



December 5, 2019

Dr Keith Gilless, Chair
Board of Forestry and Fire Protection
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RE: Item 9, December 11, 2019, California Vegetation Treatment Program (CalVTP) – STOP THE WASTE OF TAXDOLLARS

Dear Chair and Members of the Board:

Endangered Habitats League (EHL) asks that you reject this program, as currently constituted, on both scientific and budgetary grounds. According to the FEIR:

When high-wind conditions drive a large fire, such as when large embers travel long distances in advance of the fire, vegetation treatment would do little, if anything, to stop downwind advance of the fire front.

Thus, the VTP will do little or nothing to halt the death and destruction wrought by California wildfire. With the program conveniently repurposed – and massively expanded – to address the non-wind-driven fires that *don't* cause serious damage and are readily controlled, the VTP is a *colossal waste of taxpayer funds*.

EHL asks that you and your Board have the courage to take a hard look at what works and does not work for wind-driven fire, and have the courage to let the Governor know. It is unacceptable to spend hundreds of millions of tax dollars ineffectively, when that money could go for measures that *do* save life and property.

Do your jobs. Please bring scientific and budgetary accountability to CalFire, and reject the VTP as constituted.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dan Silver', is positioned above the printed name and title.

Dan Silver
Executive Director