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Mr. Mark Ghilarducci
California Office of Emergency Services Director
3650 Schriever Avenue,
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Re: CAL OES Assistance during the Redwood Complex Fire

Dear Director Ghilarducci,

On behalf of the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors, our employees, all local first responders, and the residents of Mendocino County, I am writing to express our heartfelt gratitude for the very timely response by your department to the fire emergency and its aftermath that we are experiencing in Mendocino County as a result of the very destructive Redwood Complex Fire that raged out of control the night of October 8, 2017.

With so many destructive fires simultaneously raging out of control in California, it was very gratifying to see that your department was able to establish an on the ground presence in Mendocino County almost immediately. Likewise, Cal OES has been extremely responsive any and every time local officials have had questions or concerns. As you well know, in an emergency situation, the ability to access accurate and timely information is invaluable.

We wish to acknowledge your personal leadership and commitment to the recovery effort in Mendocino County as evidenced by your presence here on October 16, 2017 for a press conference and briefing of local officials. It is truly remarkable that in the midst of your many pressing responsibilities you made the time to come to Mendocino County to assist in fully informing local officials, the press and public.

We are deeply appreciative of your constant availability to local public officials and your commitment to respond to every imaginable question that comes up concerning process and procedures related to the recovery effort. Your willingness to provide your cell phone number to a roomful of public officials underscores your level of personal commitment!

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In conclusion, we are extremely grateful for the resources made available by CAL OES both during the fire emergency and for the long haul of recovery that is just beginning. Without your personal commitment and the assistance of your department, the task ahead of us would be more daunting by far.

With sincere appreciation and gratitude,



John McCowen, Chair
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

cc: The Honorable Jerry Brown