

From: [Colleen Brannon](#)
To: [Info](#)
Subject: Adopting Ordinance 22-03
Date: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 5:15:55 PM

Dear MOFD Board of Directors,

I am a resident of the Bollinger Canyon portion of the State Responsibility Area which is already subject to title 14. Please pass Ordinance 22-03 so that the adjacent neighborhood whose fire risk is as high, are made subject to the same requirements .

Thank you for working on being proactive in reducing a fire disaster.

Colleen Brannon

From: [Nick Waranoff](#)
To: [Info](#)
Subject: Agenda Feb. 16, 2022 Items 8.5 and 8.6
Date: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 7:08:34 PM

I write to support the adoption of these ordinances, for the reasons stated by Chief Winnacker and Fire Marshal Isaacs (8.5), and by Chief Winnacker (8.6).

Nick Waranoff

From: [Ann Walgenbach](#)
To: [Info](#)
Subject: Requesting you vote yes on Ordinance 22-03
Date: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 11:37:14 PM

Hello,

I am writing on behalf of myself and my family to request that you approve Ordinance 22-03. We are residents of Valley Hill Drive off Bollinger Canyon Rd. I was the lead who submitted our FireWise application and I am very aware of the hard work that my neighbors are doing here on Valley Hill and on nearby deeper Bollinger and Bluffs to reduce our fire risk. We are all very concerned about the increasing fire danger back here and we would really appreciate that the areas in question- one directly adjacent to us, be held to the same high fire standards to which our area is being held. It is important that these regulations also apply to other areas in Moraga and Orinda that are high fire danger. Our past several fire seasons have just been too scary....

Thank you for your consideration and we hope that the Board will see the importance of this matter and vote in support of the Ordinance.

Thank you!

Ann Walgenbach

“Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and loudly proclaiming, wow! what a ride!!!”

Anonymous

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Michele Turre](#)
To: [Info](#)
Subject: Re: Ordinance 22-03
Date: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 12:01:03 PM

Dear MOFD Board of Directors,

As the owner of property and a residence in the Valley Hill Drive neighborhood of Bollinger Canyon abutting the Bollinger Canyon Study Area, I was very concerned to learn that the Study Area is not subject to the same Title 14 Fire regulations as our abutting neighborhood.

For the safety of all residents in Bollinger Canyon, and the surrounding vicinity, it is critical that the study area share fire regulations comparable to those regulating the adjacent unincorporated land. We share the same access roads and fire protection in a remote very high-risk area, all of which should be subject to the same high fire-safety standards.

Bollinger Canyon residents have worked hard to become a FireWise community. MOFD should be able to require mitigation measures to ensure future development is as fire-safe as is possible.

To help protect our lives and property, I urge you to vote yes on Ordinance 22-03.

Thank you,

Michele Turre

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Moraga, CA 94556
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From: [Suzanne Jones](#)
To: [Info](#)
Subject: Comment re 2/16.22 Agenda Item 8.6 , LRA VHFHSZ
Date: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 12:41:29 PM

To the MOFD Board of Directors:

We are writing to express our support for the adoption of Ordinance 22-03. First, however, we want to express our sincere appreciation to the District for the critical work it is doing to help the Moraga-Orinda-Canyon community become better educated about and prepared for wildfire.

The District's outreach and support efforts—including the Chief's excellent community presentations explaining the risks, District staff's consultations to help residents improve defensible space, and the MOFD chipping program--have very directly helped us do a much better job preparing our home and our family to survive a wildfire.

We are also grateful for MOFD's ongoing work to secure funding for additional shaded firebreaks, and that it is collaborating with natural-resource agencies and organizations to take a balanced approach to protecting habitat and environmental resources while significantly reducing the ability of wildfire to spread through the community.

Within this context of MOFD's many efforts to respond adequately to rapidly increasing fire dangers, we write in support of Ordinance 22-03 before you tonight. As important as all the aforementioned strategies are, the District cannot mitigate our area's fire risks to the maximum extent feasible without the ability to apply state regulations within the LRA, where appropriate, as well as the SRA.

We currently live within the SRA and are thus already subject to the Title 14 fire regulations. We have noted with concern that abutting LRA lands, with fire hazards every bit as great as ours, are not currently subject to the same set of rules.

Ordinance 22-03 would enable these LRA zones to be treated in accordance with their true risks, allowing for appropriate measures to reduce fire dangers in both the SRA and the LRA, to the benefit of everyone. We urge you to adopt the ordinance.

With very best regards,

Rob Elia and Suzanne Jones



Moraga, CA 94556

From: [Melanie Light](#)
To: [Info](#)
Subject: Input regarding items 8.5 and 8.6 for tonight's meeting
Date: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 1:01:30 PM

Dear MOFD Board,

Please note for the record that I am **very much in favor** of Item 8.5 – Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance 22-02 an Ordinance of the Moraga-Orinda Fire District of Contra Costa County, California, Adopting Requirements for Undeveloped Parcels and Certain Low Density Large Developed Parcels and Findings of Fact Establishing Additional Requirements in the State Responsibility Areas and Local Responsibility Areas.

Item 8.6 – Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance 22-03, An ordinance of the Moraga-Orinda Fire District of Contra Costa County, California, designating the Local Responsibility Areas (LRA) previously designated as Wildland Urban Interface – Fire Area as (LRA) Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones

There is a pressing need to update fire hazard severity zones to reflect the current reality.

Sincerely,
Melanie Light
Orinda resident

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Melanie Light



From: [Ken LIGHT](#)
To: [Info](#)
Subject: Yes for 8.5 and 8.6 on tonight's meeting packet
Date: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 1:09:27 PM

Dear MOFD Board

I am **very much in favor** of item 8.5 – Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance 22-02 an Ordinance of the Moraga-Orinda Fire District of Contra Costa County, California, Adopting Requirements for Undeveloped Parcels and Certain Low Density Large Developed Parcels and Findings of Fact Establishing Additional Requirements in the State Responsibility Areas and Local Responsibility Areas.
Item 8.6 – Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance 22-03, An ordinance of the Moraga-Orinda Fire District of Contra Costa County, California, designating the Local Responsibility Areas (LRA) previously designated as Wildland Urban Interface – Fire Area as (LRA) Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone

There is a immediate and pressing need to update fire hazard severity zones to reflect the current reality we are facing in our community. PLEASE SUPPORT THESE MEASURES AND SUPPORT THE WILDFIRE SAFETY OF ORINDA.

Sincerely,
Ken Light

From: [Amelia Wilson](#)
To: [Info](#)
Subject: Ordinance 22003
Date: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 1:25:45 PM

Dear President Donner and Directors, MOFD:

Please pass ordinance 22-03 tonight. I live on Lost Valley Drive and there is no doubt that we are a very high severity zone; just look down on us from the top of Hall Drive and you'll see – despite all the clearing of brush and trees in the Valley – we live in a virtual forest. And have been living in a very high fire zone for years even if not designated as such.!

We value MOFD and the emphasis it places on fire prevention, and believe Ordinance 22-33 will give added tools to keep Lost Valley and all of Orinda in a much safer situation.

Please vote yes on Ordinance 22-33.

Amelia and Pete Wilson

From: [Susan MacCharles Anacker](#)
To: [Info](#)
Subject: Item 8.5 - Ordinance 22-02, Item 8.6 - Ordinance 22-03 Public Comment
Date: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 2:21:49 PM

Dear Board of Directors:

I am writing in support of these two Ordinances. Both will reduce the risk of uncontrolled wildfires and by updating the fire hazard severity zones it will provide a realistic map for MOFD to follow in evacuation and fire fighting.

Thank you,
Sincerely,
Susan Anacker
Firewise Leader Orindawoods

From: [William Hudson](#)
To: [Info](#)
Subject: In re Ordinance 22-03 at tonight's meeting
Date: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 2:41:36 PM

Dear MOFD Board of Directors:

I live in Sleepy Hollow, love it for its semi-rural character and have been very appreciative of all of MOFD's work, for literally decades, to help reduce fire risks of that setting on my property and in my neighborhood. I am very appreciative and impressed by the escalation of its work—from the North Orinda Shaded Fuel Break to the chippers which I and my neighbors have used several times-- to match the growth of the threat and the understanding of it.

Ordinance 22-03 on your agenda tonight is another step the process that makes MOFD so outstanding, proactively evaluating threats and developing appropriate responses. My area is currently in a "high" fire severity zone, and I am in favor of the ordinance re-classifying it to "very high" for the many prevention benefits it will bring.

Sincerely,

William Hudson


Orinda, CA 94563