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RE: Letter of Support for Mendocino County Defensible Space and Community Chipper Program

To whom it may concern:

The Westport Municipal Advisory Council (WMAC) supports the County of Mendocino's application to the CAL FIRE California Climate Investment Fire Prevention Grant Program. Specifically the Defensible Space and Community Chipper Project.

WMAC, was established in 2007 by the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors, as a citizens advisory group to the District 4 Supervisor. WMAC's sphere of influence centers around Westport and covers over 20 miles of State Highway 1, all of which is forest or wildland urban interface.

WMAC supports fuel reduction and other fire prevention efforts. The implementation of a community chipper program by the County of Mendocino in the subject application will provide a significant resource to community residents who struggle to dispose of hazardous vegetation on their properties and are unable to gain access to chipping services through other means.

WMAC, representing the greater Westport community, believes the chipper program will mitigate danger of any local wildfire activity spreading, thereby reducing damage to people and property. Money spent on risk mitigation can save greater expense by both the County and State.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Knapp".

WMAC Director

cc: Dan Gjerde, Supervisor 4th District Mendocino County