

1 **Board of Forestry and Fire Protection**

2 **Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) Division 1.5, Chapter 4**

3 **Subchapter 4,5 & 6 Article 2 Ratings and Standards**

4 **(Alternative Stocking Standards)**

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6 **§ 912.7 Resource Conservation Standards for Minimum Stocking**

7 (e) A Registered Professional Forester (RPF) may propose an alternative
8 stocking standard for any proposed regeneration method, intermediate
9 treatment or special prescription not to fall below the lowest applicable
10 resource conservation standards in (912.7, 932.7, 952.7) for the lowest site
11 classification (Site V, 150 point count, 50 square feet of basal area) if
12 the proposed alternative stocking achieves suitable resource conservation and
13 contributes to the following forest health and ecological goals as defined by
14 the Board:

- 15 (1) Improved fire resilience
- 16 (2) Increased drought tolerance
- 17 (3) Improved forest pest and disease resistance
- 18 (4) Increased carbon sequestration in above and below ground carbon pools

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20 The RPF shall describe the management objective for the stand, state the
21 alternative stocking standard for the proposed regeneration method,
22 intermediate treatment or special prescription, and explain and justify
23 the proposed alternative stocking standard by providing the following
24 information:
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1 (A) Site specific forestland characteristics including site class, aspect,
2 soil type, elevation, slope, understory shrub composition, and a general
3 estimate of available water in the soil.

4 (B) Economic factors supporting the proposed alternative and associated risks
5 if the alternative stocking is not implemented.

6 (C) A description of the current stand, including species composition and
7 current stocking measured using the applicable point-count or basal area
8 method.

9 (D) An estimate of the projected post-harvest stand species composition and
10 stocking using the same measure of stocking used for the description of the
11 current stand.

12 (E) A discussion including substantial evidence of how the proposed
13 alternative stocking will contribute to the Board's forest health and
14 ecological goals while meeting the stated management objective.

15 (F) A description of stand maintenance and vegetation treatments that will be
16 applied where necessary to ensure suitable resource conservation and site
17 occupancy post-harvest.

18 The proposed alternative stocking area shall be inspected on site by
19 the local Forest Practice Inspector. A sample mark may be required based upon
20 the type of harvest. The local Forest Practice Inspector will verify on-site
21 conditions and certify to the director that the proposed alternative stocking
22 will achieve suitable resource conservation. The Director, after review
23 pursuant to PRC § 4561.2 may accept the proposed alternative if in their
24 judgment the intent of the Act will be met, and there will not be an immediate
25 significant and long-term harm to the natural resources of the state.