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Dr Keith Gilles, Chair
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RE: Item 9, December 11, 2019, California Vegetation Treatment Program (CalVTP) - Opposition to VTP boondoggle

Dear Chairperson Gilles and Members of the Board:

The current focus on vegetation control for fire minimization is misguided. There needs to be a sea change in our thinking about brush fires from "vegetation control" to "hardening the target" -- i.e., making houses less burnable. This can be achieved by making house hardening an insurance company issue as well as putting the brakes on development in high fire risk/poor access areas.

CalFire's plan to clear thousands of acres of scrub should be sent back to the drawing board for scientific and budgetary accountability.

Sincerely,

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