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October 30, 2014

Mark Ghilarducci
Director, California Governor's Office of Emergency Services
3650 Shriever Avenue
Mather, CA 95655

RE: CALIFORNIA DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACT (CDA) FUNDING - 2014 KING FIRE

Dear Mr. Ghilarducci,

On behalf of the County of El Dorado, **we request the Governor's Office of Emergency Services authorize funding under the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDA) as a result of the King Fire, which burned 97,717 acres in El Dorado County and Placer County from September 13th to October 9th 2014. The Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado proclaimed a local emergency by Resolution (No. 152-1014) on September 15, 2014.**

The fire resulted in wide spread damage to critical infrastructure and facilities owned and operated by the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD). SMUD operates and maintains a series of hydro-electric power generating facilities, dams, reservoirs, tunnels, and pipelines in El Dorado County referred to as the "Upper American River Project" (UARP).

As a result of the King Fire, SMUD sustained approximately **4.3 million dollars** in damage to their facilities, equipment, and transmission and communications lines. This infrastructure is critical to SMUD's ability to provide reliable power to the residents and businesses in their Sacramento area service territory.

In addition, the County of El Dorado sustained damage to roadway infrastructure and signage in excess of **\$80,000** on miles of roadways inside the King burn area. Many of these roads are the primary ingress and egress for SMUD's facilities in the UARP area.

All of this damage has been determined not to be covered under the authorized Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG), but does appear to **qualify under CDA**.

Both SMUD and the County of El Dorado Department of Transportation have begun initial repairs to damage that has been deemed critical and cannot be delayed. This has resulted in significant costs to both SMUD and the County of El Dorado beyond their budgeted expenses for these types of repairs.

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In addition to erosion that has already occurred, **it is anticipated that there will be major erosion in the burn area resulting in additional significant mitigation costs to both SMUD and the County of El Dorado throughout this winter storm season and possibly years to come.** These ongoing mitigation efforts will help preserve part of a major watershed area that provides water to much of the state.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Our El Dorado County Operational Area personnel look forward to working with your office to recover from this disaster.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Norma Santiago".

Norma Santiago, Chair
Board of Supervisors
County of El Dorado

Cc: Governor Jerry Brown, Senator Ted Gaines, Assemblyman Frank Bigelow