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Project Title: Wildland Fire Resiliency Program Draft Environmental Impact Report

Lead Agency: Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

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Project Location: Various San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz

City *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District proposes to implement a Wildland Fire Resiliency Program to comprehensively direct management to reduce wildland fire severity and risk. The proposed Program would provide guidance for ecological-sensitive management of vegetation to reduce fire intensity and severity.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The Draft Program EIR identifies potentially significant impacts from implementation of the Wildland Fire Resiliency Program in the following CEQA environmental issue areas: aesthetics; air quality; biological resources; cultural and tribal cultural resources; geology and soils; greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions; hazards, hazardous materials, and wildland fire; hydrology and water quality; noise; recreation; and transportation, and cumulative effects. As described in the Draft EIR, many of these impacts can be mitigated to less than significant levels but some cannot. The Program would result in significant unavoidable impacts on aesthetics from tree and vegetation removal, air quality and global GHG emissions from generation of criteria air pollutant and GHG emissions during implementation of program activities.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

Alternatives:
−Defining a range or certain alternatives to the Program, including an alternative that includes extensive mowing versus prescribed burning or prescribed herbivory

Biological Resources:
− Identifying the potentially significant impacts to biological resources, particularly listed or protected species and balancing vegetation management actions against species impacts
− Addressing habitat fragmentation and connectivity
− Addressing impacts to sensitive habitats from expansion of invasive species from Program activities

Geology and Soils:
−Addressing how fire management actions could impact slope stability and induce landslides and mitigating for any associated effects

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

California Department of Transportation

California Coastal Commission (sought through applicable county planning and building department)

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

Bay Area Air Quality Management District

Monterey Bay Air Resources District

San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board or Monterrey Regional Water Quality Control Board

Local Public Works Departments, Building Departments (San Mateo County, Santa Clara County, Santa Cruz County, and local cities)