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To: Resource Protection Committee

From: Kevin Conway, Staff Forester

Subject: Recommended Changes to PRC 741

Chair and Members of the Board,

The Range Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) is a statutorily authorized by Public Resource Code (PRC) Section 741. Among other things, this statute outlines the composition of the RMAC membership. PRC § 741(b)(2) requires “one member nominated by the Watershed Fire Council of Southern California.” This organization is no longer in existence. The specific reference to this group in statute has been an impediment to the RMAC reaching full membership.

The RMAC unanimously voted at their September 10, 2014 meeting in Sacramento to recommend that the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection endorse the proposed changes to PRC § 741 included below, and recommend the California Natural Resources Agency to bring these proposed changes to the legislature in 2015 for consideration. The proposed changes would strike the reference to the Watershed Fire Council of Southern California and would increase the number of general public members from two to three.

The proposed changes to statute are identified below. Proposed additions to the statute are identified by a single underline. Proposed deletions to statute are identified by a ~~single strikethrough~~. Existing statute with no proposed changes has no underline or strikethrough.

1 PRC §741. Range Management Advisory Committee

2 (a) The board shall appoint a Range Management Advisory Committee and shall
3 consult with the advisory committee on rangeland resources issues under
4 consideration by the Board.

5 (b) The advisory committee shall consist of 11 members, who shall be elected
6 as follows:

7 (1) ~~Two~~Three members of the general public, who have an interest and
8 background in the conservation of range resources or special knowledge in the
9 production of range and brushland soils and watersheds.

10 ~~(2) One member nominated by the Watershed Fire Council of Southern~~
11 ~~California.~~

12 (3~~2~~) One member nominated by the California Association of Resource
13 Conservation Districts.

14 (4~~3~~) Seven members nominated by organizations representing owners of
15 range and brushlands.

16 (c) Members of the advisory committee shall serve without compensation.

17 (d) The Secretary of the Resources Agency, the Secretary for Environmental
18 Protection, and the Secretary of Food and Agriculture shall notify the
19 advisory committee of, and are encouraged to consult with the advisory
20 committee on rangeland resource issues that are under consideration by the
21 Resources Agency, the California Environmental Protection Agency, and the
22 Department of Food and Agriculture, respectively.

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