



November 8, 2017

Carol Huchingson
County Administrative Officer
County of Lake Administrative Office
255 North Forbes Street
Lake port, CA 95453

Dear Administrative Officer Huchingson:

The Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency have been working diligently to ensure that the debris removal process remains one of our top priorities. As you know, work has commenced in all areas impacted by the devastating wildfires. Our experience has shown that expeditious debris removal is critical to protect public health and safety. To ensure we are taking all steps necessary in this effort, we need to have detailed accounting of each property that has opted into the program.

We appreciate your on-going leadership in reaching out to those who have suffered losses. As has been announced repeatedly, property owners that wish to be part of the state/federal debris removal program must sign a Right of Entry Form. The statewide deadline for the submission of these forms for all the impacted counties is November 13, 2017. We have set this deadline so that we can quickly remove all the hazardous debris by early 2018.

On behalf of the Lake County Supervisors, you have requested that Cal OES extend the deadline to accept Right of Entry Forms to November 27, 2017. Because the debris presents risks to the public health and the environment, we cannot extend the deadline. You have stated this additional time is needed for property owners to contemplate Cal OES' Right of Entry Form which is longer than the form Lake County utilized in past fires. The terms in the Cal OES' Right of Entry Form are required by state and federal law and cannot be edited. Further, Cal OES has updated this form to address issues that arose in prior events. For example, we included language to facilitate the County's collection of insurance.

It is extremely important that we maintain the November 13, 2017 deadline for Right of Entry Forms for us to properly manage the debris removal operations. To this end, we are requesting that impacted counties provide a list of all properties that are either voluntarily in the debris removal program or will be subject to abatement proceedings by no later than November 21, 2017. This deadline is necessary for us to ascertain the scope of the remaining debris removal threat to health and safety and ensure all of it is removed by early 2018.



Thank you for helping your communities to recover from this devastating event by doing your part in making sure this dangerous debris is promptly removed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark S. Ghilarducci", followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line.

MARK S. GHILARDUCCI
Director