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**Subject:** All Board Members - Board Contact Form  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 13, 2020 7:07:37 PM

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EXTERNAL

Name \* Sue Dremann  
Select a Choice \* All Board Members

Email \* [REDACTED]

Location: (i.e. City, Address or District Ward) Palo Alto

Daytime Phone Number (if you wish to be contacted by phone) [REDACTED]

Comments: \*

Dear MROSD Board,

Thank you for taking my question at the May 13 scoping session for the wildland resiliency program. I asked whether the fact that the public could not add comments online regarding the scoping documents would potentially result in a consideration of an extension of the comment period.

Staff responded that only one link was broken and it was fixed. Staff did not tell you that the broken link meant the comment form did not exist on the website, and therefore no comments could be made or received. While the link has been fixed as of today, it still isn't clear how many comments have not been received for this document since the beginning of the comment period opened.

People are often discouraged when they are not able to access forms or information and might not then provide comment that you should receive and that they are under law entitled to make. Since the comment period has already been open for three weeks, would you investigate how long the form has not been available to the public?

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## DRAFT RESPONSE FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

Dear Ms. Dremann,

Thank you for raising the suggestion to extend the public comment period for the Wildland Fire Resiliency Program in light of a temporary broken link to the public comment form on our website. We share your concern that a previously broken link on the website may have discouraged public comment. While the broken link was not the only way the public could provide comment on the Wildland Fire Resiliency Program, we are extending the public comment period through June 18, 2020 and resending public notifications to encourage robust public participation in this important project.

Fortunately, the link that was broken was a secondary link to the public comment form. Given that our main link remained in working order and given also our multiple pathways for members of the public to submit comments, we received numerous comments since the Notice of Preparation was first issued on April 27, 2020. Nonetheless, we will extend the comment period through June 18, 2020, giving a substantial extension of time for people to submit additional comments on the Program and the scoping process.

Thank you again for submitting your comments and for continuing to follow the Program development. We welcome any additional comments that you may have on this Program.

Sincerely,

Board President Karen Holman

CC:

Board of Directors  
General Manager Ana Ruiz  
Senior Resource Management Specialist and Project Manager Coty Sifuentes-Winter