



DEPARTMENT OF
**EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT**
SONOMA COUNTY

August 8, 2019

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

PROTECT.

RE: SONOMA COUNTY WIRELESS EMERGENCY ALERT TEST

Dear Secretary Dortch:

Request is respectfully submitted for approval of an FCC Rule Waiver to allow a live Emergency Alert System (EAS) and Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) test by the Sonoma County Department of Emergency Management (DEM). DEM is the primary alert and warning authority for IPAWS in Sonoma County.

PREPARE.

Building upon the success of our September 18, 2018 live test, our goal is to build confidence and familiarization among our citizens so that they may become familiar with the various alert and warning channels. Upon approval, the live test will be conducted on September 5, 2019. This test will target select areas within Sonoma County as a functional exercise to test the alerting capabilities with Non-Weather Emergency Messages on the NOAA Weather Radio.

EMPOWER.

The text of the test will read: **TEST message from Sonoma County Emergency Management. Go to socopsa.org for more info.**

The opportunity to partner with FCC, FEMA, and NOAA to test the alert functionality within Sonoma County is appreciated. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Christopher Godley
Director

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