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Inappropriate Handling of Resources by the Los Altos County Hills Fire District's Board of Directors Puts the Surrounding Communities in Danger of Fire Damage

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WHAT

For years, the hills above Los Altos have been an extreme fire hazard, threatening to decimate the surrounding communities. [A recent audit](#) suggests mismanagement of these high-risk areas by the Los Altos Hills County Fire District, in which the hills have not received adequate attention or resources. While the fully functional Station 8 that borders Los Altos and Palo Alto Hills has been closed for three years, the hills have not been maintained to prevent uncontrollable fires.

Santa Clara County Firefighters are advocating for the need to consolidate with the Los Altos Hills County Fire District to better allocate resources across Santa Clara County and ensure that the community is managed with a higher level of concern. Because of the Los Altos Hills County Fire District's negligence, the neighboring communities may soon suffer consequences given the start of this extraordinary wildfire season unless they consolidate with Santa Clara County Firefighters.

Link to audit:

<https://www.sccgov.org/sites/bos/Management%20Audit/Documents/management-audit-los-altos-hills-county-fire-district-052220.pdf>

LOCATION:

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