Dear Fellow Cal-Shasta Members:

At a recent meeting of the Fire Safe Council there was a discussion regarding several proposed laws and changes to existing laws. Of particular interest is Senate Bill 55 which is now in committee at the California State Legislature. A copy of the bill is attached to this email.

Basically, all the property in Cal-Shasta is in what California describes as a "SRA" (State Responsibility Area) and a Very High Fire Danger area. **This law will PROHIBIT any new construction on properties in an "SRA"! It affects all types of structures and removes any authority from SLO County to approve structures going forward.** 

From what we understand approximately 40% of all the land in California will become a "SRA". This law is basically a "taking" of property since owners will not have any control on what they can do with their property. We recommend contacting our State and local legislators to let them know that we strongly <u>OPPOSE</u> passage of this law. A list of the legislators and

# their contact info is listed below. Please email, phone, or send a letter today.

We are not certain what the final bill will contain. If you plan on building any "permitted" structure in the future, you may want to pay very close attention to SB55.

Also, the Fed's are simultaneously proposing a similar law through the Forestry Department to stop all construction in similar zones in California.

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If we all work on this perhaps we can make a difference. If it passes it will forever negatively affect Cal-Shasta.

Thanks for your support.

For the Board of Directors,

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