

July 20, 1982

TO: HEAD DEPUTY FORESTER ARTHUR M. ARNDT

FROM: SENIOR DEPUTY FORESTER KLAUS RADTKE

SUBJECT: DISTRIBUTION OF HOMEOWNER GUIDE ON FIRE AND WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

On July 14, you gave me written direction that until further notice the above named book is not to be distributed (by the Fire Department and our Forestry office) as per Deputy Fire Chief Cutler's (and the front office's) strict orders.

In light of Supervisor Dana's news release which was forwarded to me last Tuesday through our office, I assumed that the above directive had been lifted. I therefore forwarded four letters to you for approval (Barber, Australia; Blake, Topanga; Radmacher, Tustin; Graves, San Diego) with copies of the book as requested by these parties. Unfortunately, you had to deny me permission to forward the letters since the Department's policy on the distribution of the books has not yet changed.

I am disheartened about the apparent lack of appreciation by our own Fire Department about the efforts of its own Foresters to protect the life and property of taxpayers in wildland areas. I also feel stifled by our own Department in putting my talents to use to benefit the general public. However, I will continue to carry out my duties on a daily basis as dictated to me as a County employee and by the codes of ethics of a licensed professional Forester.

Are we to let the public know that we are not allowed to release the books through the Fire Department. Shall we divert them to the Supervisor's offices? Please ask for clarification on the matter and advise me.

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