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Thomas W. Mayfield
Chairman
Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors
1010 10th Street
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Subject: Support to the June 2008 Lightning Fires

Dear Mr. Chairman:

During the recent emergency response to the June 2008 Lightning Fires, Royjindar Singh, provided an extraordinary service by assisting with the staffing of a neighboring county's Emergency Operations Center. Mr. Singh filled a request sent to Chief Gary Henshaw, your county Emergency Services Director, for a Public Information Officer to support another county during their time of need as they were fighting fires that threatened lives and property. Royjindar provided much needed relief to the existing county Public Information Officer during the fire fight that extended over a period of weeks.

Mr. Singh responded at the direction of Chief Gary Henshaw, the Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services Coordinator as he facilitated the request sent out to Inland Region counties for public information officer assistance through the State's Emergency Managers' Mutual Aid System. This was an excellent example of how the California mutual aid works and is consistent with the direction our state is taking to respond to all disasters. Gary's and Royjindar's response in such a timely manner provided the requesting county with an invaluable service.

On behalf of the Inland Region, the Governor's Office of Emergency Services and all associated emergency professionals I commend Royjindar Singh's assistance, Chief Gary Henshaw's coordination and Stanislaus County for stepping forward to assist a neighbor.

Sincerely,

STEPHEN SELLERS
Deputy Director
Regional Operations Division