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**Advisory Board**

**Our organization, which consists of over 350 residents in Topanga Canyon Ca, has had the chance to review the recommendations made by the board. In general we support those recommendations.**

**Our attention went directly to:**

**Section 3 Recommendations that go further than Resolution WSD-002.**

**3.4 The Board recommendations and observations are critical.**

**The residents and visitors of the Santa Monica Mountains have invested heavily in the care and protection of the environment. These recommendations must be adopted. The second recommendation made is extremely important. Utilities must justify any removal of any species or shrub on or near electrical lines or equipment. A reason for the importance has to do with inspections that have been made recently. We have found that Utility inspectors have gone to the extreme in their evaluation. Trees that were nowhere near lines or equipment were designated to be either extremely trimmed or cut down completely. Community member had to step in and confront the issue head on.**

**The third Recommendation is also very important and we support wholeheartedly**

**The problem is with the implementation of the recommendations who has the final say in these matters**

**We understand that Utility Companies are not in the business of performing tree nursery services but the approach to all trees should never be “We think**

**the tree could be or is a danger so lets cut it down” That attitude is prevalent in our existing environment.**

**There are many of us who welcome the opportunity to work more closely with agencies to protect and preserve our tree environment. Trees that may not be in the best of conditions can and should be helped not destroyed.**

**The points made by the advisory board seem pretty clear in the desire to further that goal.**

**Thank you**

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