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Edith Hannigan, Board Analyst:

I grew up in Southern California, Rancho Palos Verdes to be exact. I spent my childhood traipsing around the Peninsula and the entirety of California's Wild Lands. This has instilled a reverence in me for our natural world.

Nature has its own balance. A balance that has worked since well before Man. And, it is only when Man intervenes, that this balance is thrown into chaos. And that is exactly what the proposed Vegetation Treatment Program (by CalFire and the California Board of Forestry) will do.

The proposed Vegetation Treatment Program is a deplorable excuse at Fire "Management", and is more akin to ecological terrorism than curbing fire risk! Entire Ecological zones will be devastated, destroyed. Numerous Plants, Animals, Insects and Microbes (many of who's numbers are already dwindling) will be eradicated!

This holocaust will only exacerbate erosion, worse so that after fire itself. The land, opened and raw, degraded, will give rise to invasive species. Species that push-out and choke any and all native ecology.

So, I implore you to listen and work with groups like The California Chaparral Institute, to create a plan. A plan that works and that doesn't devastate the beautiful California landscape.

Sincerely,
My Californian Heart