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**"Public and Private Partners Working Together to Protect People, Homes, and Natural Resources"**

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Supervisor Ron Briggs  
Chair, El Dorado County Board of Supervisors  
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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
EL DORADO COUNTY

Re: Public Comment on RFP #09-918-082

Dear Supervisor Briggs,

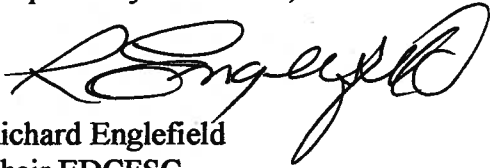
The Board of Directors of the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council (EDCFSC) has reviewed the documents pertaining to RFP #09-918-082 for Title III Federal Forest Fund Reserves and have the following comments and request for clarification:

1. The EDCFSC is unclear as to what criteria was used to evaluate the proposals. Were the proposals reviewed using specific criteria? Was there a scoring matrix applied such as number of residents impacted by the proposal, previous experience in the development of CWPPs, past experience in completing Title III projects (number of projects), did the proposals have matching funds to support their project, and was there a Firewise education component in the proposals? We would like a copy of the criteria that was used.
2. A review of the proposals of the successful bidders revealed that some of the requested funding is being awarded for work that has already been completed in other projects by the EDCFSC, Satellite Fire Safe Councils or other agencies/organizations within the county. Some of the mapping work proposed to do by one of the bidders is currently available on-line as public domain information.
3. The EDCFSC also questions whether an evaluation team made up of only two evaluators provided the best and fairest review of the proposals submitted. It is our opinion that there should have been at least three evaluators on the team—an odd number of participants usually resolves possible split decisions. It is also our understanding that in the past the review committee consisted of 5 evaluators so we would like this change clarified.
4. Lastly, we strongly believe that there has been conflicting interpretations of the motion made by Supervisor Sweeney at the Board of Supervisor's Meeting on February 10, 2009 that the 08-09 Title III funds go to the Fire Safe Council through the Fire Prevention RFP Process. Vicki Yorty, Executive Coordinator of the Council, understood funding would be designated to the Council's proposed CWPP and development of an evacuation plan for the greater Placerville through Pollock Pines area. That was the primary purpose in

requesting Supervisor Nutting to reconsider the allocation of Title III funds made at the BOS meeting of January 27, 2009. The agreement made between Sheriff Neeves and Vicki Yorty, representing the EDCFSC, was based upon having this funding available as soon as possible to complete this high priority plan which will make it possible to prioritize projects and compete for Fire Plan funding as well as potential stimulus funds.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our comments. We will be sending a copy of this letter to the Chair of the Board of Supervisors with copies to all of the Supervisors. It is also our intention to meet privately with each Supervisor so that everyone is on the same page and has the same information. This request is time critical as the Board of Supervisors is scheduled to make the allocation decision at their June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you have any questions, please contact me or Vicki Yorty.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Chair EDCFSC

Cc: Supervisor John Knight, District 1  
Supervisor Ray Nutting, District 2  
Supervisor Jack Sweeney, District 3  
Supervisor Norma Santiago, District 5