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HEARING ANNOUNCEMENT AND AGENDA
BOARD 2017 REGULATION AND PRIORITIES REVIEW

Announcement Date: October 4, 2017

REGULAR SESSION

December 6, 2017

Time: Approximately 9:00 a.m.

Location: Resources Bldg. Auditorium
1416 Ninth Street (first floor)
Sacramento, California

The Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) has the responsibility to maintain a comprehensive and effective system of regulation for all timberlands subject to the Z'Berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act (PRC § 741 and §§ 4511-13). To assure the efficacy of Forest Practice Rules, the Board must have the most current information possible on the implementation and effectiveness of rules adopted in accordance with the Act (PRC §§ 4551-4555). Currently, the Board must adopt regulations promulgated pursuant to the Forest Practices Act no later than its September Board Meetings to enable implementation on January 1st of the year following adoption (PRC § 4554.5 and Gov. Code §11340 *et.seq.*). Given this statutory framework, it is necessary for the Board to receive timely feedback regarding rule implementation and effectiveness to meet its responsibility to the public and protect the state's interests. In addition, the Board is responsible for promulgating regulations for the fire protection system of the State Responsibility Areas in California.

To assure the timely dissemination and effective implementation of rule language, as well as to assist and improve subsequent rulemaking efforts, **the Board is requesting public comment, and a presentation by the Department, at the regularly scheduled Board meeting in December addressing the following:**

1. Areas where questions exist on interpretation of the regulatory standards, including potential solutions.
2. Issues encountered in achieving compliance with the regulatory standard of rules, including potential solutions.
3. Suggested regulatory modifications which would either 1) clarify existing rule language to better achieve the intended resource protection, or 2) which would reduce regulatory inefficiencies and maintain the same or better level of protection.

Written comments to be considered by the Board at the hearing shall be submitted no later than **5:00 p.m. on November 22, 2017**. Written comments may also be sent via U.S Mail to Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, Attn: Matt Dias, Executive Officer, P.O. Box 944246, Sacramento, CA. 94244-2460 or via e-mail at publiccomments@bof.ca.gov.