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ATTACHMENT 10

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To: State Board of Fire Services

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Subject/Agenda Action Item:

Fireworks Disposal Update. This regular update is for information only and no action is required. Discussion/update of current status on the disposal/destruction of seized dangerous and illegal fireworks.

Recommended Actions:

Information/Discussion Only

Background Information:

California Health and Safety Code (HSC) §12726 delegates the CAL FIRE - Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) the responsibility for the destruction of dangerous and illegal fireworks seized by local fire departments and law enforcement agencies. Currently, there is no sustainable funding source in place for the fireworks disposal program.

Analysis/Summary of Issue

Fireworks disposal operations are on-going with the emergency burning operation. To date, the OSFM has disposed approximately 44,500 lbs. of seized fireworks. 22,000 lbs. of seized fireworks were disposed of using an emergency burn permit from DTSC and local fire and air quality control authorities and 22,500 lbs. were disposed by shipping out of state.

We have approximately 205,500 pounds of seized illegal fireworks currently being stored by local fire and law enforcement agencies.