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BULLETIN #1460

Re: Commissioner Invokes New Moratorium on Cancellations and Nonrenewals on Residential Property Insurance In Del Norte and Siskiyou Counties

Commissioner Ricardo Lara has issued <u>Bulletin 2023-6</u> to all admitted and nonadmitted insurers writing residential property insurance in California, instituting a one-year moratorium on cancellations and non-renewals due to wildfire risk in Del Norte and Siskiyou counties. The moratorium is effective retroactive to August 29, 2023, the date of Governor Gavin Newsom's emergency declaration in response to the Smith River complex fire and the Happy Valley complex fire.

The ZIP codes included in this moratorium are as follows: 95531, 95532, 95543, 95546, 95548, 95556, 95567, 95568, 96039, 95543, 95556, 95568, 96027, 96031, 96032, 96034,96037, 96039, 96044, 96050, 96085, 96086, and 96097. The moratorium remains in place until August 29, 2024.

If any insurer has already issued nonrenewals or cancellations due to wildfire risk in the listed ZIP codes, it must offer to rescind those notices and reinstate or renew those policies.

Insurers or producers with questions about the CDI's bulletin may contact Daniel R. Wade, the senior staff counsel with the CDI's Rate Enforcement Bureau. Mr. Wade can be reached at Daniel.Wade@insurance.ca.gov.