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RE: January 12, 2016 presentation to the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors by the El Dorado County & Georgetown Divide Resource Conservation Districts regarding watershed rehabilitation and reforestation projects.

Dear Ms. Bailey,

In August of 2014 the Sand Fire burned 4240 acres of land and in September and October of 2014 the King Fire burned 97,717 acres of land. In both areas there are many non-industrial forest landowners within the burn perimeters with parcels ranging in size from 10 acres to 160 acres. These owners suffered losses ranging from complete mortality of trees and destruction of homes and other structures to relatively minor losses of forest cover.

The El Dorado County & Georgetown Divide Resource Conservation Districts (RCDs) have conferred with the majority of the affected private landowners to discuss their needs for assistance with reforestation. The affected properties have been inspected in the field. For many landowners, the expense of restoration and reforestation is prohibitive. Some have generated revenue through salvage logging but because of current log prices and limited timber volumes, revenues are generally not adequate to offset restoration costs.

Working on behalf of landowners, and in cooperation with Federal, State and local agencies including the County of El Dorado, the RCDs have received funding from the State of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE) under grant reference #14-GHG-FMP-01-0089 for the Sand Fire Restoration and Reforestation Project and #14-GHG-FMP-01-0009 for the King Fire Restoration and Reforestation Project. The award amount for these projects are \$793,551.00 and \$1,893,956.50 respectively. The overall objective of these projects is to begin the process of reversing the ecological, economic, environmental, aesthetic and social impacts of these Fires. Specific objectives include: 1) treat private lands affected by the Fires to reduce the potential for wild fire in the future by removing accumulated debris and dead trees; 2) conduct site preparation and planting to re-establish forest cover on the private lands; 3) increase potential carbon sequestration and achieve greenhouse gas emissions reduction through the reforestation of the burned area; 4) identify measures that may be required to protect watershed values and water quality in watersheds that are important sources of domestic water supply; and 5) utilize the project as an educational opportunity for informing others about community response to wild fire.

The District appreciates the opportunity to present to the Board of Supervisors at their regularly scheduled meeting on January 12, 2016. We also plan to include an update on the interagency collaborative program known as the Fire Adapted 50 project in coordination with representatives from the USFS and CALFIRE.

Thank you.

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