

Butte County Federal/State Land Use Coordinating Committee

November 2, 2017 from 4:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Auditor-Treasurer Conference Room

25 County Center Drive, Suite 125, Oroville CA

Agenda

- 1) Self-Introductions (committee members and public)
- 2) Discussion of Federal and State Legislative Platform recommendations to Administration as they pertain to public land management and fire protection/prevention
- 3) Public Comment

From Kate Wilkins: Thank you for inviting me to the meeting today. I am not able to make it, but I wanted to bring up two points for the counties legislative agenda.

1. California's new Greenhouse Gas Grant (GHG) money replaced the State Responsibility Area fee (SRA) as a source of monies for fire prevention. It is unclear if the GHG money will be used in the same way as the as the SRA money. We should recommend that this money assist with wildfire risk reduction including both treatments and outreach for government agencies, university, and non-profits.
2. During the past 20 years, funding for fire prevention has decreased while money for fire suppression has increased at both federal and state levels. This funding shift has not solved the fire problem. While suppression funds have increased, so have the number of acres and homes burnt in California. To reverse the trends of increasing acres burnt and homes lost, we need monies to prevent catastrophic fires. We need to increase the pace and scale of our fuel hazard reduction treatments, which align with fostering healthy forests.

Best,

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