

## **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:** "Forest Resilience and Oak Woodland Exemption, 2025" [Certificate of Compliance Rulemaking]

**Project Type:** Regulatory Action, adoption of amendments to California Code of Regulations, Title 14 §§ 895, 895.1, 1038, 1038.3, 1038.4, 1052.1, and 1052.4

**Project Description:** The rulemaking makes changes to the Oak Woodland Exemption, allowing use of the exemption to maintain stands of California black oak and Oregon white oak in additional circumstances and in more parts of the state. It also renames the "Forest Fire Prevention Exemption" the "Forest Resilience Exemption", and amends that exemption to meet new statutory requirements promoting forests resilient to climate change and wildfire impacts. Changes are made to the definition of "dbh" and "diameter" to reflect the use of these measurements as an enforcement standard. These regulatory changes are in response to changes made to PRC § 4584 by AB 2276 (2024).

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

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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: November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Posting Period: 30 days from file date