

1 Board of Forestry and Fire Protection

2 Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (14 CCR),
3 Division 1.5 Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Chapter
4 5 Board of Forestry -Organization and Operation, Subchapter 3
5 Board Actions Other than Rule Making Under the Z'berg-Nejedly
6 Forest Practice Act
7 Categorical Exemptions, 2019

8 § 1153 Declaration of Categorical Exemptions

9 In accordance with Sections 15300-15329 of Title 14 of the California
10 Administrative Code, and subject to the limitations on categorical exemptions
11 set forth therein, the Aactivities of the Board which are categorically
12 exempt from Division 13 of the Public Resources Code and which do not require
13 environmental documentation include:

14 (a) Class 4: Minor Alterations to Land. Class 4 consists of minor public or
15 private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which
16 do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry
17 and agricultural purposes. Such actions may include, but are not limited to,
18 the actions, including the adoption of regulations, under the authority of
19 PRC § 4291.

20 (ab) Class 6: Information Collection. Class 6 consists of basic data
21 collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation
22 activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an
23 environmental resource, including but not limited to forest surveys and soil
24 erosion studies. These may be strictly for information gathering purposes, or
25 as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet
approved, adopted, or funded. Such actions may include, but are not limited

1 to, actions taken under PRC §§ 742-745 and PRC §§ 4800-4807 and approval of
2 plans for the management of state forests in accordance with PRC § 4645.

3 (~~b~~c) Classes 7 or 8: Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural
4 Resources or Protection of the Environment. Class 7 consists of actions taken
5 by regulatory agencies, as authorized by state law or local ordinance, to
6 assure the maintenance, restoration, or enhancement of a natural resource
7 where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the
8 environment, excluding construction activities. Class 8 consists of actions
9 taken by regulatory agencies, as authorized by state or local ordinance, to
10 assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the
11 environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection
12 of the environment, excluding construction activities and relaxation of
13 standards allowing environmental degradation. Such actions may include,
14 ~~including~~ but are not limited to:

15 (1) Establishment, dissolution, ~~or~~ modification, or regulation of hazardous
16 fire areas in accordance with PRC Division 4, Part 2, Chapter 2 Hazardous
17 Fire Areas (PRC §§ 4251-4290.5). ~~§ 4291 et seq.~~

18 (2) Establishment, modification, or dissolution of zones of insect, disease,
19 or animal infestation or infection in accordance with PRC § 4716 et seq.

20 (3) Approval of the State Fire Plan in accordance with PRC § 4114.

21 (4) Adoption of rules for the fire protection system in accordance with PRC §
22 4111.

23 (5) Adoption of State Responsibility Area boundaries in accordance with PRC §
24 4125.

1 Note: Authority cited: Section 21082, Public Resources Code. Reference:
2 Sections 21080 and 21083, Public Resources Code; California Administrative
3 Code, Title 14, section 15300.4.
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