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Re: Support for CAL FIRE Capital Outlay Funding for Contract Counties

Dear Budget Conferees:

On behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to support Assemblymember Monique Limon's March 19th written request for a \$3,022,000 appropriation for capital outlay to be included in the 2018-19 California budget to address the lack of contractually obligated funding for the fire agencies in the six Contract Counties, which consist of County of Santa Barbara, Ventura, Kern, Los Angeles, Marin and Orange.

The County of Santa Barbara faced devastating losses that resulted in acres of damage due to the Thomas Fire, which was the largest wildfire in California in history. The appropriation requested will allow the County's fire departments to focus more funding on their ability to respond to climate driven wildfires, which is critical since wildfires have become a year-round problem in California.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this request. If you have questions about the Board's position, please contact the County's Legislative Coordinator, Dennis Bozanich at 805-568-3403 or dbozanich@countyofsb.org.

Sincerely,



Cliff Berg,
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