate topography associated with this proposed development both on and adjacent to the project.

The possibility of large fires occurring when Lot D1 and Lot H project is complete will be reduced. However, small wildfires in the open space areas may occur due to the increase in public uses.

Incorporation of the fire hazard reduction measures into the design and maintenance of the development will reduce the size and intensity of wildfires and help prevent catastrophic fire losses. State and County regulations provide the basic guidelines and requirements for fire safe mitigation measures and defensible space around dwellings. This plan builds on these basic rules and provides additional fire hazard reduction measures customized to the topography and vegetation of the development with special emphasis on the interface of homes and wildland fuels.

The scope of the Promontory Lot D1 and Lot H Wildland Fire Safe Plan recognizes the extraordinary natural features of the area and designs wildfire safety measures which are meant to compliment and become part of the community design. The Plan contains measures for providing and maintaining defensible space along roads and around future homes. Plan implementation measures must be maintained in order to assure adequate wildfire protection.

Homeowners who live in and adjacent to the wildfire environment must take primary responsibility along with the fire services for ensuring their homes have sufficient low ignitability and surrounding fuel reduction treatment. The fire services should become a community partner providing homeowners with technical assistance as well as fire response. For this to succeed, it must be shared and implemented equally by homeowners and the fire services.

II. FIRE PLAN LIMITATIONS

The Wildland Fire Safe Plan for the Promontory Lot D1 and Lot H development does not guarantee that wildfire will not threaten, damage or destroy natural resources, homes or endanger residents. However, the full implementation of the mitigation measures 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 homeowner's attention to aid in home wildfire safety.

III. THE PROMONTORY LOT D1 AND LOT H WILDLAND FIRE SAFE PLAN

1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Lot D1 and Lot H development is located within the unincorporated community of El Dorado Hills and on the western edge of the Promontory on a generally west facing flat slope and lies between Sophia Parkway to the west and Alexandria Drive. Lot D1 is at the north end of Alexandria Drive and Lot H is at the south end of the loop created by this roadway. This project will divide APN's: 124-070-62, Lot D1, consisting of 8.01 acres into 63 residential lots and 124-390-03, Lot H, consisting of 9.63 acres into 64 residential lots with a minimum lot size of 3,400 sqft. Access is from Alexandria Drive. Both lots will have a formal entrance and a secondary access point all onto Alexandria Drive. The main roadway in these two lots is 36' wide. Lot D1 has some 24' wide road segments. These segments serve lots 1, 17, 31, 48 and 49. Similarly, in Lot H there are 24' wide road segments serving 6, 7, 8, 9, 24, 25, and 44. The key topographic features are the flat slopes and the open space along the south side of Lot D1 and the north edge of Lot H.

Structural fire protection is provided by the El Dorado Hills Fire Department and wildland fire protection by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE). A fire hydrant system will serve the new area. Water is to be supplied by El Dorado Irrigation District.

2. PROJECT VEGETATION (FUELS)

For wildfire planning purposes the vegetation is classified as follows:

- (a) ground fuels- annual grasses and blackberries (Brush)
- (b) overstroy- scattered stands of willows in the open space

Light fuel loading is throughout the property. There are larger parcels on the south and north outside of this development. There is a community park to the east. There are pockets of wildland along these borders of the project. This open space area is primarily a drainage with grass, blackberries and willows.

3. PROBLEM STATEMENTS

A. The grass/brush fuels will ignite and have a rapid rate of spread.

Fire in the grass/brush fuels on the slopes of the development are the most serious wildfire problem for this project.

B. Risk of fire starts will increase with development.

The greatest risk from fire ignition will be along roads, in the open space areas and on large lots as human use on these areas increase.

C. Provisions must be made to maintain all fuel treatments.

The wildfire protection values of fuel reduction are rapidly lost if not maintained. Annual maintenance by June 1 of each year is necessary.

D. Typical home design and siting often does not recognize adequate wildfire mitigation measures.

A review of many wildfires has conclusively shown that most home losses occur when: (1) there is inadequate clearing of flammable vegetation around a house, (2) roofs are not fire resistant, (3) homes are sited in hazardous locations, (4) firebrand ignition points and heat traps are not adequately protected and (5) there is a lack of water for suppression.

4. GOALS

- A. Modify the continuity of high hazard vegetation fuels.
- B. Reduce the size and intensity of wildfires.
- C. Ensure defensible space is provided around all structures.
- D. Design fuel treatments to minimize tree removal
- E. Ensure fuel treatment measures are maintained.
- F. Identify fire safe structural features.
- G. Help homeowners protect their homes from wildfire.

5. WILDFIRE MITIGATION MEASURES

Wildfire mitigation measures are designed to accomplish the Goals by providing and maintaining defensible space and treating high hazard fuel areas. Fire hazard severity is reduced through these mitigation measures. The Wildfire Fire Safe Plan places emphasis on defensible space around structures.

Lot D1 and Lot H

A total of 127 lots are planned for 2 clustered communities. Both clusters back up to open space and will need nonflammable fencing along the open space. Sidewalks and landscaped front yards will provide for the fuel hazard reduction zones along all the interior roads. The new roads less than 36' wide shall have rolled curbs to provide added width for vehicle passage on the roadway. The roads 24' wide shall be posted "No Parking" on one side of the roadway. A landscaped fuel hazard reduction zone along Sophia Parkway and Alexandria Drive shall be annually maintained. The roads shall conform to El Dorado Transportation Division (TD) specifications. The roads are yet to be named.

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The project is in a Moderate Fire Hazard Severity Zone. Implementation of Wildland-Urban Interface Fire Areas Building Standards will be required for the construction of new residences. These standards address roofing, venting, eave enclosure, windows, exterior doors, siding, and decking.

Clearance along the road and around structures is very important and necessary. Fire Safe specifications state that all trees in the fuel hazard reduction zones shall be thinned so the crowns are not touching. Branches on the remaining trees shall be pruned up 10 feet as measured on the uphill side of the tree. Grass shall be kept mowed to a 2 inch stubble

annually by June 1. Any tree crown canopy over the road or driveways shall be pruned at least 15 feet up from the roadway surface.

More restrictive standards maybe applied by approving El Dorado County authorities. Approval of this plan does not guarantee approval of this project.

Mitigation Measures:

- All homes shall have Class A listed roof and assembles and siding of fire resistant material.
 - a. Responsibility-homeowner
- Decks that are cantilevered over the natural slope shall be enclosed.
 - a. Responsibility- homeowner (See Appendix C for guidelines)
- All lots shall have a 30 foot setback for buildings and accessory buildings or to all property lines which ever is less and a 30 foot setback from the center of the road.
 - a. Responsibility- builder

6. OTHER FIRE SAFE REQUIREMENTS

- A. A Notice of Restriction shall be filed with the final subdivision map which stipulates that a Wildfire Fire Safe Plan has been prepared and wildfire mitigation measures must be implemented.
- B. A copy of the Wildfire Fire Safe Plan shall be given to each new landowner within the development.
- C. Each new property owner prior to construction shall be required to contact El Dorado Community Development Agency/Building Division to have the residential fire sprinkler plan approved. All fire sprinkler systems shall be designed and installed by a licensed contractor.
- D. Road improvements and fire hydrants shall be completed prior to the filing of the final map or completion of a "Bonding and Completion Plan".
- E. The project shall meet all the Public Resource Codes 4290 as amended (the 1991 SRA Fire Safe Regulations- Article 2 Access, Article 3 Signing, Article 4 Water, Article 5 Fuels), County and Fire Department ordinances.

- F. A legal entity (HOA) shall be created with authority for maintaining and enforcing all fuel treatment mitigation measures if homeowners fail to implement or maintain. Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions must be developed to ensure the enforcement of the structural and vegetation Fire Safe regulations and the maintenance of the fuel hazard reduction zones.
- G. The fire hydrant system shall meet the California Fire Code specifications to water volume, pressure and spacing.
- H. The homeowner/property owner is responsible for any future fire safe or building code changes adopted by the State or local authority.
- I. Fuel treatment along public roads and driveways shall have all fuels within 10 feet of the shoulder of the roadway treated annually by June 1 (See Appendix B).
- J. The fuel hazard reduction zone along roadways may incorporate irrigated landscaping providing the planting is less than 24" in height and has low flammability.
- K. Clearance requirements may be required by El Dorado County at the time of construction.
- L. All roads 24 feet wide or less shall be posted "No Parking".
- M. Residential construction contractors may be required to submit a parking plan to El Dorado Hills Fire Department to insure off street parking during construction.
- N. Fencing adjacent to open space shall be constructed from nonflammable material.
- O. The El Dorado Hills Fire Department Weed Abatement ordinance shall apply to any vacant lot.

E. Appendix

Appendix A

PROMONTORY LOT D1 AND LOT H

ENCLOSED DECK GUIDELINES

The purpose of enclosing decks that are cantilevered out over the natural slope is to help prevent heat traps and fire brands from a wildfire igniting the deck or fuels under the deck.

- 1. Does not apply to decks that are constructed using fire resistant materials such as concrete, steel, stucco etc.
- 2. Any deck shall not include non fire rated composite deck material.
- 3. Applies to decks one story or less above natural slopes.
- 4. Combustible material must not be stored under the deck.

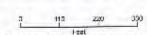
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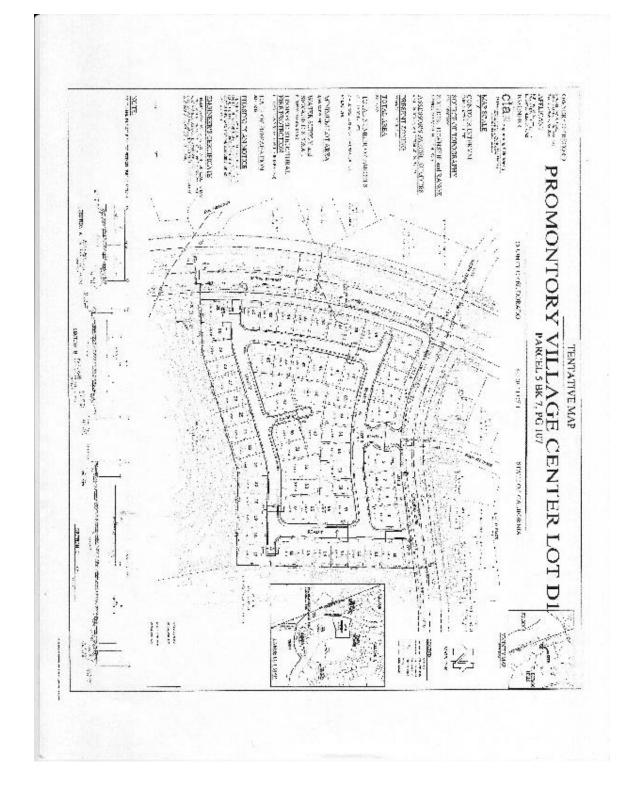
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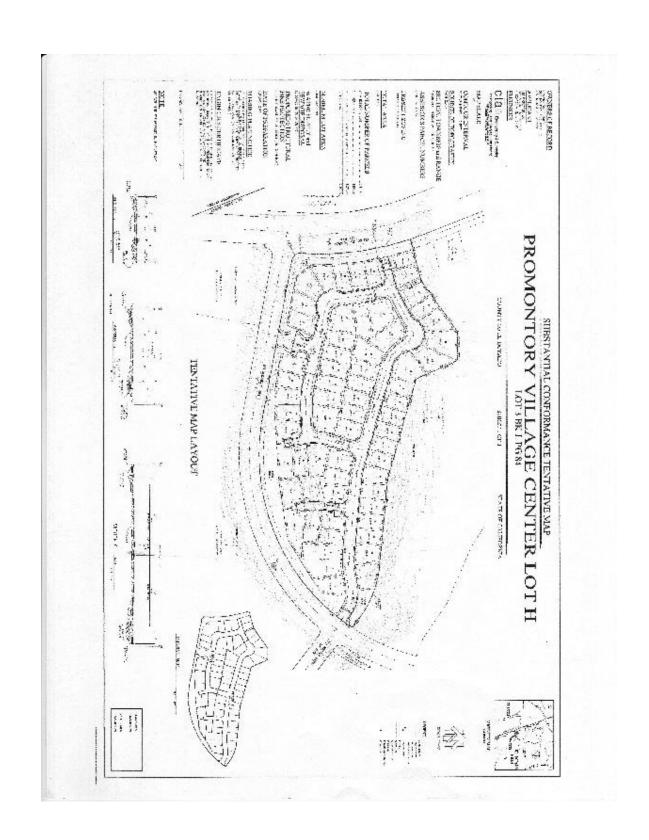


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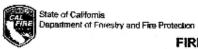
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