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Dear Friends,

I am pleased to inform you that the Non-Industrial Timber Management Plan (NTMP) proposed in the Los Gatos Creek and Thompson Road area by the San Jose Water Company and Big Creek Lumber has been denied. The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) has ruled that the San Jose Water Company is ineligible for an NTMP.

Since the beginning of this process, I voiced my concerns to CAL FIRE about the fire safety issue and the size of the logging area and expressed my desire to see this land preserved as open space. I have nothing but praise for the staff at CAL FIRE who worked with me continuously. I also want to thank the many residents of our community and the Neighbors Against Irresponsible Logging (NAIL) for initially bringing this issue to my attention and working closely with my staff and me. Working together we were successful.

Rest assured, I will continue to monitor this situation. If you have further concerns, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ira Ruskin".

IRA RUSKIN  
Assemblymember, 21<sup>st</sup> District