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Susan Duncan Lee
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Re: 17-202
Request for Attorney General's Opinion Relating to a Conflict in the Law between a Local County Ordinance and the State's Forest Practice Act

Dear Ms. Lee,

The Board of Supervisors for the County of Mendocino would like to respectfully request that your office expedite Attorney General's Opinion 17-202. That opinion was requested by Mendocino County Counsel Katharine Elliott to clarify the County's authority to enforce, on commercial timberland, an ordinance which declared "intentionally killed and left standing trees" to be a public nuisance. Clarification of this issue will help the Board to make responsible and informed decisions as to how it may best utilize limited local resources in the mitigation of wildfire risks. While the Board is mindful that the drafting of a formal Attorney General opinion takes a considerable commitment of time and resources, it is hopeful that your office can issue a final opinion soon.

Sincerely,

Carre Brown, Chair
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

cc: Ms. Carmel J. Angelo, Clerk of the Board
Ms. Katharine L. Elliott, County Counsel

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