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Subject: 5GA16101; El Dorado County – Dead Tree Service Gap, CEQA Exemption

Dear Mr. McDaniel:

Per your request, this letter is to acknowledge our El Dorado County Dead Tree Service Gap Project satisfies the four (4) conditions that allow CEQA to be exempt as listed in the current State Responsibility Area Fire Prevention Fund and Tree Mortality Grant Program Procedural Guide, at pages 33 and 34. El Dorado County's Dead Tree Service Gap Project meets the Emergency Proclamation's suspension of the CEQA as follows:

Criteria 1

The Project must be located in a high hazard zone as designate pursuant to Directive 1.

- 100 percent of the Dead Tree Service Gap Project is within the High Hazard Zone of the FHSZ ratings.

Criteria 2

The project must be necessary to protect the public health and safety.

- The Dead Tree Service Gap Project is necessary to protect the public health and safety.

Criteria 3

The project involves the removal of dead or dying trees that threaten residences, critical community infrastructure, roads and other evacuation corridors.

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Criteria 4

The Work will be conducted in accordance with the most current draft Guidelines for High Hazard Zone Tree Removal. The "most current draft Guideline" document on the CAL FIRE website dated March 1, 2016.

- The Dead Tree Service Gap Project work will be conducted in accordance with the March 1, 2016, draft Guidelines for High Hazard Zone Tree Removal.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Creighton Avila at 530-621-5153 or Creighton.avila@edcgov.us.

Respectfully,



Don Ashton
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Cc: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors