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RE: Lilac Hills Ranch Project; SCH#2012061100

Dear Mr. Slovick:

The California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) would like to issue comment on the scope and contents of the Lilac Hills Ranch Project draft Environmental Impact Report.

After reviewing the provided information in the Notice of Preparation, it is clear the Project Area includes Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VFHSZ) and is in or near State Responsibility Area (SRA). The Board appreciates the plans to manage wildfire risk in the planned development, especially in areas that do not meet the 100-foot setback requirement, but remains concerned about the proximity of dense residential development near VHFHSZ.

Given the overall fire risk to the area, the Board would like to offer itself as a resource for the County of San Diego to ensure the Lilac Hills Ranch Project meets current fire safe development guidelines and to discuss the particular wildfire risks to and planned mitigations in the Project Area. The Board encourages close collaboration with San Diego County Fire Authority and CAL FIRE San Diego Unit during the subdivision map review process to ensure the safety of the Lilac Hills Ranch residents, workers, and visitors.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Edith Hannigan", is written over a horizontal line.

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