



January 19, 2022

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
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Sacramento, CA 94244-2460

Dear California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection,

On behalf of the City of Azusa, I am writing to express our support for the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments' (SGVCOG) San Gabriel Valley Regional Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) grant application for the Fire Prevention Grants Program. The San Gabriel Valley Regional CWPP will serve as a foundational document that will help the community prevent, mitigate, respond, and recover from the potential wildfire threat.

The City of Azusa proudly supports community-based projects and initiatives that will protect at-risk communities and essential infrastructure from wildfire. The San Gabriel Valley is particularly vulnerable to the risk of wildfire given that 22 of the region's communities are identified as "Communities at Risk" according to the latest Fire and Resource Assessment Program map. The risk our communities face is real as just last year, the Bobcat Fire burned over 115,000 acres in the San Gabriel Mountains over a span of 3 months. It triggered mandatory evacuation orders in several San Gabriel Valley cities and is known as the second largest fire recorded in Los Angeles County to date. Acknowledging that the San Gabriel Valley lacks a comprehensive regional wildfire prevention framework or program, the City of Azusa strongly supports the development of a regional model for wildfire prevention and adaptation through the SGVCOG's San Gabriel Valley Regional CWPP.

The City of Azusa respectfully requests that you provide favorable consideration to this application, which will support the region to clarify and refine its priorities for the protection of life, property, and critical infrastructure in the San Gabriel Valley's wildland-urban interface. Thank you for your time, and please do not hesitate to contact our offices if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sergio Gonzalez".

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