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BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

Dr. Keith Gilles, Chairman
State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection
P.O. Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244-2460

Re: Prescribed Fire Appendix for 2010 Strategic Fire Plan for California

Dear Chairman Gilles:

The attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) document, and its accompanying cover sheet, is presented to you for discussion and action by the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board). This MOU is a recent agreement signed by eleven groups and agencies, including the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), for increasing the use of prescribed fire to meet ecological and other management objectives.

The Department is requesting the Board incorporate this MOU and cover sheet as Appendix E to the 2010 Strategic Fire Plan. The current Appendix E, Glossary, will in turn become Appendix F. It acknowledges the importance of addressing an enlarging consensus for an increased use of fire as a management tool. In addition, this declares the Board's agreement with the goals and objectives of the MOU, and adds the Board to the growing list of parties in agreement with these principles.

By adopting this MOU as an Appendix in the 2010 Strategic Fire Plan, the Board is setting the stage to incorporate prescribed fire as a stronger element into the scheduled update of the Strategic Fire Plan. In his veto message of Assembly Bill 2465 (Chesbro, 2014), Governor Brown directed CAL FIRE to build upon their existing work to develop recommended actions for enhancing prescribed burns. This MOU is the first step in developing these recommended actions.

Should you have further questions regarding this request, please contact Staff Chief Dave Shew at (916) 324-8922, or at dave.shew@fire.ca.gov for additional information.

Sincerely,

KEN PIMLOTT
Director

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