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Subject: 2016 DPEIR on the Vegetation Treatment Program

Dear Edith Hannigan, Board Analyst

I believe your recently released draft programmatic environmental impact report (DPEIR) on your vegetation treatment program (VTP) is flawed in that it doesn't have as its priority the maximum preservation of native chaparral habitat throughout the State of California. California is always expanding its urbanization and we have seen loss of the vast majority of native habitat, chaparral included. Rather than issuing a report (VTP) which quantifies a huge amount of habitat which could be subject to alteration in the hope of mitigating fire, and then saying, in the DPEIR, that impact on the environment would be minimal, it would be better to use the types of alteration as a last option, with each area where there may be a fire danger considered separately, by using the best current science for preservation of chaparral, focusing on what assets are actually at risk and coming up with the least-invasive plan to protect them, and preserving the right of citizens to object to projects which destroy native habitat, which would result in a consultation as to what is really the best option in a particular area.

Chaparral and coastal sage-scrub continue to be under threat from development. The process as is can't go on much longer if we seek to preserve native habitat and wildlife.

Respectfully,
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