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The Honorable Edmund G. Brown Jr.  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol, First Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
VIA Email: [Leg.Unit@gov.ca.gov](mailto:Leg.Unit@gov.ca.gov)

**RE: SB 901 (Dodd) Wildfires - Request for SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Brown,

The City of Vista supports SB 901 (Dodd) and urges your signature of the measure. This bill is the product of months of work by your Administration, the Legislature and the Conference Committee on Wildfire Preparedness and Response.

As the costly and destructive wildfires over the past two years illustrate, extreme fire conditions have become a year-round concern. SB 901 provides comprehensive solutions to address numerous issues related to wildfires, while still protecting communities' ability to rebuild after a wildfire. We appreciate the new safety and prevention measures in this bill and expansion of the qualified use of Mutual Aid funding to allow for pre-positioning of equipment and personnel.

The City of Vista supports efforts that reflect a positive, collective, and cohesive approach to regional solutions, as long as local control is maintained. SB 901 will provide much needed funding for mutual-aid and pre-positioning of local fire resources to support the City of Vista, communities throughout the San Diego region and the State of California.

We support this comprehensive plan which will allow more robust response from statewide fire agencies, and will establish policies that improve the safety of our communities. For these reasons, the City of Vista urges you to sign SB 901 (Dodd).

Sincerely,

Judy Ritter  
Mayor  
City of Vista

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