Amend: § 1153 Declaration of Categorical Exemptions

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

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

(ab) Class 6: Information Collection. Class 6 consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource, including but not limited to forest surveys and soil erosion studies. These may be strictly for information gathering purposes, or 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 to, actions
taken under PRC §§ 742-745 and PRC §§ 4800-4807 and approval of plans for the management of state forests in accordance with PRC § 4645.

(bc) Classes 7 or 8: Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources or Protection of the Environment. Class 7 consists of actions taken by regulatory agencies, as authorized by state law or local ordinance, to assure the maintenance, restoration, or enhancement of a natural resource where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment, excluding construction activities.

Class 8 consists of actions taken by regulatory agencies, as authorized by state or local ordinance, to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment, excluding construction activities and relaxation of standards allowing environmental degradation. Such actions may include, including but are not limited to:

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

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

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

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

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