

January 7, 2018

Board of Forestry and Fire Protection,

I support the proposed State-Wide Vegetation Treatment Program (VTP) - Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR).

I have been a member of the Forbestown Ridge Fire Safe Council in Butte County for nine years and my primary focus has been to promote fuel reduction projects. I have been involved in applying for public grants and have assisted in the implementation of community fuel reduction and wildfire safety projects.

Currently the time and cost involved to meet CEQA requirements for a specific project makes it difficult to complete and limits the number of proposed projects that can be accomplished.

The fuel reduction projects that have been completed in Butte County in past years have provided improved conditions during wildfire evacuations and suppression.

Approval of the proposed VTP will increase the ability to do more of the critically needed fuel reduction and forest health projects needed in California.

Sincerely,

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