



State Water Resources Control Board

December 3, 2019

California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection
Attention: Dr. J. Keith Gilles, Chair
P.O. Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244-2460

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA VEGETATION TREATMENT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT REPORT

Dear Dr. Gilles:

The State Water Resources Control Board and Regional Water Quality Control Boards (collectively, the Water Boards) appreciate the opportunity to review and provide comments on the *California Vegetation Treatment Program Final Program Environmental Impact Report, Volume 1: Responses to Comments*, and *Volume 2: Program Environmental Impact Report, As Revised*. As stated in our August 8, 2019 comments, the Water Boards support the goals of the California Vegetation Treatment Program.

The Water Boards thank the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection for the thoughtful consideration of comments. We have reviewed Volume 1: Responses to Comments, and Volume 2: Program Environmental Impact Report, dated November 2019 and acknowledge that the Responses to Comments and revisions to the Program Environmental Impact Report are responsive to our August 8, 2019 comments.

The Water Boards urge the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to adopt the Final Program Environmental Impact Report and look forward to working collaboratively with the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to implement the California Vegetation Treatment Program.

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | EILEEN SOBECK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Phil Crader, Assistant Deputy Director with the State Water Resources Control Board, is the Water Boards' point of contact relating to California Vegetation Treatment Program implementation. Should you or your staff have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Crader.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Mogus", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Karen Mogus, Deputy Director
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