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Board of Forestry Members and Staff:

There always seems to be some confusion about rule 926.25 Santa Cruz County special rule. I was involved in the development of this rule which is intended to better match harvest with growth than utilizing just the 913.8 (60/40) rule.

To be in compliance with 926.25 the RPF need to state 2 pieces of information in the THP:

1. The intensity of harvest in the proposed THP.
2. The number of years since the last harvest (completion date of last operations).

With these 2 pieces of information compliance with the rule can be determined.

Examples:

- A proposed THP with a 51% or greater proposed intensity of harvest will require the previous harvest to have been completed 14 years ago.
- A proposed THP with a 50% or less proposed intensity of harvest defaults to the standard 10 year description of 913.8a

Note: The intensity of the previous harvest is not required to be known for 926.25 nor is the intensity of the next future harvest. Also the interval between the proposed harvest and the next future harvest is not affected by the proposed current intensity of harvest. The rule was written to be enforceable at the time of submission with the 2 pieces of readily available information stated above.

I hope this can help clarify any confusion.

Sincerely,

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