



## El Dorado County Fire Prevention Officer's Association

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Attn: Efren Sanchez, Associate Planner  
County of El Dorado  
Planning and Building Department  
Long Range Planning  
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Dear Mr. Sanchez,

At the Planning Commission hearing on July 11, 2019 (Item 4, Legistar 19-1023), Planning staff presented the General Plan Amendment Project (GPA19-0002). The project included proposed amendments to Policy 6.2.2.2 to replace "Registered Professional Forester (RPF)" with "Qualified Professional" as the preparer of Fire Safe Plans. Fire Marshal Cox, El Dorado Hills Fire Department, was at the meeting, answered questions, and noted that the El Dorado County Fire Prevention Officers Association was meeting on July 17th with CAL FIRE to discuss Qualified Professional qualifications. As a result of the July 17th meeting, the FPO is providing the following proposed modifications to the Policy 6.2.2.2 shown as strikethroughs (deletions) and underlines (added text) below.

Policy 6.2.2.2 The County shall preclude development in areas of high and very high wildland fire hazard or in areas identified as "~~urban~~ wildland-urban interface (WUI) communities within the vicinity of Federal lands that are a high risk for wildfire," as listed in the Federal Register Executive Order 13728 of May 18, 2016~~August 1, 2001~~, unless such development can be adequately protected from wildland fire hazard, as demonstrated in a WUI Fire Safe Plan prepared by a qualified ~~Registered Professional Forester (RPF)~~ as and approved by the El Dorado County Fire Prevention Officers Association. The WUI Fire Safe Plan shall be approved by the local Fire Protection District having jurisdiction and/or California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

With the above proposed modifications, there is no longer a need to add a definition for "Qualified Professional" to the Glossary in the General Plan.

Sincerely,

Ken Earle  
President