



Dear Elected Officials,

CSAA Insurance Group has provided homeowners insurance to AAA members in Northern California for more than 40 years. Over that time, we've helped thousands of AAA members recover from disasters, including wildfire.

While fire officials from various agencies already work together at the staff level, we recognize the importance of the efforts of the East Bay Hills Wildfire Prevention and Vegetation Management Community Organizing Committee to create a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishing a formal structure fostering interjurisdictional cooperation. We agree that this is essential to achieving a more efficient and effective approach to vegetation management, creation of defensible space, home hardening, emergency evacuation planning and other critical wildfire preparedness activities in the East Bay Hills.

In addition to our support of this MOU, we support a number of initiatives intended to defend California from wildfire, including [forest resilience bonds](#), the [Wildfire Interdisciplinary Research Center at San Jose State University](#), the [California Wildfire Innovation Fund](#), and the science-based wildfire resiliency standards of the [Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety](#).

Wildfire risk must be reduced, yet wildfires do not stop at city, county or other political boundaries, necessitating a cooperative regional approach to this pressing issue. We encourage your jurisdiction to join CSAA Insurance Group in supporting the East Bay Hills MOU.

Sincerely,

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