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Subject: VTP Program

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Dear Chairperson Gillless and Members of the Board,

I write because of my concern about the Vegetation Treatment Program (VTP) being proposed by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire). As a trained botanist, I can unequivocally state that the proposed VTP makes no sense and in fact it will actually cause harm to the ecosystem. This program to clear native vegetation will allow their replacement by highly inflammable non-native grasses. Besides being cost ineffective this program would actually increase fire potential.

A much better and more cost effective approach would be to limit fuel treatments to around structures, producing a fire defensible space, and to improve firefighter access. Keeping new development out of harm's way and creating strategic fuel breaks would also be very advantageous.

Sincerely,
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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources