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RE: 2018 Strategic Fire Plan Steering Committee

Pursuant to PRC § 4114 and § 4130, it is the responsibility of the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) to establish a fire plan that, among other tasks, includes instituting the levels of statewide fire protection services for the State Responsibility Area (SRA). Since 1996, the California Strategic Fire Plans have been prepared in a collaborative environment, resulting in successful integration of the plans at both statewide and local levels. CAL FIRE Unit level planning and implementation of fuels reduction work, education, land use planning and post fire recovery have all precipitated from these fire plans.

During development of the 2010 Strategic Fire Plan, the Board and the Department worked in cooperation with input from local, state and federal partners to devise the final draft that was approved by the Board. Due to the tremendous success of the last iteration of the fire plan, the Board seeks to continue in success through solidarity. As such, you have been identified by Board staff and CAL FIRE Executive staff as a potential participant in the Steering Committee for the development of a 2018 Strategic Fire Plan. As a member of the committee your participation will be integral in developing an updated strategic plan that addresses fire planning and prevention, protection, and financial management, as well as firefighter and public safety. This update must address the changed environmental conditions within the state and modifications to the structure of the Department. Some of these changes include the development of the SRA Fire Prevention Program, the number and intensity of fires that are occurring within the state, the recognized need for increased use of prescribed fire, extended drought conditions, and the related and unprecedented tree mortality within California's forested landscapes.

The first meeting of the Steering Committee is targeted for December of 2016 in Sacramento, while following meetings will occur on monthly or bi-monthly basis, depending upon the perspective of the committee. The ultimate goal is to have a 2018 Fire Plan available for Full Board consideration no later than September of 2018.

Please consider your participation in this 2018 Strategic Fire Plan Steering Committee and email Matt Dias, Executive Officer, Board of Forestry and Fire Protection with your potential availability to contribute in this important planning process. The Board appreciates your consideration of this opportunity.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matt Dias".

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