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RE: PURCHASE OF BAGGED LUNCHES AND OTHER PREPARED MEALS

To Whom It May Concern:

It is critical for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) to maintain its ability to purchase bagged lunches and other prepared meals in support of emergencies. CAL FIRE must provide meals to fire fighting personnel during the first 24 hours of an emergency prior to the availability of mobile kitchen facilities at the incident location. It is not uncommon for up to 500 fire fighters to be dispatched and deployed to an emergency such as a wildland fire in rural or remote areas during the initial attack phase. These personnel are assigned to fire engines and hand crews, or are filling individual assignments on the fire line where it is not practical and often not possible to leave their location to pick up a meal and sign a meal roster. Meals are typically delivered to the fire line or other emergency locations by logistical support staff and field supervisors via ground or air transportation.

Sincerely,

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cc: Russ Greenlee, Accounting Administrator, HQ.