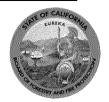
BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

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Public Utilities Commission 505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, CA 941023298

President Peavey & Commissioners:

The Board of Forestry & Fire Protections responsible forwild land fire policyin the State of California. Commensurate with that responsibility, the Board has been evaluating appropriate steps in light of the Governor's Drought Emergency declaration to reduce the extreme fire risk associated with it.

As part of this evaluation, the Board noted that the Commison has sent a letter to utility companies directing them to take all necessary measures to reduce the risk of fire during the drought emergency, including compliance with the rules and regulations of the Board and CAL FIRE.

At its March meeting, the Boad unanimously directed me to send a letter that not only endorses the action of the CPUC, but strongly encourages the CPUC to support fundingthe Utilities at the appropriate levels to conduct this important electric vegetation management work This may be in the form of pending rate cases, or in supplemental funding as deemed appropriate by the CPUC

The Utilities can perform significant work that helps to ensure public safetyGiven the appropriate resources, a significant public private partnership add be forged. We support timely completion of that work in the face of the extreme conditions presented by this drought.

Sincerely,

George D. Gentry Executive Officer