

1 **'BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION**

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4
5 **"WORKING FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN"**

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7 Where the abbreviation THP, the term Timber Harvesting Plan, or the word plan is used in Chapter 4,
8 Subchapters 1 through 6 and Chapter 4.5 it shall also mean Working Forest Management Plan as
9 specified in Article 7.7 of the PRC. In Subchapter 7 this equivalency will occur for all sections except 1031
10 through 1042 that are not referenced in this Article.

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12 **1094.1 Working Forest Management Plan and Working Forest Harvest Notice Filing Locations**

13 The Working Forest Management Plan (WFMP) or Working Forest Harvest Notice for proposed timber
14 operations provided for by Article 7.7, Chapter 8, Part 2, Division 4 of the PRC (commencing with Sec.
15 4597) shall be submitted in writing to the Director at the appropriate CAL FIRE Review Team Office
16 having jurisdiction for the timber operations, and shall contain the information specified in 14 CCR §
17 1094.6 and 1094.8. [NOTE: For CAL FIRE Review Team Office addresses, see 14 CCR § 1032.]

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19 **1094.2 Definitions**

20 The following definitions apply to this article:

21 (a) "Late succession forest stands" - means stands of dominant and predominant trees that meet the
22 criteria of the California Wildlife Habitat Relationships System class 5D, 5M, or 6 with an open,
23 moderate, or dense canopy closure classification, often with multiple canopy layers, and are at least 10
24 acres in size. Functional characteristics of late succession forest stands include large decadent trees,
25 snags, and large down logs.

26 (b) "Long-term sustained yield" (LTSY) means the average annual growth sustainable by the inventory
27 predicted at the end of a 100-year planning horizon, or a shorter planning horizon if the forest
28 encompassed by the WFMP has reached a balance between growth and yield.

1 (c) "Major stand type" means a stand that occupies an area equal to or greater than 25 percent of a
2 WFMP.

3 (d) "Management unit" means a geographically identifiable area delineated for silviculture or
4 management purposes. A management unit is intended to reflect an area scheduled for harvest under
5 the plan in any given year, but may also be designated to address specific resource sensitivities.

6 (e) "Stand" means a geographically identifiable group of trees sufficiently uniform in age-class
7 distribution, composition, and structure and growing on a site of sufficiently uniform quality to be a
8 distinguishable unit.

9 (f) "Strata" means a grouping of similar stands defined for silvicultural or management purposes, usually
10 according to similarities in stand composition, structure, and age.

11 (g) "Sustained yield" means the yield of commercial wood that an area of commercial timberland can
12 produce continuously at a given intensity of management consistent with required environmental
13 protection and that is professionally planned to achieve over time a balance between growth and
14 removal. Sustained yield management implies continuous production planned so as to achieve, at the
15 earliest practical time, a balance between growth and harvest.

16 (h) "Uneven aged management" means forest management with the goal of establishing a well-stocked
17 stand of various age classes, which permits the periodic harvest of individual or small groups of trees to
18 achieve sustained yield objectives of the WFMP, and provide for regeneration of trees and maintenance
19 of age class structure.

20 (i) "Working Forest Harvest Notice" means notice of timber harvest operations, pursuant to an approved
21 WFMP, which meets the requirements of Section 4597.11.

22 (j) "Working forest landowner" means an owner of timberland with equal to or less than 15,000 acres
23 who has an approved WFMP and is not primarily engaged in the manufacture of forest products.

24 (k) "Working forest management plan" (WFMP) means a management plan for working forest
25 timberlands, with objectives of maintaining, restoring, or creating uneven aged managed timber stand
26 conditions, achieving sustained yield, and promoting forestland stewardship that protects watersheds,
27 fisheries and wildlife habitats, and other important values.

Comment [MRD11]: Based on May Committee discussion.

1 (l) "Working forest timberlands" means timberlands owned by a working forest landowner.

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3 **1094.3 WFMP Submittal and Notice of Preparation**

4 A WFMP may be submitted with the Department in writing by a person who intends to become a

5 working forest landowner with the long-term objective of an uneven aged timber stand and sustained

6 yield through the implementation of a WFMP. The WFMP shall be prepared by a RPF. It shall be public

7 record and shall include all of the specified in 14 CCR §1094.6:

8 (a) A plan shall be submitted by the person(s) who owns the timberland included in the plan.

9 (b) Where the timber is owned by parties other than the landowner, the landowner shall give prompt
10 written notice of such plan to those parties.

11 (c) The plan submitter(s) shall prepare and submit to the Director, with the plan, a Notice of Preparation
12 to Harvest Timber (Notice of Preparation).

13 (1) If any proposed plan boundary lies within 300 ft. of any property owned by any person other
14 than the plan submitter, or

15 (2) With any plan amendment that changes a plan boundary so that the new boundary lies
16 within 300 ft. of any property owned by any person other than the plan submitter, or

17 (3) With any plan amendment that changes the silvicultural method if a Notice of Preparation
18 was required for the plan by condition (1) or (2) above.

19 (d) A Notice of Preparation shall include the following information:

20 (1) The name(s) of the plan submitter.

21 (2) The location of the plan area by county, section, township, and range, and the approximate
22 direction and distance to the plan area from the nearest community or well-known landmark.

23 (3) The name of the nearest perennial blue line stream flowing through or downstream from the
24 plan area.

25 (4) The acreage of the area to be included in the plan.

26 (5) The silvicultural method(s) proposed.

Comment [MD2]: Department Comment:
Recommend include the following: "Each WFMP permit issued by the Department shall be limited to one working forest landowner." (I have historical Dept. comments on this concern and last week Leslie reiterated that this is one of her biggest issues with the NTMP. From a monitoring standpoint, its problematic to track harvest levels.) **LANDOWNERS REPS and DEPARTMENT WILL DEVELOP LANGUAGE FOR MAY MEETING.**

Comment [WU3]: PRC 4597.2

Comment [MRD14]: Department Comment #1:
a) Are all owners also plan submitters as stated in 1094.3(a)?
REVIEW DEPARTMENT LETTER DATED 04/08/14 FOR COMMENTS B-D.

1 (6) The estimated earliest date that the Director may approve the plan as he/she has indicated
2 | in the WFMP instructions as specified in 14 CCR § 1094.18.

3 (7) A statement that the public may review the plan at the specified CAL FIRE Review Team
4 | Office and a reasonable per page copy fee may be set by the Director for additional copies.

5 | (e) The person(s) submitting the plan shall furnish to the Department at the time of submission of the
6 | plan, a list of all persons, including their mailing addresses, who hold legal or equitable title to property
7 | within 300 ft. of the plan boundary. Either a list compiled from the latest equalized assessment roll or a
8 | list provided by a title insurance company doing business in California shall be deemed sufficient for
9 | compliance with the subsection.

10 | (f) The Department shall mail copies of the Notice of Preparation within two working days of receipt of
11 | the plan to all persons identified in (e) above.

12 | (g) Prior to plan submission, the person submitting the plan shall post a copy of the Notice of
13 | Preparation at a conspicuous location that is easily visible to the public and near the plan site.

14 | Notwithstanding other Board rules, the notices required by 14 CCR § 1032.10 of article 2.0 shall be
15 | completed prior to submission of the WFMP, and within counties with special rules, (14CCR, Subchapter
16 | 4, Art. 13, Subchapter 6, Art. 13) the noticing requirements will be the same as for a THP.

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18 **1094.4 Notice of Preparation-Distribution by Director**

19 The Director shall distribute copies of each Notice of Preparation within two working days of receipt to:

20 | (a) The Office of the County Clerk of the county in which operations are proposed for posting at the
21 | customary place for posting environmental affairs.

22 | (b) The local Unit headquarters for posting.

23 | (c) At such other locations as the Director may deem desirable and feasible to provide adequate public
24 | notice.

25 | (d) Any additional distribution of the Notice of Preparation required by the rules of the Board for
26 | individual counties.

27 | (e) A publically available internet database.

Comment [MRD15]: Department Comment #3:
To reduce mailing costs to the Department consider having the Plan Submitter be responsible for the mailing of NOP or consider widespread notification by newsprint.

1 **1094.5 Request for Notification of WFMP or Working Forest Harvest Notice Submission**

2 (a) Each applicable CAL FIRE Review Team Office shall maintain a list of WFMPs or Working Forest
3 Harvest Notice submitted each day.

4 (b) ~~When any person requests a notice of submissions preparation of a WFMPs, the Director shall~~
5 provide the person, free of charge, with a copy of the list of WFMPs or Working Forest Harvest Notices
6 submitted on the date or dates requested. If no specific date is requested, a copy of the lists for the
7 preceding week shall be provided.

Comment [MRD16]: THIS WHOLE CAVEOT DOES NOT MAKE SENSE. WE NEED TO RE-WRITE.

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9 **1094.6 Contents of WFMP**

10 The WFMP shall serve three functions: 1) to provide information the Director needs to determine
11 whether the proposed WFMP conforms to the rules of the Board; 2) to provide information and
12 direction for timber management so it complies with the rules of the Board and the management
13 objectives of the landowner; and 3) to disclose the potential effects of timber management to the
14 public. For the WFMP to serve these functions, it shall, as a minimum, contain the following information:

Comment [MRD17]: Department Comment #4
In addition to the 3 identified functions, should "meet other California Laws and regulations such as notification for DFW 1611 projects and State Water Quality Control Board" be added.

15 (a) Name, address and telephone number of the timberland owner(s) or designated agent.

16 (b) Name, address, and telephone number of the timber owner(s) (if different).

17 (c) Name, address, telephone number, and registration number of RPF who prepared the plan.

18 ~~(d) A description of the plan area within which timber operations are to be conducted. The description~~
19 ~~shall include the following:~~

20 ~~(d) A United States Geological Survey quadrangle map or equivalent, of a scale not less than 2" per mile,~~
21 ~~indicating the location of all streams, the location of all proposed and existing logging truck roads, and~~
22 ~~the boundaries of all site I classification timberlands to be stocked in accordance with subdivision (b) of~~
23 ~~Section 4561. In addition this map(s) shall include:~~

24 (1) Boundaries of WFMP management unit(s).

25 (2) Boundaries of yarding (logging) systems, if more than one system is to be used.

26 (3) Location of public roads within the plan area, and private roads appurtenant to the timber
27 operations where such roads are under the ownership or control of the timberland owner and are

Comment [MRD18]: Department Comment #5:
What specific descriptions of appurtenant roads would be required?

1 contiguous with the plan area, and classification of all proposed and existing logging roads as
2 permanent, seasonal, or temporary roads.

3 (4) Probable location of proposed and existing landings in the watercourse and lake protection
4 zone, and landings outside the zone that are greater than 1/4 acre in size or whose construction involves
5 substantial excavation.

6 (5) Location of area(s) of high or extreme erosion hazard rating.

7 (6) Location of all watercourses with Class I, II, III, or IV waters.

8 (7) Location of known unstable areas or slides.

9 (8) Location of understocked areas and other areas not normally bearing timber to at least a 20-
10 acre minimum, or as specified in the district rules.

11 (9) Location of boundaries of timber-site classes needed for determination of stocking standards
12 to be applied, down to at least a 2010-acre minimum or as specified in the district rules.

13 (10) The locations and classifications of roads, watercourse crossings, and landings to be
14 abandoned shall be shown.

15 (11) A soils map where available.

16 (12) Late Successional Forest stands or strata

17 (13) Location of unique areas including Coastal Commission Special Treatment Areas or other
18 special treatment areas.

19 (14) Location of all existing and proposed permanent watercourse crossing drainage structures
20 and temporary crossings on Class I and II watercourses on roads; if a permanent culvert is involved, the
21 minimum diameter shall be provided.

22 (15) Road failures on existing roads to be reconstructed.

23 (e) A description of the plan area within which timber operations are to be conducted. The description
24 shall include the following:

25 (1) township, range, and section number(s),

26 (2) county name(s),

27 (3) CALWATER V2.2 planning watershed number(s), and

- 1 (4) The forest district and subdistrict (if any) in which the WFMP is located.
- 2 (5) A description of present and proposed plan area uses other than timber production.
- 3 (6) A description by the RPF of the inventory design and standards which, at a minimum, shall
4 include:
- 5 (A) The baseline conditions found on the WFMP including the future conditions and
6 planning horizon associated with the estimate of LTSY.
- 7 (B) Describe the design of inventory plots or strips, cruise lines and reference points
8 between plots or strips, that are sufficient to facilitate initial review of the WFMP.
- 9 (C) The type of projections or models used for projecting growth and yield shall be
10 appropriate for stand conditions and the period of time necessary to estimate achievement of LTSY.
- 11 (7) A description of the inventory design and timber stand stratification criteria that
12 demonstrates that the inventory supporting the growth and yield calculations used to determine LTSY
13 for the WFMPs meets the following minimum standards:
- 14 (A) For major stand or strata, the inventory estimate shall be within 15 percent of the
15 mean at one standard error.
- 16 (B) For stand or strata that make up greater than 10 percent and less than 25 percent of
17 the WFMP area, the estimate shall be no greater than 25 percent of the mean at one standard
18 error.
- 19 (C) Inventory estimates and growth and yield shall be projected for the purposes of
20 determining LTSY and volumes available for harvest by stand or strata and aggregated for the
21 area covered by the WFMP to develop the LTSY estimate. LTSY estimates shall reasonably
22 reflect constraints applicable to the working forest timberlands on forest management
23 activities. Reasonable constraints shall include biologic and economic factors, while accounting
24 for limits on productivity due to constraints imposed from consideration of other forest values,
25 including but not limited to, recreation, watershed, wildlife, range and forage, fisheries, regional
26 economic activity, employment and aesthetic enjoyment.

1 (8) A description and discussion of the methods to be used to avoid significant sediment
2 discharge to watercourses from timber operations. This shall include disclosure of active erosion sites
3 from roads, skid trails, crossings, or any other structures or sites that have the potential to discharge
4 sediment attributable to timber operations into waters of the state resulting in significant sediment
5 discharge and violation of water quality requirements, an amount deleterious to the beneficial uses of
6 water. ~~The WFMP shall also include an erosion control implementation plan and a schedule to~~
7 implement erosion controls that prioritizes significant existing erosion site(s). This subdivision shall not
8 apply to the extent that the RPF provides documentation to the Department that the WFMP is in
9 compliance with similar requirements of other applicable provisions of law.

Comment [MRD19]: Does not include "potential" due to 4597.2 and Committee review of legislative intent during May Committee meeting.

10 (9) Special provisions to protect unique areas, if any, within the WFMP area.

11 (10) A description of the property and planned activities including acres and projected growth,
12 existing stand types, major stand types or strata, its current projected growth by strata, silvicultural
13 applications method(s) to be applied to strata to achieve LTTY, projected timber volumes and tree sizes
14 to be available for harvest, and projected frequencies of harvest.

15 _____ (A) Silvicultural method(s) to be applied during the initial harvest(s), projected future
16 harvest(s) and method(s) used in the projected growth and yield to achieve LTTY.

17 (11) A description of late succession forest stands in the plan area and how the total acreage of
18 this type of habitat will be maintained across the plan area under a constraint of no net loss. Nothing in
19 this requirement shall be interpreted to preclude active management on any given acre of an approved
20 plan if the management is conducted in a manner that maintains or enhances the overall acreage of late
21 succession forest stands that existed in the plan area upon initial plan approval. An exception to the no
22 net loss constraint may be granted in the event of a catastrophic loss due to emergency factors such as
23 wildfire, insect, and disease activity. The description shall include the following:

24 (A) Retention measures for existing biological legacies such as snags, trees with cavities
25 or basal hollows, and down logs, and address how management of those legacies shall be
26 managed over time appropriate with the forest type, climate, and landowner's forest fire fuels
27 and wildlife management objectives.

Comment [MRD110]: Based on Department recommendation and Committee discussion in May.

1 (B) Hardwood tree species and how they will be managed over time.

2 ~~(11) Late succession forest stand types or strata shall be mapped.~~

3 (12) Disclosure of state or federally listed threatened, candidate, endangered, or rare plant or
4 animal species located within the biological assessment area, their status and habitats, take avoidance
5 methodologies, enforceable protection measures for species and habitats in the WFMP area, and how
6 forest management will maintain species and habitats within the WFMP these over time.

Comment [MRD111]: Based on Department recommendation and Committee discussion in May.

7 (13) A description of the following for each management unit:

8 (A) Acres by stand or strata and estimated growth and yield for each planned harvest
9 entry covering the period of time the LTSY plan establishes as necessary to meet growth and
10 yield objectives. The growth and yield estimates may be based on weighted average of yield for
11 the stand types or strata within the area included in the management unit.

12 (B) Yarding methods to be used.

13 (14) Management units shall be mapped.

14 (15) For LTSY projections, pursuant to 14 CCR 1094.6(e)(6), that project a reduction, over 100-
15 year planning horizon or shorter planning horizon until growth and yield are balanced, in quadratic
16 mean diameter of trees greater than 12 inches in diameter or a reduced level of inventory for a major
17 stand type or for a stand or strata that make up greater than 10 percent and less than 25 percent of the
18 WFMP area, an assessment shall be included that does all of the following:

19 (A) Addresses candidate, threatened, endangered, and sensitive species, and other fish
20 and wildlife species that timber operations could adversely impact by potential changes to
21 habitat.

22 (B) Addresses species habitat needs utilizing the "WHR system" described in "A Guide to
23 Wildlife Habitats in California," California Department of Fish and Wildlife, 1988, or comparable
24 typing system.

Comment [MRD112]: Department Comment #10: It may be appropriate to include DFW's white paper addressing WHR 6 as a reference.

25 (C) Addresses constraints to timber management, the impact of the availability and
26 distribution of habitats on the ownership and within the cumulative impacts assessment area

1 identified in the plan in relation to the harvest schedule, and the impacts of the planned
2 management activities utilizing the existing habitat as the baseline for comparison.

3 (D) Discusses and includes feasible measures planned to avoid or mitigate potentially
4 significant adverse impacts on fish or wildlife, which can include, but is not limited to,
5 recruitment or retention of large down logs greater than 16 inches in diameter and 20 feet in
6 length, retention of trees with structural features such as basal hollows, cavities, large limbs, or
7 broken tops, retention of hardwoods, and retention or recruitment of snags greater than 24
8 inches in diameter and 16 feet in height.

9 (16) A certification by the RPF preparing the plan that the RPF or a designee has personally
10 inspected the plan area and has clearly explained to the working forest landowner that the plan is a
11 long-term commitment that may require ongoing investments, including inventory sampling and road
12 maintenance, for the purpose of managing the plan.

13 ~~(16) Any other information the board requires by regulation to meet its rules and the standards~~
14 ~~of this chapter.~~

15 (17) The WFMP shall describe a future schedule of inventory sampling and analysis of LTSY,
16 which shall consider:

17 _____ (A) Site class, projected growth and yield and harvest(s).

18 _____ (B) Original projections or model calibration and accuracy.

19 _____ (C) Episodic events including disease and drought caused tree mortality, windthrow, fire
20 and reforestation.

21 _(18) A description of any cultural or historical resources known to exist with a description of
22 possible impacts and protection methods to be used during timber operations.

23 (19) Whether a timberland conversion certificate is in effect, its date of expiration, and its
24 identification number.

25 (20) Whether a timber harvesting plan is on file with the Department for any part of the plan
26 area and if a Report of Satisfactory Stocking has been issued by the Department (show plan number).

1 (21) A description of potential impacts and protections for the quality and beneficial uses of
2 waters within watercourses, lakes, and wet areas.

3 (22) A description of how the site preparation standards and stocking standards will be met.

4 (23) A description of slash treatment for site preparation, fire protection and pest protection
5 consideration.

6 (24) A description of the cumulative effects analysis with supporting information, including
7 impact of projected harvesting over the life of the plan.

8 (25) A copy of the current California forest practice regulations rules in effect at the time of
9 submission, or provide payment to CALFIRE for the cost of a current California Forest Practice Rulebook
10 at the time of Plan approval.

Comment [MRD113]: Language revisions based on Committee discussion in May.

11 (26) Explanation and justification for, and specific measures to be used for, tractor operations on
12 unstable areas, on slopes over 65%, and on areas where slopes average over 50% and the EHR is high or
13 extreme.

14 (27) Explanation and justification for tractor operations in areas designated for cable yarding.

15 (28) Winter period operating plan where appropriate.

16 (29) Explanation and justification for use of watercourse, marshes, wet meadows, and other wet
17 areas and landings, roads, or skid trails.

18 (30) Explanation and justification of any in-lieu or alternative practices for watercourse and lake
19 protection.

20 (31) Explanation of alternatives to standard rules for harvesting and erosion control.

21 (32) Explanation and justification for landings that exceed the maximum size specified in the
22 rules.

23 (33) A description of soils, surface erosion hazard, mass wasting erosion hazard, and erosion
24 control measures.

25 (34) A description of the existing and proposed road system to be used in implementation of the
26 WFMP.

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1 **1094.7 Working Forest Harvest Notice**

2 The working forest landowner who owns, leases, or otherwise controls or operates on all or any portion
3 of any timberland within the boundaries of an approved WFMP, and who plans to harvest any of the
4 timber during a given year, shall file a Working Forest Harvest Notice with the Department in writing. A
5 Working Forest Harvest Notice shall be filed prior to the harvesting of any timber and shall be effective
6 for a maximum of one year from the date of filing. If the person who files the Working Forest Harvest
7 Notice is not the owner of the timberland, the person filing the notice shall notify the timberland owner
8 by certified mail that the Working Forest Harvest Notice has been submitted and shall certify that
9 mailing to the Department.

Comment [WU14]: 4597.11

Comment [MRD115]: **Department Comment #11:** The Department would need written authorization signed by all the timberland owners that the plan submitter has the authority to submit the Plan.

10 Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, if a RPF certifies by written declaration, on behalf
11 of the timber owner or operator, that the Working Forest Harvest Notice conforms to and meets the
12 requirements of the approved WFMP under which it is filed, timber operations may commence
13 immediately. If the notice has been filed by mailing, operations may commence three days after the
14 Working Forest Harvest Notice has been mailed.

Comment [WU16]: 4597.15

16 **1094.8 Working Forest Harvest Notice Content**

17 The Working Forest Harvest Notice shall be a public record, including Department posting on a publically
18 available internet database, and shall include all of the following information:

19 (a) Name, address, and telephone number of the timberland owner(s) or designated agent.

20 (b) Name, address, and telephone number of the timber owner(s)(if different)

21 (c) Name, address, and telephone number and registration number of the licensed timber operator
22 conducting operations as per the Working Forest Harvest Notice.

Comment [MRD117]: Based on Committee discussion during May.

23 (d) Name and address, and registration number of the RPF preparing the ~~WFMP~~ Working Forest Harvest
24 Notice and the name address, and registration number of the RPF responsible pursuant to 14 CCR
25 1035(e)and (f).

Comment [MRD118]: Based on Department recommendation and Committee discussion in May.

26 (e) A description of the land on which the work is proposed to be done including the identification
27 number of the WFMP.

Comment [MD19]: **Department Comment:** INSERT: "...including updated and current map(s) of the operational area.

1 (f) A statement that no archaeological sites have been discovered in the harvest area since the approval
2 of the WFMP.

3 (g) A statement that state or federally listed rare, threatened, candidate, or endangered plant or animal
4 species have not been discovered in the harvest area since the approval of the WFMP. After the initial
5 year the plan is approved, prior to submitting the Working Forest Harvest Notice, a review shall be
6 conducted of the California Natural Diversity Database or other public databases for any species listed as
7 threatened, endangered, candidate, or rare, or species that meet the criteria of endangered or rare as
8 provided in 14 CCR 15380. When a Working Forest Harvest Notice is filed after the initial year the plan is
9 approved it shall comply with the following:

10 (1) Documented occurrences obtained from a review of public and readily available sources of
11 species state or federally listed as threatened, endangered, candidate, or rare within the biological
12 assessment area and outside the area identified in the Working Forest Harvest Notice not addressed in
13 the approved plan shall be submitted to the Director as a minor deviation concurrently with the filing of
14 a Working Forest Harvest Notice.

15 (2) Occurrences of species that are state or federally listed as threatened, endangered,
16 candidate, or rare discovered inside the area identified in the Working Forest Harvest Notice not
17 addressed in the approved plan shall be submitted to the Director as an amendment to the plan prior to
18 filing a Working Forest Harvest Notice. The amendment shall contain take avoidance and mitigation
19 measures if no such information is currently contained within the approved plan.

20 (h) A statement that, based on a field evaluation, there are no physical environmental changes in the
21 Working Forest Harvest Notice area that are so significant as to require any amendment of the WFMP.

22 (i) A certification by the RPF that states either of the following:

23 (1) The Working Forest Harvest Notice as carried out will protect the beneficial uses of water,
24 soil stability, forest productivity, and wildlife as provided by the rules and regulations of the Board and
25 other applicable provisions of law.

26 (2) Compliance with the rules and regulations of the Board and the provisions of this chapter
27 article that were in effect at the time the WFMP was approved will not result in any significant

Comment [MD20]: Department Comment:
Request from Region and Units is that we need a provision to require that any map reflect "current field condition" (versus what was submitted during review). For example, "proposed" roads hence 5 years later may now reflect "existing" roads.

1 degradation to the beneficial uses of water, soil stability, forest productivity, or wildlife and shall project
2 all listed species. This paragraph shall only apply if the RPF certifies that adherence to current or
3 modified rules and regulations of the Board would cause unreasonable additional expense to the
4 working forest landowner.

Comment [MRD121]: Based on Department recommendation and Committee discussion in May.

5 (j) Special provisions to protect unique areas, if any, within the area of timber operations.

6 (k) The expected dates of commencement and completion of timber operations during the year.

7 (l) A statement that the Working Forest Harvest Notice conforms to the provisions of the approved
8 WFMP. If any aspects of the proposed operation are less protective than the current forest practices
9 rules, an explanation of the deviation and how resource values will be adequately protected.

10 (m) An updated erosion control implementation plan that reflects ~~on~~ erosion control mitigation
11 measures for the harvest area and any appurtenant roads if conditions have changed since the Working
12 Forest Management Plan was approved and a certification from the RPF that no additional listings of
13 water bodies to the Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. Sec. 1313(d)) list have occurred on
14 the lands of the plan.

15 (n) Any other information the Board provides by regulation to meet its rules and the standards of this
16 chapter and other applicable provisions of law. ~~flaw.~~

Comment [MRD122]: Deleted per Committee discussion during May meeting.

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18 (o) In addition, the Working Forest Harvest Notice shall include:

19 (1) The type of heavy equipment to be used for yarding or road construction.

Comment [MRD123]: Deleted per Committee discussion and based on Department recommendation in May.

20 (2) Instructions on felling, yarding, road construction or reconstructions, hauling, erosion control
21 work, site preparation, erosion control maintenance, winter operations, watercourse protection
22 measures ~~and~~ slash treatment and road maintenance.

Comment [WU24]: Potentially add reference to 1094.6 for Standard Operating Procedures for operations on steep slopes tractor in Cable of operations if language is developed.

23 (3) A verification that the LTO has been briefed by the RPF on the content of the notice and intentions of
24 implementation to comply with the management plan.

Comment [MRD125]: Based on Committee discussion in May.

25 (p) On a USGS quadrangle or equivalent map, of a scale not less than 2" to the mile, the following
26 information pertinent to the Working Forest Harvest Notice shall be clearly provided. Additional maps
27 may be required to show specific details, and may be planimetric. Color coding maps shall not be used

1 unless additional black and white maps are provided to clearly show the same features. Color coding
2 shall not be used. A legend shall be included indicating the meaning of the symbols used. See the district
3 rules for the appropriate minimum mapping acreages.

Comment [MRD126]: Based on Committee discussion in May.

4 (1) Boundaries of area to be harvested where timber operation are to occur under the Working
5 Forest Harvest Notice.

Comment [MRD127]: Based Department recommendation and Committee discussion in May.

6 (2) Boundaries of areas for specified regeneration methods, intermediate treatments, special
7 harvesting methods, and alternative prescriptions that are to be applied.

8 (3) Boundaries of areas for specified yarding (logging) systems, if more than one system is to be
9 used.

10 (4) Location of public roads within the Working Forest Harvest Notice area, and private roads
11 appurtenant to the timber operations where such roads are under the ownership or control of the
12 timberland owner, and are contiguous with the Notice area, and classification all proposed and existing
13 logging roads as permanent, seasonal, or temporary roads.

14 (5) Location of proposed and existing landings in the watercourse and lake protection zone, and
15 landings outside the zone that are greater than 1/4 acre in size or whose construction involves
16 substantial excavation.

17 (6) Road failures on existing roads to be reconstructed.

18 (7) Location of all existing and proposed watercourse crossings on logging and tractor roads; if a
19 permanent culvert is involved, its minimum diameter shall be provided.

20 (8) Designate areas of low, moderate, high or extreme erosion hazard rating, if more than one.

Comment [MRD128]: Based on Department recommendation and Committee discussion in May.

21 (9) Location of watercourse with Class I, II, III or IV waters.

22 (10) Location of known unstable areas or slides.

23 (11) Location of unique areas.

25 **1094.9 WFMP Professional Judgment**

26 Where the rules or these regulations provide for the exercise of professional judgment by the RPF or the
27 Director, if there is a disagreement and if requested by either party, they shall confer on the WFMP area

1 during the WFMP review inspection and reach agreement, if possible, on the conditions and standards
2 to be included in the plan.

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4 **1094.10 Plan Submitter Responsibility**

5 The plan submitter, or successor in interest, shall:

6 (a) Ensure that an RPF conducts any activities which require an RPF.

7 (b) Provide the RPF preparing the plan or amendments with complete and correct information regarding
8 pertinent legal rights to, interests in, and responsibilities for land, timber, and access as these affect the
9 planning and conduct of timber operations.

10 (c) Sign the WFMP certifying knowledge of the plan contents and the requirements of this section.

11 (d) Within five (5) working days of change in RPF responsibilities for WFMP implementation or
12 substitution of another RPF, file with the Director a notice which states the RPF's name and registration
13 number, address, and subsequent responsibilities for any RPF required field work, amendment
14 preparation, or operation supervision. Corporations need not file notification because the RPF of record
15 on each document is the responsible person.

16 (e) Provide a copy of the approved WFMP and Working Forest Harvest Notice to the LTO.

17 (f) Notify the Director prior to commencement of site preparation operations. Receipt of a burning
18 permit is sufficient notice.

19 (g) Provide the RPF preparing the Working Forest Harvest Notice and LTO each a copy of the current
20 WFMP and subsequent amendments.

21 (h) Any change in LTO responsibilities shall be provided to the Director in writing.

22

23 **1094.11 Registered Professional Forester Responsibility**

24 (a) Upon submission of a WFMP, the RPF who prepares and signs a plan is responsible for the accuracy
25 and completeness of its contents.

Comment [MRD129]: Department Comment #18: a. Are all plan submitters responsible?
b. Should there be one Plan Submitter who is authorized by all the timberland owners?

Comment [SLF 2nd30]: Clarify organizations the need not file. This sentence is not compatible with a single submitter. Needs clarification once the issue of Plan Submitter(s) has been dealt with.

Comment [MRD131]: Based on Department recommendation and Committee discussion in May.

1 (b) The RPF preparing the plan shall: 1) Inform the Director and landowner by phone or letter if he or
2 she will be attending the review inspection; and 2) Provide the landowner a copy of the rules of the
3 Board in effect on the date of WFMP approval.

4 (c) The RPF preparing the Notice of Preparation shall list or describe in the Notice of Preparation any
5 work which will be performed by the RPF or supervised designee. This may include, but is not limited
6 to, field work in identifying watercourse and lake protection zones or special treatment areas, marking
7 trees, or other activities. The RPF is only responsible for the activities required of the RPF by the rules of
8 the Board and those activities for which he or she is employed.

9 (d) The RPF preparing the Notice of Preparation shall, in writing, inform the plan submitter(s) of their
10 responsibility pursuant to Section [1094.9] of [this] Article [6.5] for compliance with the requirements of
11 the Act and, where applicable, Board rules regarding site preparation, stocking, and maintenance of
12 roads, landings, and erosion control facilities. [NOTE: CAL FIRE will be working with the Board, Barclays
13 and OAL to correct the language in this Section (d).]

14 (e)The RPF who prepares the WFMP or prepares the Working Forest Harvest Notice, or any other RPF
15 who is employed by the owner or operator, shall report to the owner or operator if there are deviations
16 from the WFMP that, in the RPFs judgment, threaten the attainment of the resources conservation
17 standards of the WFMP.

Comment [WU32]: 4597.13

18
19 **1094.12 Interaction Between RPF and LTO on Working Forest Harvest Notice**

20 From the start of the preparation of the Working Forest Harvest Notice preparation but before
21 commencement of operations, the responsible RPF shall meet with either the LTO, or supervised
22 designee, who will be on the ground and directly responsible for the harvesting operation. The meeting
23 shall be on site if requested by either the RPF or LTO. If any amendment is incorporated to the Working
24 Forest Harvest Notice by an RPF after the first meeting, that RPF or supervised designee shall comply
25 with the intent of this section by explaining relevant changes to the LTO; if requested by either the RPF
26 or LTO, another on-site meeting shall take place. Written documentation of LTO/RPF meetings required

Comment [MRD133]: Based on Department recommendation and Committee discussion in May.

under this provision shall be submitted to the Department. The intent of any such meeting is to assure

that the LTO:

(a) Is advised of any sensitive on-site conditions requiring special care during operations.

(b) Is advised regarding the intent and applicable provisions of the approved Working Forest Harvest

Notice including amendments.

1094.13 Licensed Timber Operator Responsibilities

Each Licensed Timber Operator shall:

(a) Inform the responsible RPF and plan submitter, either in writing or orally, of any site conditions

which in the LTO's opinion prevent implementation of the Working Forest Harvest Notice.

(b) Keep a copy of the applicable approved Working Forest Harvest Notice and amendments available

for reference at the site of active timber operations.

(c) Comply with all provisions of the Act, Board rules and regulations, the applicable Working Forest

Harvest Notice and any approved amendments.

1094.14 Notification of Commencement of Operations

For each Working Forest Harvest Notice submitted, within fifteen days before, and not later than the

day of the start up of a timber operations, the Submitter of the Working Forest Harvest Notice, unless

the WFMP identifies another person as responsible, shall notify CAL FIRE of the start of timber

operations. The notification, by telephone or by mail, shall be directed to the appropriate Unit

Headquarters, Forest Practice Inspector, or other designated personnel.

1094.15 WFMP Deviations

(a) "Minor deviations" means any change, minor in scope, in a plan which can reasonably be presumed

not to make a significant change in the conduct of timber operations and which can reasonably be

expected not to significantly adversely affect timberland productivity or values relating to soil, water

quality, watershed, wildlife, fisheries, range and forage, recreation, and aesthetic enjoyment or to result

in a violation of the applicable water quality control plan.

1 (b) All other changes are presumed to be substantial deviations because they could significantly affect
2 the conduct of timber operations and potentially could have a significant adverse effect on timber
3 productivity or values relating to soil, water quality, watershed, wildlife, fisheries, range and forage,
4 recreation, and aesthetic enjoyment. Such actions include, but are not limited to:
5 (1) Change in location of timber harvesting operations or enlargement of the area or volume
6 planned to be cut.
7 (2) Change in the silvicultural method and cutting system on any portion of the plan area.
8 (3) Change in type or location of logging (yarding) system or basic type of equipment.
9 (4) Change in location, nature or increase in length of proposed logging roads incorporating one
10 or more of the following criteria:
11 (A) Any road in a Watercourse or Lake Protection Zone or where sidecast will extend
12 into the Watercourse or Lake Protection Zone.
13 (B) Any road located in an extreme Erosion Hazard Rating area.
14 (C) Any road where the average side slope exceeds 50%.
15 (D) Any road where unstable areas, active soil movement, or slide areas must be
16 traversed.
17 (E) Any increase in gradient allowed by the District Rules as an exception and not
18 provided for in the original plan.
19 (F) Any road extension of more than 600 ft. (182.9m).
20 (5) Any use of existing roads not shown in the original plan when reconstruction work to allow for
21 vehicle travel will be substantial. Substantial work on an existing road means more than minor repair
22 and dressing of the travel surface and removal of vegetation to allow for vehicle passage.
23 (6) Use of any roads not shown in the plan which would affect the key habitat of rare or endangered
24 species or other critical wildlife habitat.
25 (7) Enlargement of landings where such enlargement was not justified in the plan.
26 (8) Any change of operation in, or designation of, the Watercourse or Lake Protection Zone.
27 (9) Any downgrading of watercourse classification.

1 (10) A change to winter operation where summer operation was previously specified.

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3 **1094.16 Notice of WFMP Filing**

4 (a) The Director shall prepare a notice of filing which shall contain the basic information contained in the
5 Notice of Preparation (14 CCR 1094.3) plus the assigned timber management plan number.

6 (b) Within two working days of the date the plan is filed, the Director shall transmit copies of the Notice
7 of Filing to:

8 (1) The person submitting the plan.

9 (2) The office of the County Clerk of the county in which the operations are proposed. The
10 Notice of Filing shall be posted at the normal place for posting environmental notices.

11 (3) The local Unit headquarters for posting.

12 (4) At such other locations as the Director may deem desirable and feasible to provide adequate
13 public notice.

14 (5) All public agencies having custodial responsibility for lands within 300 ft. of the WFMP
15 boundary.

16 (6) An Internet-based notification

17 (7) To any person who requests notifications in writing.

18 (c) Notice of Filing may be transmitted through internet-based e-mail.

19

20 **1094.17 Agency and Public Review for the WFMP**

21 Upon receipt of the proposed WFMP, the Department shall place the proposed plan, or a true copy of
22 the proposed plan, in a location or on an Internet Web site available for public inspection in the county
23 in which timber operations are proposed under the plan. For the purpose of interdisciplinary review, the
24 department shall also transmit a copy to the Department of Conservation, the Department of Fish and
25 Wildlife, the appropriate California regional water quality control board, the county planning agency,
26 and all other agencies having jurisdiction by law over natural resources affected by the plan. The

Comment [WU34]: Language from 4597.3

Comment [MRD135]: Based on Department comments and Committee discussion in May.

Comment [WU36]: May have to add language from 4597 (5)(b). To be discussed.

1 Department shall invite, consider, and respond in writing to comments received from public agencies to
2 which the plan has been transmitted and shall consult with those agencies at their request.

Comment [WU37]: Inserted from 4597.5

3 (a) The Director shall also transmit a copy of any specific plan to any person who has made a written
4 request therefore.

Comment [MRD138]: Based on Committee discussion in May.

5 (b) The Department shall bill such persons for the cost of providing such copies and such monies shall
6 be paid to the Department.

Comment [MRD139]: **Department Comment #23:** Insert for clarity: "The Director shall also transmit a copy of any specific plan to any person who has made a written request therefore." as per 1090.17(b).

7 (c) The Director shall take the following steps when significant new information is added to the plan
8 during the course of plan review or during the Director's Determination period.

9 (1) When significant changes are limited to a few sections or portions of the plan, the
10 Department need only recirculate the sections or portions that have been modified.

11 (2) When significant changes are not limited to a few sections of the plan, the Department shall
12 recirculate the entire plan.

13 (3) The Department shall prepare a Letter of Recirculation which shall include:

14 (A) A brief description of the proposed project and its location. Such information shall
15 include:

16 (1) The Plan number and County.

17 (2) The names of the timberland owner and the Plan Submitter.

18 (3) The location of the plan area by county, section, township, and range.

19 (4) The name of the nearest major watercourse or CAL Watershed WATER_V2.2 ID.

20 (5) The acres proposed to be harvested.

21 (6) The silvicultural systems to be used.

22 (7) A summary of changes made to the plan and a brief description of significant new
23 information contained in the plan.

24 (8) Clarification as to whether the entire plan or only those recirculated portions of the
25 plan, are open for public comment.

26 (9) The starting and ending dates for the review period during which public comments
27 will be received.

1 (10) The date, time, and place of any scheduled public meetings when known by the
2 lead agency at the time of notice.

3 (11) The address where copies of the plan record is available for public review.

4 (d) The Letter of Recirculation shall be sent to all review team members; any agency, person, or
5 organization that commented on the plan; and all landowners who received a Notice of Intent (or
6 Preparation).

7 (e) The Department need only respond to:

8 (1) Comments received during the initial circulation period that relate to sections or portions of
9 the plan that were not revised and recirculated, and

10 (2) Comments received during the recirculation period that relate to the sections or portions of
11 the plan that were revised and recirculated.

12 (f) The Department shall include with the Notice of Submissions Filing, a Notice of Recirculation pursuant
13 to 14 CCR § 1032.9.

14
15 **1094.18 Director's Determination**

16 The Department shall provide a time period for public comment, starting from the date of the receipt of
17 a WFMP, as follows:

18 (a) Ninety days for a WFMP for less than 5,000 acres.

19 (b) One hundred ten days for a WFMP for between 5,000 and 9,999 less than 10,000 acres.

20 (c) One hundred thirty days for a WFMP for between 10,000 and 14,999 15,000 acres.

21 (d) Before a WFMP may be approved, all of the following requirements shall be met:

22 (1) Within 30 working days of the receipt of a WFMP, or within 40 working days of the receipt of
23 a plan to which a road management plan is appended, the Department shall determine if the plan is
24 accurate, complete, and in proper order, and if so, the plan shall be filed. An unfiled plan shall be
25 returned to the applicant with an explanation that includes provisions for resubmitting the plan.

26 (2) The initial inspection shall be initiated within 20 working days from the date of filing of the
27 WFMP, and completed no more than 30 working days from the date of filing.

Comment [WU40]: 4597.6

Comment [MRD141]: Based on Department recommendation and Committee discussion in May.

Comment [WU42]: Intent and addition of time should state 130 to 140 days. Discuss in committee.

Department Comment #25: 1094.18 (a) (1)(2)(3) should be considered a minimum period and indicated that period may be longer. Committee should review entire comment in Department letter.

Comment [MRD143]: Based on Department recommendation and Committee discussion in May.

Comment [SLF 2nd44]: Need to insert rule citation intended. (14 CCR 1093)

Comment [WU45]: 4597.6

1 (3) Upon completion of the initial inspection, the Department shall have up to 45 working days
2 to conduct the final interagency review of the plan.

3 (4) The public comment period shall end 20 working days after the completion of the final
4 interagency review of the plan or until the requirement in subdivision (a) is met, whichever is greater.

5 (5) After the final interagency review and public comment period has ended, the Department
6 shall have up to 30 working days to review the public input, to consider recommendations and
7 mitigation measures of other agencies, to respond in writing to the issues raised, and to determine if the
8 plan is in conformance with the applicable rules adopted by the Board and other applicable provisions of
9 law.

10 (e) If after final interagency review the Director determines that the plan is not in conformance with the
11 rules and regulations of the Board or this chapter, the Director shall deny and return the plan, stating
12 the reasons for the denial and advising the person submitting the plan of the person's right to a hearing
13 before the Board.

14 (1) If the Director does not act within the time periods provided in paragraphs (1) through (5) in
15 subdivision (b), the Director and the working forest landowner submitting the WFMP shall negotiate and
16 mutually agree upon a longer period for the Director to review the plan. If a longer period cannot be
17 mutually agreed upon, the WFMP shall be deemed denied and returned to the working forest
18 landowner submitting the plan.

19 (2) A working forest landowner to whom a plan is denied pursuant to subdivision (c) or (d) may
20 request, within 30 working days from the receipt of the plan, a public hearing before the Board. The
21 Board shall schedule a public hearing to review the plan to determine if the plan is in conformance with
22 the rules and regulations of the Board and this chapter.

23 (f) Board action shall take place within 30 working days from the filing of the appeal, or a longer period
24 mutually agreed upon by the board and the person filing the appeal.

25 (g) If the Director's decision to deny the plan is overturned by the Board, the Board shall prepare
26 findings and its rationale for overturning the decision, and return the plan to the Department for
27 approval by the Director.

Comment [WU46]: 4597.6

1 (h) If the plan is not approved on appeal to the Board, the Director, within 10 working days of Board
2 action, shall advise the plan submitter regarding changes needed that would achieve compliance with
3 this chapter and other applicable provisions of the law. The plan submitter shall have 45 working days
4 from the date of the notification letter, or longer, if mutually agreeable to the Department and the plan
5 submitter to revise the plan to bring it into full conformance with the rules and regulations of the Board
6 and this chapter. Upon receipt of the information requested of the plan submitter, the Department
7 shall recirculate the plan and reopen the public comment period for 30 working days. Prior to
8 determining whether to approve the proposed revised plan, the Director shall have 30 working days to
9 review public input and consider recommendations and mitigation measures of other agencies, and to
10 respond in writing to issues raised.

11

12 **1094.19 Review Teams to be Established to Review Timber Management Plan**

13 Interdisciplinary review teams shall be established by the Director to review plans and assist the Director
14 in the evaluation of proposed timber management plan(s) and its impacts on the environment. The
15 Review Team composition, function, tasks and procedures shall be the same as those described in 14
16 CCR § 1037.5.

17

18 **1094.20 Nonconformance of WFMP**

19 If the Director determines that a plan is not in conformance with the rules of the Board the plan shall be
20 returned in accordance with 14 CCR § 1054. In addition, the Director shall state any changes and
21 reasonable conditions that in the Director's professional judgment are needed to bring the plan into
22 conformance with the applicable rules of the Board and offer to confer with the RPF in order to reach
23 agreement on the conditions necessary to bring the plan into conformance.

24

25 **1094.21 Conformance of WFMP**

1 If the Director determines that the plan is in conformance with the rules of the Board, then the person
2 submitting the plan shall be notified timber operations thereunder may only commence after
3 submission of a Working Forest Harvest Notice as prescribed in 14 CCR § 1094.7.

4
5 **1094.22 Notice of Conformance of the WFMP**

6 Within ten working days of the date a plan is found in conformance, the Director shall transmit a notice
7 thereof to the agencies and persons referred to in 14 CCR 1094.17 and for posting at the places named
8 in 14 CCR 1094.16. A copy of the notice shall be filed with the Secretary for Resources. The notice of
9 conformance shall include a written response of the Director to significant environmental points raised
10 during the evaluation process.

11

12 **1094.23 Public Inspection**

13 Notices of Conformance, pursuant to 14 CCR 1094.22 and notices of approval by the Board, pursuant to
14 14 CCR 1054, shall be available for public inspection, and a list of such notices shall be posted on a
15 weekly basis in the Office of the Resources Agency. Each such list shall remain posted for a period of 30
16 days.

17

18 **1094.24 Amendment**

19 The working forest landowner may submit a proposed amendment to the approved plan and shall not
20 take any action that substantially deviates, as defined by the Board, from the approved plan until the
21 amendment has been filed with the Director and the Director has determined, after completion of the
22 interagency review and public comment period, either of the following:

23 (a) The amendment is in compliance with the current rules and regulations of the Board and the
24 provisions of this chapter.

25 (b) The amendment is in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Board and the provisions of
26 this chapter that were in effect at the time the WFMP was approved. The Director may only make this
27 determination if the RPF explains, justifies, and certifies both of the following:

Comment [WU47]: 4597.7

1 (1) The adherence to new or modified rules and regulations of the Board would cause
2 unreasonable additional expense to the working forest landowner.

3 (2) Compliance with the rules and regulations of the Board and the provisions of this chapter
4 that were in effect at the time the WFMP was approved will not result in any significant degradation to
5 the beneficial uses of water, soil stability, forest productivity, or wildlife.

6 (c) Review timelines for substantial deviations of WFMPs shall conform to the direction provided in
7 Section 4582.7, except for amendments that add acreage covered by the original WFMP that exceeds 10
8 percent or 500 acres, whichever is greater. Amendments that add acreage in excess of 10 percent or
9 500 acres shall be reviewed pursuant to the procedures specified in Section 4597.6.

Comment [MRD148]: **Department Comment #27:** Subsection (c) should be under a section regarding the review process of an amendment and not under a section regarding determination of an amendment.

11 **1094.25 Report of Minor Deviations**

12 Minor deviations may be undertaken by the person who submitted the WFMP or Working Forest
13 Harvest Notice without submission of an amendment to the plan and shall be reported immediately in
14 writing to the Director. Actions described in 14 CCR § 1094.15 which are normally presumed to be
15 substantial deviations may, in a given instance, be minor deviations. Actions listed as substantial
16 deviations in 14 CCR § 1094.15 but considered to be minor by the submitter, may be undertaken only if
17 the person who submitted the plan submits the proposed deviation in writing to the Director for review
18 and receives approval. Approval shall be given if the Director determines that the proposed minor
19 deviation conforms to the standards provided in 14 CCR § 1094.15(a). The Director shall have 5 working
20 days to act on the application. If the Director or the representative of the Director does not act within 5
21 working days of receipt of such a deviation, timber operations may commence pursuant to such
22 amendment.

23
24 **1094.26 Five (5) year review of WFMP**

25 (a) For an approved WFMP, the Director shall convene a meeting with the interdisciplinary review team
26 shall be the same as those described in 14 CCR 1037.5, every five years to review the plan's
27 administrative record, information obtained pursuant to subdivision (b), and any other information

Comment [MRD149]: **Department Comment #28:** Clarification appears to be necessary to what constitutes "a review" in regards to portions or full review of the entire plan.

Comment [WU50]: 4597.12

1 relevant to verify current conditions and completed or current operation(s) that operations have been
2 conducted in accordance with the plan and applicable laws and regulations. Participation by review
3 team agencies shall be at the discretion of each agency. If at this meeting a member of the review team
4 determines that a field inspection is necessary to verify that operations have been conducted in
5 accordance with the plan and applicable laws and regulations, then a field inspection may be conducted.

6 (b) For the purposes of subdivision (a), each five-year review shall allow the review team to analyze
7 information including the number of Working Forest Harvest Notices, the acreage operated under each
8 Working Forest Harvest Notice, the violations received, and the volume harvested in relation to
9 projections of harvest in the WFMP. The review team shall also analyze any significant episodic events
10 occurring during the previous five years including disease and drought caused tree mortality,
11 windthrow, and wildfire. If the Department or a review team agency does not have direct access to
12 information needed for the WFMP summary, the Department may require the landowner to provide
13 this information.

14 (1) The 5-year review shall include a certification by an RPF that states that, based on a
15 field review of harvest(s) and completion(s), the WFMP and any Working Forest Harvest Notices are in
16 compliance with WFMP.

17 (2) The 5-year review shall review the Working Forest Harvest Notices compliance with the
18 WFMP and,

19 (3) Only if violations are received or the 5-year review indicate potentially significant impact to
20 public trust resources may occur from continuance of the WFMP, or if CAL FIRE is presented with a fair
21 argument that a project may have a significant effect on the environment, will the Department shall
22 provide written comments that a review of the WFMP content and procedures may be necessary.

23 (4) The Department shall have 30 working days to conduct the 5-year review and determine if
24 the WFMP is in compliance with the content and procedures in the WFMP and notify the working forest
25 landowner.

26 (c) For the purpose of allowing the public to monitor a WFMP, the Department shall provide the public,
27 in writing or on its Internet Web site, notice of each five-year review and a copy of the plan summary.

Comment [WU51]: The Dept shall develop a plan summary, for the purposes of subdivision a, that shall include: Discuss in committee.

Comment [WU52]: Fair argument language is taken from CEQA Guideline 15064(f)(1). Review of 1051.1(d) (MTHP) may be useful to develop language for this portion of WFMP.

1 The public may submit to the review team additional information relevant to the purpose of the five-
2 year review and the review team may consider this information when conducting its review.
3 (d) This section does not authorize the public disclosure of proprietary information without first
4 obtaining the landowner's consent.

6 **1094.27 Change of Ownership**

7 In the event of a change of ownership of the land described in the WFMP, the working forest landowner
8 shall notify the new landowner of the existence of the plan and the need to notify the Department of
9 the new landowner's intent regarding assumption of the plan. Notification shall be in writing with a copy
10 to the Department of the new landowner's intent regarding assumption of the plan. The new landowner
11 shall have one year from the date of the receipt of the notification by the Department to notify the
12 Department in writing of his or her assumption of the plan. If the Department does not receive
13 notification within this period, the plan shall expire one year from the date the new landowner is
14 advised by the Department of the necessity to assume the plan.

15 After a plan is found in conformance with the rules and regulations of the Board, the Director may file a
16 Notice of Stocking Requirements on the property with the recorder of the county within which the plan
17 is located if any area logged under a Working Forest Harvest Notice has not had a report of satisfactory
18 stocking issued by the Director.

20 **1094.28 Cancellation of Plans**

21 The working forest landowner may cancel the WFMP by submitting a written notice to the Department.
22 Once timber operations have commenced pursuant to a Working Forest Harvest Notice, cancellation is
23 not effective on land covered by the notice until a report of satisfactory completion has been issued
24 pursuant to Sections 4585, 4586, and 4587.

25 (a) If the Department determines that the objectives of uneven aged management and sustained yield
26 are not being met by a working forest landowner, or there are other persistent violations detected that
27 are not being corrected, the Department shall cancel a previously approved WFMP and any further

Comment [WU53]: 4597.9

Comment [MD54]: Department Comment:
AB 2239 proposes the following revised language to 4597.9, and the underlined is my proposed amendment to AB 2239.
4597.9. (a) Upon a change of ownership, or partial ownership, including new undivided interests to heirs or family members, of the land described in the working forest management plan, the transferring landowner shall provide the acquiring landowner with written notice that discloses the existence of the plan and informs the acquiring landowner of the need to notify the department if the acquiring landowner intends to assume the plan. The transferring landowner shall also send the department a copy of the notice provided to the acquiring landowner.
(b) If the transferring landowner fails to provide the notice required in subdivision (a) and the department discovers the change of ownership, the department shall provide the acquiring landowner with the notice described in subdivision (a).
(c) The acquiring landowner shall have one year from the date of the receipt of the notification by the department to notice required pursuant to subdivision (a) or (b), whichever is applicable, to notify the department in writing of his or her assumption of intent to assume the plan. If the department does not receive notification within this period, the plan shall expire one year from the date the new landowner is advised by the department of the necessity to assume the department may cancel the plan.

Comment [WU55]: 4597.16

1 timber operations under the plan shall be terminated. In making a determination to cancel a plan, the
2 Department may cite the findings of a review conducted pursuant to Section 4597.12. Cancellation of
3 the plan may be appealed by the plan submitter or landowner utilizing the process prescribed in
4 paragraph (1) of subdivision (e) of Section 4597.6.

5
6 **1094.29 Expansion of Plans**

7 If a landowner with a NTMP or a WFMP with less than 2,500 acres of timberland expands his or her total
8 timberland ownership to 2,500 or more acres of timberland, the landowner may transition into a
9 working forest management plan for more than 2,500 acres of timberland through an amendment to
10 the plan. ~~The Board shall adopt regulations that establish this amendment process.~~

Comment [WU56]: 4597.17

Comment [WU57]: Deleted based on Committee discussion in May. These regulations have to be developed in committee.

11
12 **1094.30 Safe Harbor agreement**

13 A participating landowner, in conjunction with the preparation of an application for a WFMP filed with
14 the Department, may also seek approval of a Safe Harbor Agreement from the Department of Fish and
15 Wildlife, pursuant to Article 3.7 (commencing with Section 2089.2) of Chapter 1.5 of Division 3 of the
16 Fish and Game Code. All review costs associated with the Safe Harbor Agreement approval process
17 incurred by the Department of Fish and Wildlife pursuant to this section shall be paid from the fund
18 created in Section 4629.3.

Comment [WU58]: 4597.18

19
20 **1094.31 State Restoration Projects** Notwithstanding any other law, if a person with a WFMP applies for
21 state restoration grant funding for a restoration project that has a significant public benefit, the
22 application shall not be summarily denied on the basis that the project is a required condition of the
23 harvesting plan.

Comment [WU59]: Deleted NTMP from 4597.19. Will have to eventually amend NTMP language to include this provision.

24
25 **1094.32 Southern Subdistrict**

26 This WFMP shall not apply to the Southern Subdistrict of the Coast Forest District, as defined in Section
27 14 CCR § 895.1.

