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To: Ms. Dixie Howard, FPPC

From: Supervisor Ray Nutting El Dorado County

Issue: Letter Stating the relationships of Prop 40, Cal Fire, Sierra Coordinated Resources Management Council and The RCD's

Mr. Nutting,

In response to your request for clarification, regarding the Prop 40 funded Fuels Reduction Program and the role of the Sierra Coordinated Resources Management Council (SCRMC), I am providing you some additional background information.

SCRMC was formed using the Joint Exercise of Powers Act under the state laws of California on July 4, 1992. The purpose of SCRMC is to address natural resource issues on a regional basis through conservation, stewardship, and wise use of natural resources for present and future generations in the Sierra Nevada Region. SCRMC is governed by a Board of Directors made up of member Resource Conservation Districts (RCDs) within the Sierra Nevada region. SCRMC Directors and their Alternates consist of designated RCD representatives from each member RCD. Current member RCDs includes Amador County RCD, El Dorado County RCD, Georgetown Divide RCD, Mariposa RCD, Placer County RCD, Nevada County RCD, Tahoe RCD, and Tuolumne County RCD.

When the CA Attorney General determined CALFIRE could not disburse Proposition 40 Bond funds directly to landowners, CALFIRE turned to SCRMC to administer a regional Prop 40 funded fuels reduction program modeled on the CA Forest Improvement Program. Once the CALFIRE Agreement was approved and executed by the SCRMC Board, they delegated administration of the CALFIRE Agreement to Placer County Resource Conservation District (PCRCD), a SCRMC member, through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). I have served as the SCRMC Programs Administrator since the inception of the Prop 40 funded Program under that MOU.

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The SCRMC Fuels Reduction Program (Program) is specifically focused on the reduction of wildland fuel loadings that pose a threat to watershed resources and water quality providing a cost share program to assist private landowners in maintaining healthy forestlands thereby reducing the risk of catastrophic fire. All Program funding allocations and project disbursements to private landowners are approved by CALFIRE before PCRCD, acting on behalf of SCRMC; either encumbers or releases Program funds to private landowners as outlined in each individual landowner's contracted project description and budget as approved by CALFIRE.

Neither the SCRMC Board nor individual member RCDs, with the exception of the PCRCD as Program Administrator, has a direct role in encumbering Program funds to private landowners.

SCRMC's sole source of funding has been directly related to CALFIRE Prop 40 Agreements.

Please let me know if you have further questions,



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Sierra Coordinated Resources Management Council Programs Administrator
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