# 16501 Sanborn Road, Saratoga, California

- Property Owner Introduction
- Project Overview
- Fire Consultant Presentation
- Questions











## Key Points

- Request for Exception to Standards is under protest: Applicants preserve arguments that the Regulations do not apply to existing roads and that denial of their application would be a taking
- CalFire's denial of the Request was not supported by any evidence
- Applicants are proposing significant mitigation to achieve intent of the Regulations
- Applicants are willing to entertain proposals for additional reasonable mitigation if necessary

## Key Points

- Road width meets or exceeds standard for most of its length
- The road currently is used for fire access for homes and County park
- Applicants are not creating the condition of the road
- Applicants are not increasing fire risk: turning a wildland to a landscaped lot with a new home constructed up to and beyond current fire standards
- Applicants are improving ingress/egress with the fire turnaround
- Applicants propose substantial mitigation to address response delays

#### 14 CCR 1270.06

"Upon request by the applicant, exceptions to standards within this subchapter . . . may be allowed . . . where the exceptions provide the same practical effect as these regulations towards **providing defensible space**."

The goal is to design a project that provides adequate defensible space, which is what the applicants here have done.

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- Section 1273.00 Intent
  - Roads and driveways shall provide for safe access for emergency wildfire equipment and civilian evacuation concurrently consistent with 1273.00 through 1273.09
- Section 1273.01 Width
  - "All roads shall be constructed..."

Request for Alternate Means and Methods to Meet Intent of Code

Proposed additional protection features:

1. Two on site standpipes/hydrants for exterior fire fighting

2. 4 interconnected water tanks total 20,000 gallon capacity

3. House provided with NFPA 13R sprinkler system with 0.1gpm/ft<sup>2</sup> design.

### Questions?