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Subject: Public comment on Mount Sutro Draft Management Plan

Item 4 on the agenda of 9-23-2016 Urban Forestry Council meeting.

Dear Council Members,

1. The new Mount Sutro Draft Management Plan - being indefinitely better than the old plan - makes a mistake of proceeding with "native restorations".

"Native" areas of Mount Sutro -according to the plan - are to be roughly doubled in size. It would be achieved at the expense of the forest. It's unacceptable.

Native is a faulty concept:

- pick up arbitrarily selected point in time;
- declare it the best ever;
- declare the vegetation which was allegedly growing at that time superior to the current one, disregarding the fact that the climate, the environment have changed;
- proceed with destruction of current environment in the name of the restoration of an ideal.

The "native" nonsense should be taken out of the plan.

2. "Native" restorations involve removal of large, dense areas of underbrush and thickets used by coyotes - which pushes coyotes out of these places and into the streets and backyards.

The presence of urban coyotes in the city and the ways to coexist with them should be taken into consideration.

Sincerely,
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