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Community Wildfire Protection Plan
Amendment A**

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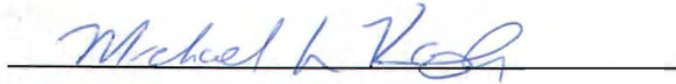
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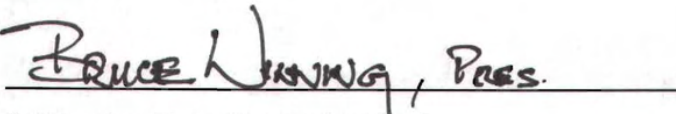
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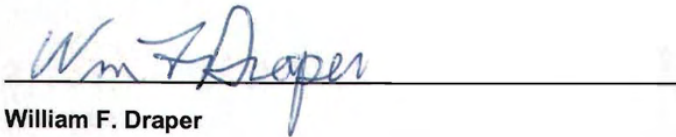


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PURPOSE

The Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) was prepared for the communities of Lakehills Estates and Southpointe during the summer of 2014. There are nine large lots just to the east of Southpointe that are accessed through Southpointe and are contiguous to Southpointe. These lots were not included in the original CWPP. They are a logical addition to the CWPP. This amendment is for their inclusion and makes specific recommendations for fuel treatment to provide added fire protection to the communities of Southpointe and Lakehills Estates.

AMENDMENT A

The nine lots as shown on the attached map and highlighted in bold yellow, are identified as APN: 110-590-45, 51, 52, 54, 55, 57, 58, 59 and 110-450-07. These parcels are accessed from Castec Way, Shoreline Pointe and Shoreview Drive. Lots APN: 110-590-45, 54, 55, 57, 58, and 59 border Folsom Lake State Recreation Area in the New York Creek drainage. This area of New York Creek is designated for "boat camping".

The vegetation in this area referred to as oak woodland goes from open grassland to scattered oaks to dense brush. The brush is composed of rabbit brush, toyon, ceanothus, poison oak, liveoak, coffeeberry, elderberry, and monkey flower. The overstory is made up of gray pines and blue oaks. The topography varies from gentle slopes to steep east facing slopes. There currently are two homes on the lots in this amendment. Both homes have done a very good job in their fire safe clearances.

When the lake level is low there is a grassy shore leading up to the heavy vegetation above the high water mark. Boat campers are expected to do their camping on their boats but do come on shore for recreation.

The inclusion of these 9 lots are a local addition to the CWPP due to their location and common fuel type. They also share a similar fire problem. The recreation along the shore of Folsom Lake is an ever present fire threat to the communities in the CWPP. The lakeshore can provide some buffer of fire defense.

A shaded fuelbreak (SFB) totally within the border of this added area would provide added fire defense to the homes in this area. Exhibit A shows the general location of this proposed fuelbreak. Once constructed, this line of defense is under the direct control of the community. The shaded fuelbreak around Folsom Lake (FLSRA) on the Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) property is the preferred project. It would be a continuation of work already done in others areas adjacent to Lakehills. However, the work prescription and environmental documents need to be changed and updated in order for this to be accomplished. Timing and feasibility to update the documents and work prescription are unknown at this time. The other possibility to accomplish a SFB in the amendment area as proposed is on private property. This can only be done with the property owner's permission and the following information is supplied to explain that process.

Shaded Fuelbreak – Description

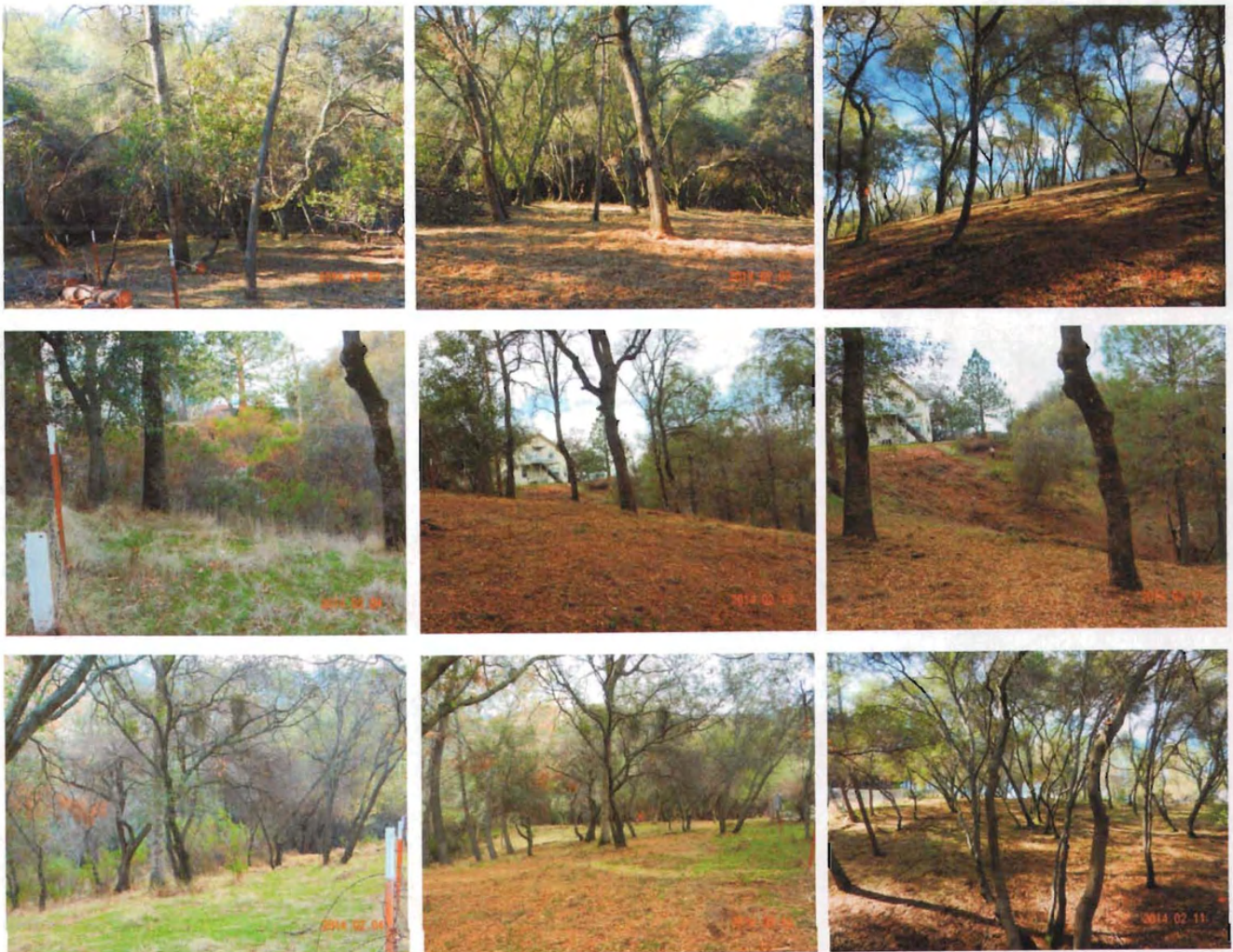
- Remove “ladder” fuels along the path of the suggested SFB. Ladder fuels are brush and low hanging tree limbs within 8 feet of the ground where a grass fire could ignite these fuels and climb into the tree canopy.
- Thinning of dense stands of trees to allow for additional fuel load reduction and assist the health of the remaining trees.
- The width of the SFB varies depending on the slope of the land, but it is anticipated a SFB of approximately 100’ to 130’ would be adequate.
- A few examples of “before and after” photos of SFB work are included for a visual reference.

Property Owner Information

- Property owner permission is required before any work would be performed on private property.
- A Right of Entry agreement from the property owner is required before work crews would enter the property to perform any work.
- The path for the SFB as shown in the amendment is only a suggestion and the route is estimated at this time. The actual path would be determined prior to any work and would be fully disclosed as part of the Right of Entry agreement.
- This suggested SFB project is not funded at this time and no date has been set for the work.

Before

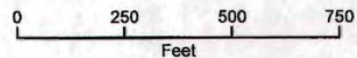
After





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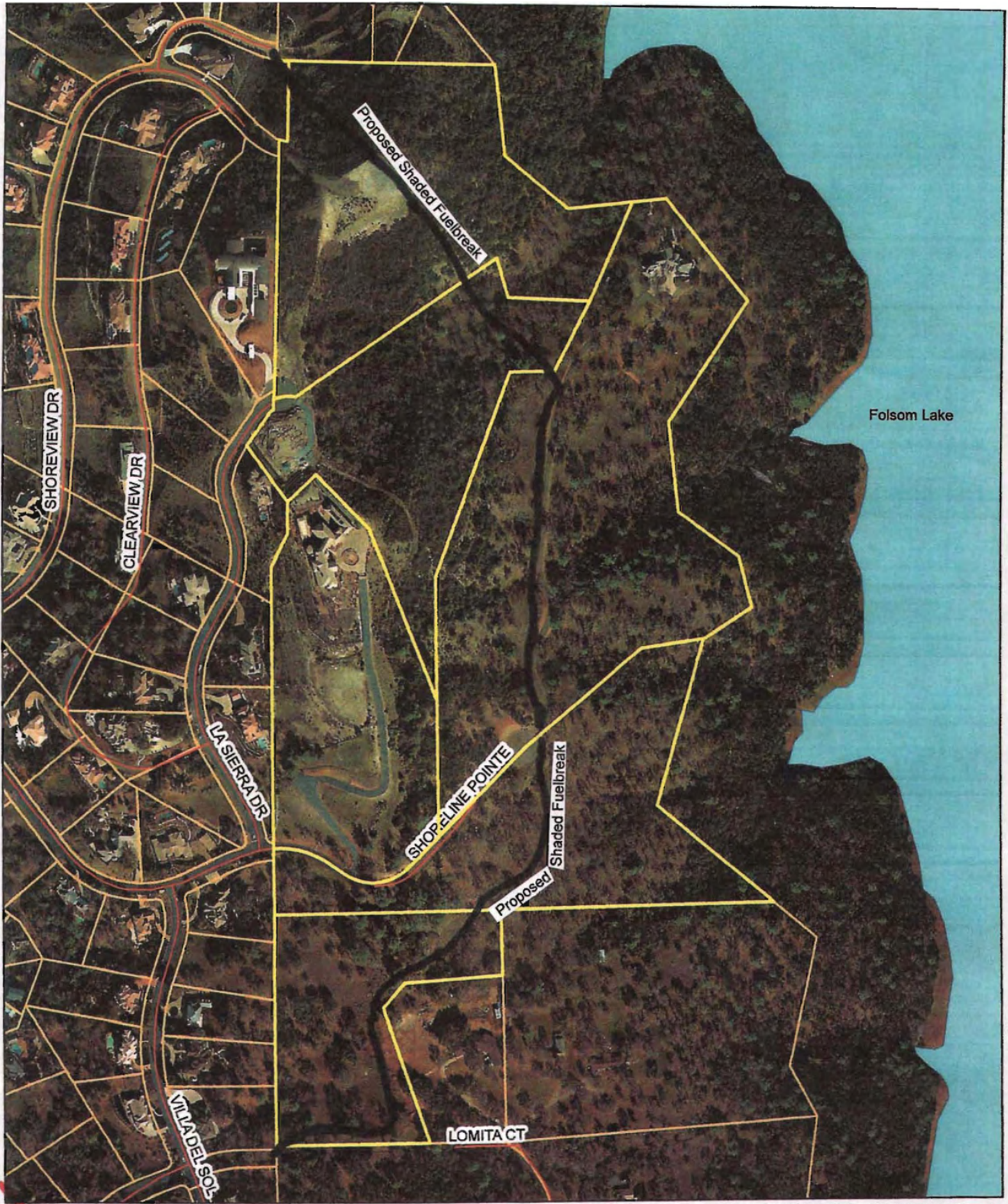


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Parcels Adjacent to Southpointe to be Added to CWPP

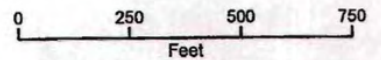




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