

To the Editor,

Please be advised that Fox-6 news back in I believe 2008, Brooke Beare, did a piece on my findings regarding cause and origin of the 2007 Witch Creek Fire. I was recently retained to investigate the 2017 Napa Valley fires. Upon me discovering the cause and origin of how so many fires started at the same time, the California Public utilities Commission declined an opportunity for me to share and teach them what has caused so may major wild fires in California since 2003.

I am providing you the email string with the CPUC and a letter I sent them today outlining the cause of the 2017 fires in Napa.

I hope this gets somebody's attention, I have not given it to the main stream media as I do not want them to twist the truth before it gets out. The bureaucrats and politician's in California have lost it. Know body cares about the safety of those who live here.

Please be advised that the Fire Hazards that started the northern California fires still exists and if not corrected will start more fires. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (714) 448-7145

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**Subject:** RE: 2017 Northern California Fires - Follow Up

Ms. Terkeurst,

With your failure to reply to my last email with your Supervisors contact information and my total confusion on why you would take the position to look the other way when there has been so much devastation over the years with California Wild Fires, especially the 2017 Napa fires, I have sent out the attached letter giving some insight to my findings and attempting to find someone in the CPUC, PG&E,

Cal Fire the media etc. who wants to learn what caused the fires. There obviously is too much at stake with people's lives, safety, homes, loved ones etc for me to accept your willingness not to thoroughly explore and understand why so many fires started at once. It is also not acceptable for you to realize or look the other way that the Fire Hazard still exist and you don't want to know why.

It was obvious from our short phone conversation, you do not have a clue nor do your Engineers since you indicated you did not think the CPUC has determined the fires started at the same time.

I surely did not want to be in an adversarial position, however failure to recognize the hazard and start moving to the resolution to mitigate the threat of more fires this next year, I will move to be a voice and hopefully find someone who feels a responsibility to oversee the utilities in this state and the safety of those who live here.

No doubt after what I shared with the CPUC following the 2007 Witch Creek fire including the cause of the 2003 paradise and Cedar fire, and the CPUC failure to take action when given notice when shown in person, is really a bad situation for a lot of people who failed to do their job and let everybody in this state down.

I am so frustrated that egos are more important than public Safety to this CPUC. If there is any person in the CPUC who will set aside past failures to take action, and want to move to make this a safer State from Wild Fires, I am happy to meet.

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**From:** TerKeurst, Charlotte [<mailto:charlotte.terkeurst@cpuc.ca.gov>]

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**To:** Ed Clark - The Electrical Expert <[ed@theelectricalexpert.com](mailto:ed@theelectricalexpert.com)>

**Subject:** RE: 2017 Northern California Fires - Follow Up

Hello Mr. Clark,

I've shared your concerns with the engineers who are investigating the northern California fires. We are undertaking extensive investigations and fact gathering that will address the issues you've raised, along with many other issues. We don't see a need to have a meeting, and want to focus on the investigations that we have underway. However, I appreciate that you've brought your concerns to our attention.

Best regards,

Charlotte

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**Sent:** Friday, March 23, 2018 11:45 AM

**To:** TerKeurst, Charlotte  
**Subject:** FW: 2017 Northern California Fires - Follow Up

Good morning Ms. Terkeurst,

Early last week you had mentioned you would get back to me within a couple of days to let me know if the CPUC was interested in meeting with me to hear my findings regarding what started the 2017 fires in Northern California. Can you please advise me one way or the other if a meeting will get scheduled. If I don't hear back from you, I will presume the CPUC is not interested in a meeting to learn and understand what is causing so many large fires in California

Thank you

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**Subject:** FW: 2017 Northern California Fires - Follow Up

Ms. Terkeurst,

On February 23, 2018 we spoke regarding causation of the 2017 Northern California fires. We spoke about scheduling a meeting so I could put on a presentation in order for me to explain to the CPUC how so many fires started at the same time. You indicated you would need to wait to let others you would like to have attend return from vacation. As I indicated if the CPUC is interested in my presentation I would need a couple of weeks to prepare.

Please advise if the CPUC is interested in my findings that started the fires listed in my previous email. If you are going to schedule a meeting at some point, then I will proceed with putting my presentation together.

You can also call me at 714 448-7145

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**Subject:** 2017 Northern California Fires

Ms. Terkeurst,

Thank you for the time on the phone today. I will look forward to scheduling a date late March for me to present to the California Public Utilities Commission the source of what started the 2017 Northern California Fires. Please allow me about three weeks' notice for scheduling as I have a busy calendar. I will travel to Northern California to present my findings.

For your information,

I investigated the Tubbs, Atlas, Nuns, Cherokee, Sulphur, Redwood, Potter, Partrick, Adobe, Norrbom, Banger, Laport and Cascade fires. I would suggest personnel with the following background to attend if possible.

1. A relay protection Engineer with Ground Relay Protection and Ground fault analysis background
2. Transmission Design Engineering for wood pole Sub-Transmission lines
3. Distribution Pole Top Transformer Design Engineer
4. Transient Voltage Analysis Engineer
5. Management background running a utility Distribution yard following a major storm, lightning strike or system disturbance.
6. Strong Utilities Operations Back Ground.

Please be advised, although I was retained to perform the investigation, and PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF SUCH A LARGE PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE,, the firm agreed to let me present my finding directly to the CPUC to allow your discovery and investigations to focus on the issues that started the 2017 fires. I am doing this on my own without counsel as I did with the CPUC for the 2007 Witch Creek fire that allowed the CPUC to obtain the discovery necessary from the utility for its own internal investigation.

I will outline:

1. Why so many fires?
2. How come so many fires at the same time?
3. Root Cause (TWO MAJOR DESIGN PROBLEMS) of what started the fires as far as 300 miles apart from each other?
4. How did they get so large so fast?
5. **The remedies to take corrective action prior to the next fire season before another fire starts.**

You can reach me on my cell phone at 714 448-7145 or via email.

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