



July 9, 2020

The Honorable Laura Friedman, Chair
Assembly Committee on Natural Resources
1020 N Street, Room 164
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 3164 (Friedman) Wildland-Urban Interface Fire Risk Model - SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Friedman,

We are writing to notify you that the Cosumnes Community Services District (CCSD) strongly supports AB 3164 which requires CAL FIRE and the State Fire Marshal to develop a wildland-urban interface wildfire risk analysis model to enable homeowners and local jurisdictions to understand and reduce their wildfire risk.

Approximately one in four residential structures in California are located within or near "high" or "very high" fire hazard severity zones identified by CAL FIRE. However, the current fire hazard severity maps do not define risk or measure the impact that many mitigation activities could have on reducing that level of risk.

Growing evidence points to defensible space, community fuel reduction, and meeting ignition-resistant building standards as effective ways to reduce wildfire home losses. The State of California desperately needs a wildfire risk analysis tool to provide homeowners and local governments with a way of understanding their current risk level and how best to reduce that level of risk.

CCSD believes the requirements of AB 3164 will improve fire prevention in California. For the reasons cited above, the CCSD strongly urges your favorable consideration of this measure.

Sincerely,

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