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Director Ken Pimlott CAL FIRE P.O. Box 944246 Sacramento, CA 94244

Dear Director Pimlott:

On behalf of the California State Board of Food and Agriculture I would like to extend our gratitude to the employees of CAL FIRE for their tremendous work in protecting our State during this unprecedented fire season. California's fourth year of drought has had significant impacts not only to the state's agricultural sector, but also to our natural and working lands.

With more than 8,100 wildfires across the state this year, the drought has manifested impacts that have threated California's natural resources and communities. The response by your department and our federal partners to these impacts has kept California safe. We thank you for your leadership and dedication in protecting California and applaud you and all CAL FIRE employees for distinguished service in this significant drought period.

Kind regards,

Craig McNamara

President

cc: Karen Ross, Secretary, California Department of Food and Agriculture John Laird, Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency Mark Ghilarducci, Director, Governor's Office of Emergency Services

