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Southern California Committee

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Dear Ms. Edwards,

On behalf of the Southern California Committee of the California Forest Pest Council (CFPC), I submit this letter of support for establishing a Goldspotted Oak Borer (GSOB) Zone of Infestation (ZOI).

The main focus of the Southern California committee of the CFPC is to foster education and agency networking concerning forest pests and forest health issues. The infestation of GSOB is an important forest health issue for Southern California forests. To date GSOB has devastated communities and forested lands in San Diego County by killing tens of thousands of oaks. The Southern California committee is concerned about the impacts GSOB will have not only to the forests that are impacted but to the ecological, cultural and aesthetic values as well. The establishment of the ZOI would foster collaboration efforts with local, state and federal agency partners, increase best management practices for control and management of GSOB and increase the educational awareness of the potential damaging consequences GSOB could have if it moves into new uninfested areas.

The Southern California Committee of the CFPC supports Cal Fire's and the Board of Forestry's efforts in establishing a Goldspotted Oak Borer Zone of Infestation.

Respectfully yours,

Kim Camilli

Chairman, Southern Committee of the California Forest Pest Council



June 26, 2012

Thom Porter
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Re: Comments on the Need for a Zone of Infestation for Goldspotted Oak Borer

Dear Thom Porter:

As current members of the Goldspotted Oak Borer (GSOB) Steering Committee, the Colorado Desert District supports any efforts to establish a Zone of Infestation for the Goldspotted Oak Borer. This effort was discussed at the last steering committee meeting on May 29th, and generated positive support for the idea.

A designated zone of infestation for the Goldspotted Oak Borer would foster support for efforts involved in managing and suppressing the Oak Borer. In addition, a zone of infestation would establish an official boundary of the known GSOB infestation which could serve to notify communities within the infested area and alert communities in neighboring non-infested areas of the proximity, spread and threat of GSOB.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments and if you have any questions or concerns regarding these comments please contact me by telephone at 760-767-5748.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Matthew McDonald
Environmental Scientist
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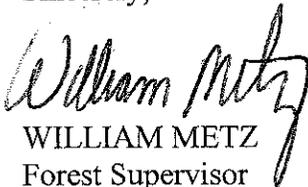
Dear Ms. Edwards:

On behalf of the four (4) National Forests in Southern California (Southern California Province) representing the Angeles, Cleveland, Los Padres and San Bernardino National Forests, I submit this letter of support for establishing a Goldspotted Oak Borer (GSOB) Zone of Infestation (ZOI).

The Southern California Province is concerned about the current and future negative social, economic and environmental impacts associated with GSOB in southern California, as well as potential state-wide implications associated with this invasive forest pest. GSOB has already been found on oaks of the Cleveland National Forest resulting in the mortality of thousands of oak trees. GSOB has the potential to adversely impact the natural oak woodlands that dominate much of the landscape of Southern California. The establishment of a ZOI would help support local county efforts in their actions to stop the spread of GSOB. A ZOI would also help educate the public and bring awareness to the GSOB issue with the intent to protect and prevent new GSOB introductions on federal, state, private and tribal lands.

The Southern California Province supports Cal Fire's efforts in establishing a GSOB ZOI.

Sincerely,


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Forest Supervisor

cc: Kim Camilli, Melody A Lardner, PRPB, BOD





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CAL FIRE San Diego Unit
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ZONE OF INFESTATION (ZOI) FOR GOLDSPOTTED OAK BORER (GSOB)

Dear Mr. Porter:

The County of San Diego supports the request from the Director of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to establish a Zone of Infestation (ZOI) for goldspotted oak borer (GSOB).

We are an active participant in the GSOB Steering and GSOB Educational and Outreach Committees in a collaborative effort to prevent further spread of this pest. Our outreach efforts have included public contact through the San Diego Insect Festival, seminars to our San Diego County Park Rangers, presentations to U.S. Customs and Border Protection at the international border, and training to our inspectors on firewood to prevent GSOB being distributed by plant nursery stock.

We would like to support our cooperating agencies in their efforts to protect the sustainability of natural resources of the oak woodlands and make the backcountry corridors safe from wildfire and hazards created by dead and dying oak trees. We look forward to participating in developing the appropriate boundaries to define the ZOI in San Diego County.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have comments or questions, please call 760-694-2741.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa Leondis".

LISA LEONDIS
Agriculture Commissioner
Sealer of Weights & Measures

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