

NOTICE OF DECISION

To:

Honorable Wade Crowfoot
Secretary of Resources
Natural Resources Agency
State of California
Sacramento, CA 94244-2460

From:

Board of Forestry and Fire Protection
P.O. Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244-2460

Contact: Jane Van Susteren, Regulations Coordinator, State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, P.O. Box 944246, Sacramento, CA 94244-2460

Subject: Notice of Decision made pursuant to Section 21080.5 of the Public Resource Code (PRC), and Sections 1145 of Title 14 California Code of Regulations (CCR).

Project Title: "Drought Mortality and Forest Fire Prevention Exemption Amendments, 2024" [Regular Rulemaking]

Project Type: Regulatory Action, adoption of amendments to California Code of Regulations, Title 14: amend 14 CCR §§ 1038(d), 1038.3(k), and 1052.4, repeal § 1038(f), and adopt § 1038.3(x).

Project Description: The project is intended to provide an acreage limitation for the Drought Mortality Exemption; remove the now-expired Small Timberland Owner Exemption from the Rules, update the canopy closure requirements for the Forest Fire Prevention Exemption and place those requirements within 14 CCR § 1038.3 with other existing Forest Fire Prevention Exemption regulations instead of within 14 CCR § 1052.4; and provide the accurate expiration date for the Forest Fire Prevention Exemption.

Project Location: All non-federally owned state and private timberland throughout the state.

This is to advise that the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection adopted the above rulemaking on June 8, 2022, and made the following findings regarding the above action:

1. The Board has considered adverse environmental effects from the action described above. Such consideration was conducted to meet California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for a project by using the functional equivalent certification to an EIR granted to the Board for its rulemaking process pursuant to PRC 21080.5.
2. The Board has not identified any adverse environmental effects as a result of the adopted rules.
3. The Board made other findings as part of its Final Statement of Reasons contained in the official administrative record.

This to certify that the administrative regulatory file, prepared pursuant to Section 21080.5 of the Public Resources, is available to the General Public at: State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, Room 1506-14, 715 P St., Sacramento, CA.

Signature: 

Title: Regulations Coordinator

File Date: August 21, 2024

Posting Period: 30 days from file date