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**Status Report****July 18, 2006****Project name: Threatened and Impaired Watersheds, 2006****Project Type: Regulatory review and rule amendments.**

Project includes regulation effectiveness review and consideration of amendments of existing Forest Practice Rules for threatened or impaired (T/I) watersheds (14 CCR 916.9[936.9, 956.9]. Project is necessary because the existing regulation expires on December 31, 2006. Specific actions include 1) determination of regulation effectiveness in meeting T/I goals through review of past timber harvesting plans which used T/I regulation; 2) literature review of technical reports for the purpose of validating rule necessity and updating terms of the regulation; and 3) development and consider for adoption regulatory amendments after consideration of effectiveness and literature reviews.

Status:

- Board's Forest Practice Committee (FPC) has been considering courses of action since late, 2005.
- At the BOF meeting on July 6, 2006, the FPC directed staff to request nominations for a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to support the T/I literature review. Nominations are being accepted by the Board until August 1, 2006.
- Board will hold the next FPC meeting on August 2, 2006, in Scotts Valley, CA, to discuss literature review framework, budgeting and contracting for the literature review, and assembly of the Technical Advisory Team.

Milestone and Timeline:

- Complete Workgroup meetings, establish a TAC, and establish a literature review framework by September 2006.

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