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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Edith Hannigan
Board of Forestry and Fire Protection
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RE: *Revised* Notice of Preparation for PDEIR for Vegetation Treatment Program

Dear Ms. Hannigan:

Endangered Habitats League (EHL) appreciates the opportunity to provide scoping comments. For your reference, EHL is Southern California's only regional conservation group and commented extensively on the previously issued DEIR for this project.

EHL has reviewed the Preliminary Draft PDEIR chapters available on line. We continue to have serious concerns. While improvement has occurred compared to the original DEIR in terms of fire ecology, the treatment program itself remains flawed. Our recommendation is to undertake additional outside scientific review and consensus building prior to releasing a public review Revised Draft PEIR.

In order to help improve the program, I enclose a summary of concerns that were prepared for the April 2015 version of the plan. We urge the Revised Draft PEIR to constructively address these. For example, methodologies that prioritize and narrow the scope and extent of treatments within scrub ecosystems should be further advanced.

EHL remains ready to meet with CAL FIRE, and we would also be pleased to help involve members of the scientific community.

Yours truly,

Dan Silver
Executive Director

Enclosure

VTP Concerns