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LOUIS E. HILL, Chairman
Santa Monica Mountains Residents Assoc.
21656 Las Flores Heights Road
Malibu, CA 90265

Dear Mr. Hill:

This will confirm our telephone conversation of Wednesday afternoon concerning the pamphlet "A Homeowner's Guide to Fire and Watershed Management at the Chaparral-Urban Interface."

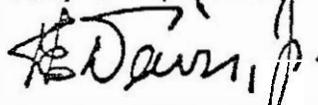
As I indicated to you on the telephone, the first printing of this pamphlet was distributed without appropriate editing and, therefore, is not an approved publication of the County of Los Angeles. The printing arrangement which was made was not acceptable to me, did not represent a competitive bid and was not a transaction I could legally defend. Admittedly, that version of the booklet was distributed and that is unfortunate -- the fact remains that although the Board of Supervisors approved the printing of such a booklet they did not specifically approve the printed version.

After talking to you, I spoke with Chief Clyde Bragdon and have been assured that the edited version, which contains a number of significant changes from the first text, will be delivered to me today or tomorrow. I will then have the booklet type-set through an existing contract and bid the printing of the subsequent number of copies desired by the Board.

I believe I speak for the Fire Department, the Chief Administrative Office and County Counsel in suggesting to you that you suspend your efforts to distribute the booklets which you now have. At least two Board offices have indicated an interest in distributing the revised booklets to their constituents and to have two different versions floating around Southern California can only lead to confusion. Although the material in the first booklet is not copyrighted, it does carry the County seal and presumed support by and approval of the Board. For you to distribute an unauthorized version presents all of us with a number of problems and I would prefer to discuss the solution to those problems with you at a time you find convenient. There is no doubt of the worth of the booklet and hopefully it can be widely distributed, but is especially important that the information we provide to homeowners is consistent with Fire Department policy and what is regarded as the most appropriate advice to provide to the public.

I appreciate your considering my suggestion and hope to hear from you soon.

Very truly yours,


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