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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Sharon Bull for Ernie Loveless - Fire Chief  
County Fire Department  
**REPORT BY:** Sharon Bull, Staff Services Analyst, 967-1417  
**SUBJECT:** Firewise Defensible Space Awards

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

County Fire Chief will present "Defensible Space Awards" to the following Napa County citizens: Donna Morgan, Rachel and William Casey, Rodney Sterling, and Steve and Betsy Moulds.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

As part of the Napa Firewise program, local residents Rachel and William Casey, Steve and Betsy Moulds, Donna Morgan, and Rodney Sterling were selected to receive defensible space development awards. Defensible space helps protect structures from damaging wildland fire.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?                      No

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

Napa Firewise is a countywide wildland fire awareness program jointly sponsored by the Napa County Fire Marshal's office and the City of Napa Fire Department. In conjunction with Firewise, Napa County residents were

invited to compete for defensible space development awards. Defensible space is an area 30 to 100 feet or more surrounding a home or structure where combustible materials have been reduced or removed to mitigate the spread of wildland fire.

A \$1,000 gift certificate from Central Valley Hardware Supply will be awarded to Donna Morgan of Angwin for her efforts in organizing a community initiative to construct defensible space zones in her neighborhood. In addition, individual \$500 gift certificates from Van Winden's Garden Center, Whiting Nursery, and Davey Tree Service will be awarded to Rachel and William Casey of Spring Mountain Road, St. Helena; Rodney Sterling of Woodland Road, St. Helena; and Steve and Betsy Moulds of Dry Creek Road, Napa.

Winners were selected by Napa County fire officials after submitting photographs and a description of their defensible space efforts.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Andrew Carey