

NOTICE OF DECISION

To:

Honorable Wade Crowfoot
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From:

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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: "Less Than 3-acre Conversion Exemption Amendments, 2024" [Regular Rulemaking]

Project Type: Regulatory Action, adoption of amendments to California Code of Regulations, Title 14 CCR §§ 1100, and 1104.1.

Project Description: The project is intended to revise the regulatory spatial and temporal limitations of the existing less than 3-acre conversion exemption within 1104.1 to provide additional clarity; 2) improve the clarity and efficiency of the regulations related to the regulatory exemptions authorized by PRC § 4584(g) to make them consistent with the regulatory revisions to exemptions following the passage of SB 901 and general purpose of the Act to provide adequate resource protection while maintaining a minimally burdensome ministerial permitting process for those activities; 3) adopt the waiver of the one-time conversion permitted by the passage of AB 1526; 4) establish an option for the waiver of the contiguous land ownership limitation for less than 3-acre conversion exemptions, 5) clarify some aspects of the less than three acre exemption submission, notification, and review process; and 6) improve the overall clarity of the regulations and to ensure consistency with the purposes of the Act, particularly those purposes related to resource protection.

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: September 27, 2024

Posting Period: 30 days from file date