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As you know, the Santa Lucia Preserve has adopted a coordinated, community-wide approach to fuel management and fire safety. The key elements of this approach are summarized on the attached Fire Fact Sheet developed by the Santa Lucia Community Services District (CSD). Ensuring defensible space around homes is one of several key elements and is guided by Preserve-Wide Fuel Management Standards written and periodically updated by state-wide Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) fire and fuel management expert, Carol Rice. These Standards were updated in 2018 and have been reviewed by the Monterey County Regional Fire District and the Conservancy for use on The Preserve.

Landowners play an important role in this process by creating and implementing Lot-Specific Fuel Management Plans (FMPs) which tailor the Preserve-Wide Standards to meet the specific needs of each property. FMPs are written by qualified fuel management consultants, typically as part of the Design Review process, and should be reviewed and updated every five years. Implementation of the FMPs is done on an annual basis and can be arranged through Resident Services and/or the CSD.

**Our records indicate your FMP is due for an update. The Conservancy has reviewed your current plan and approves its continued implementation through 2020.**

We encourage you to contact Carol Rice ([carollrice@aol.com](mailto:carollrice@aol.com); 925-944-5282) to schedule an update of your FMP in the next several months. In the meantime, please keep this letter in the file with your FMP and feel free to share it with insurance carriers and fuel management contractors as needed to demonstrate that your FMP is in full force and effect.

Thank you for doing your part in our community-wide, coordinated fuel management program. If you have any questions, or to get started with updating or implementing your plan, please contact the Conservancy's Conservation Program Manager, Lindsay Cope at [lcope@slconservancy.org](mailto:lcope@slconservancy.org) and (831) 238-2210.

Sincerely,

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