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To whom it may concern:

The California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) is tasked in Public Resources Code § 4290.5(a) with conducting a survey of subdivisions of more than 30 dwelling units located in a State Responsibility Area (SRA) or Local Responsibility Area Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (LRA VHFHSZ) without a secondary egress route that are at significant fire risk. Public Resources Code § 4290.5 also requires the Board to develop recommendations to improve the fire safety of these subdivisions. The Board consults with the State Fire Marshal and the local government regarding these recommendations. Recommendations may include, but are not limited to, creating secondary access to the subdivision, undertaking improvements to the existing access road, and other additional fire safety measures.

Surveys have been completed and preliminary recommendations developed for all appropriate subdivisions identified within your jurisdiction. Survey reports and preliminary recommendations developed by the Board and the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) for each subdivision surveyed within your jurisdiction are [available here](#). The Board invites your jurisdiction to submit additional recommendations for consideration for improved fire safety in any of the subdivisions surveyed within its jurisdiction. All recommendations, including those from the Board and local governments, are non-binding.

Final recommendations including any additions from consultation with local governments will be published online following review at the upcoming Board meeting designated in the email accompanying this letter. Your jurisdiction is therefore encouraged to provide any comments or recommendations it would like to add for the Board's consideration at least 30 calendar days before the Board meeting, if possible. Please submit any comments or recommendations to improve fire safety in your surveyed subdivision(s) to FireSafetySurvey@fire.ca.gov.

Thank you for your collaboration in working to reduce fire risk to residential developments. Please feel free to reach out to Chief Jeff Hakala at jeff.hakala@fire.ca.gov or Chief Rudy Baltazar at rudy.baltazar@fire.ca.gov at the CAL FIRE/OSFM Subdivision Review Program with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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