



Agenda Item 20-0098 VMO & Defensible Space Inspector Position

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To the Clerk of the Board and Supervisors,

I read through the materials provided for Agenda Item 20-0098 and I have a few concerns about what EDC EMS & Emergency Preparedness Division of the CAO's Office is proposing:

- **One inspector for the entire county is not enough considering the very high fire risk present in most areas of our county.** Will the County be hiring more defensible space inspectors in the future? Have these additional positions been built into the FY 2020/21 Budget?
- At least one of the certifications listed as "desireable" in the Defensible Space Inspector Job Specifications should be a mandatory training requirement during the candidate's probationary period. Possession of at least one of these certifications will lend the position credibility.
- Publication of the accompanying maps makes it "appear" that the VMO staff is only focusing on 3 very small areas of the county. My fear is that these maps will result in the procrastination of necessary defensible space work by residents and property owners whose homes are outside of these areas under the false premise that they will not be the target for enforcement.

Thank you for your consideration of my feedback and for supporting the work the 25 community fire safe councils in our county are doing to make our communities more prepared for wildfire.

Respectfully,

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