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TO: Local Elected Officials, City Managers  
Counties of Napa, Sonoma, and Solano

DATE: October 17, 2017

FR: Executive Director

RE: North Bay Wildfire Response

On behalf of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Association of Bay Area Governments, we offer you and your communities our deepest support and empathy as you navigate a very challenging and stressful environment. We, as a region, are watching your response to the fires with hope and best wishes for a swift recovery. You have the support of the region behind you and while we do not pretend to have all the answers, rest assured that we stand ready to offer you our assistance to help rebuild your communities.

As you transition from disaster response to long-term recovery efforts, we want to make you aware of a number of resources to guide you through the process. We have developed a Web site (<http://resilience.abag.ca.gov/north-bay-fire-resources/>) with links to resources to help support recovery and rebuilding management, including re-housing residents, considering land use planning changes, rebuilding your economy, identifying and rebuilding damaged infrastructure, and managing federal assistance. Our staff is available to provide support to you to help utilize these resources most effectively.

Most importantly, we ask - **how can we best support you?** In our new consolidated staffing structure, we are still learning how we can utilize our combined resources to be of greatest use to our jurisdictions. We will continue to reach out to you, but please also reach out to us and tell us what, as cities, counties, and special districts, you need from us to help you navigate this new world. Please direct inquiries to Alix Bockelman, Deputy Executive Director, Policy at [abockelman@bayareametro.gov](mailto:abockelman@bayareametro.gov).

As we watch the news, the weather reports, and the stories coming from your communities, our hearts go out to you and everyone affected by the fires. Please know that you have the strength of the region behind you during these difficult times.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Heminger", with a long, sweeping underline.

Steve Heminger  
Executive Director

Cc: ABAG Executive Board  
MTC Commission