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Please add the following to agenda item 4 public comment for the meeting tomorrow. Thank you.

For ESCOG board members not already familiar with a new wildfire mitigation effort in Inyo, Mono, and Alpine counties, we wish to introduce this Sierra Nevada Conservancy supported project. The Eastern California Water Association was awarded a grant earlier this year through the California Department of Conservation's Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program. The purpose of this program is to increase regional capacity to prioritize, develop, and implement projects that improve ecosystem health and fire resilience and facilitate greenhouse gas emissions reductions. Rick Kattelman and Holly Alpert are directing the grant through ECWA with the help of Sierra Corps fellow Marlon Charneau. We recently completed an initial capacity assessment, which entailed interviewing stakeholders throughout the eastern Sierra, including several ESCOG board members. Based on the findings of the capacity assessment, our next step is to apply for a grant through the California Fire Safe Council to focus on visitor outreach and education around fire safety in the eastern Sierra. We look forward to working with ESCOG on these issues in the future.

submitted by Holly Alpert of Bishop and Rick Kattelman of Sunny Slopes