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Mr. Sean Scott
The Red Guide to Recovery
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SUBJECT: *THE RED GUIDE TO RECOVERY*

Dear Mr. Scott:

This letter is in support of a disaster recovery resource which can provide valuable information to the residents of California who face the daunting task of recovering from a disaster. *The Red Guide to Recovery* has been adopted by the State of California and has support from the California Emergency Management Agency, the California Fire Chiefs Association, the California State Fire Marshal, and other emergency management and fire agencies. Our understanding is that the author and publisher have offered to print additional copies of the State of California Edition which would be a great asset to the residents of Fresno, California. As such, the FFD would like to order 300 copies for distribution in Fresno.

We are asking the state to support this effort and help build a program California can be proud to provide its citizens. The FFD is currently promoting the "Ready, Set, Go" program from the International Association of Fire Chiefs, which deals with what to do in the event of a Wildland fire. This is a great program; however, it does not deal with the emotional, financial, and physical damage caused by natural disasters. The question is not "if" a disaster hits, but "when" a disaster strikes in our state. It is imperative to be prepared for any such event.

It is our sincerest hope that members of the California Division of Emergency Management will value and support this program in Fresno, California. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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"To protect and put service above all else."