



RE: City of Chino Hills Efforts to Help Reduce Wildfire Risks

Dear Insurance Agent,

This letter is being provided on behalf of a resident or business owner in the City of Chino Hills who is seeking homeowners or business property insurance.

This address, if located within the City of Chino Hills, is provided with full-time fire protection by the Chino Valley Fire District (CVFD). CVFD's jurisdiction covers approximately 80 square miles in size and has an estimated population of 176,868 which includes the Cities of Chino, Chino Hills, and the surrounding unincorporated areas of San Bernardino County. CVFD is a Class II department, as ranked by the Insurance Services Office (ISO). CVFD has seven fire stations District wide, with three being located in the City of Chino Hills. All CVFD fire stations are staffed 24 hours a day/seven days a week, with full-time employees. The information outlined below offers greater insight into the systems in place and measures being taken by the City, in conjunction with CVFD that greatly help to reduce the wildfire risks to our community.

Residential addresses in the City of Chino Hills located adjacent to City-owned landscaped and open space areas are maintained by the City's Public Works Department as well as the City's contractors. The City of Chino Hills is committed to reducing the fire fuel in open space areas by conducting annual weed abatement. This program begins in April each year and continues through July. The work is performed to provide a buffer or defensible space between the open space and structures and/or landscaped and irrigated areas. The work conducted in these areas are regularly inspected by City staff and CVFD to confirm compliance with CVFD requirements.

CVFD also has an active Vegetation Management program in place. As part of the program, the CVFD conducts regular weed abatement inspections each spring and fall to ensure compliance with the California Fire Code and other laws related to vegetation, which includes proper clearance of tumbleweeds and other combustible vegetation and defensible space. CVFD requires all parcels less than 5 acres to be clear of weeds that would pose a fire threat. Parcels greater than 5 acres are required to comply with fire breaks on the property and a 100' fire break around the perimeter of the parcel.

In addition, CVFD has specific requirements for Edison transmission lines as it relates to vegetation clearance under and adjacent to lines/towers, and they require a minimum of 20 feet of clearance along all private and public roads. The program is not just for vacant

parcels but includes all residential, commercial, and industrial parcels that may have vegetation.

CVFD personnel are active members of the Carbon Canyon Fire Safe Council (CCFSC) which takes a proactive approach to mitigate fire hazards within Carbon Canyon. The CCFSC has been recognized as a FIREWISE Community by FIREWISE Communities USA, which is a product of the National Fire Protection Association. The CCFSC performs community outreach related to maintaining defensible space and educating the public on fire threats, as well as holds two brush drop offs each year, giving local residents a means of discarding excess vegetation from their respective properties.

Should there be further questions or concerns, please contact Luther Martin, Parks and Operations Supervisor, at (909) 364-2849 or Sean O'Connor, Maintenance and Operations Manager, at (909) 364-2812.