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Chair Carla Peterman
Commissioners, Commission on Catastrophic Wildfire Cost and Recovery
Governor's Office of Planning and Research
1400 10th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: Comments of the Northern California Power Agency on the Commission's Draft Executive Summary and Appendices

Dear Chair Peterman and Commissioners:

The Northern California Power Agency (NCPA)¹ commends your diligence in conducting a robust stakeholder process leading up to the development of a detailed set of recommendations to inform the State's next steps in wildfire policy development. The Commission's recommendations, paired with the Governor's Strike Force report, build a solid foundation upon which the Legislature and the Governor can take further action.

While wildfire risks cannot be addressed by the actions of electric utilities alone, NCPA and its members are doing our part by implementing robust vegetation management efforts, supporting public awareness on emergency preparedness, and coordinating closely with other local government departments on emergency response. We are in the process of procuring additional resources to provide technical expertise that will assist both NCPA and our members in establishing vetted wildfire mitigation plans that most effectively address the risks before us.

NCPA appreciates your strong leadership on these issues and looks forward to continuing discussions with the Governor's Office and Legislature to further identify specific policy solutions that address the risk of wildfires and ensure that our community-owned utilities can continue to offer safe, reliable, and affordable power for years to come.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact either NCPA's contract lobbyist Gregg Cook at (916) 552-6789 or gregg@gaccalifornia.com or me at (916) 781-4222 or sarah.taheri@ncpa.com.

Sincerely,

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¹ NCPA is a nonprofit, California joint powers agency established in 1968 to make joint investments in energy resources that would ensure an affordable, reliable, and clean supply of electricity for customers in its 16 member communities, which include: the cities of Alameda, Biggs, Gridley, Healdsburg, Lodi, Lompoc, Palo Alto, Redding, Roseville, Santa Clara, Shasta Lake, and Ukiah, the Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative, Port of Oakland, San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), and Truckee Donner Public Utility District. Our members collectively serve nearly 700,000 electric consumers in Central and Northern California.