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From: Berkelly Gonzalez <berkelly.gonzalez@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2016 2:37 PM
To: Vegetation Treatment Program@BOF
Subject: Latest Draft Programmatic EIR for the Vegetation Treatment Program

Dear Edith Hannigan and the Board of Forestry and Fire Prevention,

You have no doubt already read The California Chaparral Institute's Comments on the latest DPEIR. The document goes into great detail about what I, and many others that care for California's environment, find to be wrong with the current DPEIR. I wish to further stress, as resident and taxpayer in California, that I do not approve of DPEIR in its current form. It leaves many of California's delicate ecosystems vulnerable to unneeded destruction in the name of fire prevention with its vague definitions and reliance on outdated data when the benefits and efficiency of such a program when weighed against the negatives of habitat destruction are questionable to begin with. I strongly urge you not to go through with the DPEIR and instead create a new comprehensive fire protection program that focuses on actual assets at risk rather than habitat clearance, preserves the rights of citizens to object to destructive projects, incorporates the most current science and understands that all native shrubland habitat, especially chaparral, is threatened by too much fire.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Berkelly Gonzalez

A link to The California Chaparral Institute's Comments on the DPEIR:

http://www.californiachaparral.org/images/2016_Draft_VTP_CCI_comments_2_24_16_Final.pdf