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2 **Board of Forestry and Fire Protection**

3 **“Categorical Exemptions, 2019”**

4 **Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (14 CCR), Division 1.5 Department**  
5 **of Forestry and Fire Protection, Chapter 5 Board of Forestry -Organization and**  
6 **Operation, Subchapter 3 Board Actions Other than Rule Making Under the Z'berg-**

7 **Nejedly Forest Practice Act**

8 Draft Document

9 **Amend: § 1153 Declaration of Categorical Exemptions**

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

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

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

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

3 (~~bc~~) Classes 7 or 8: Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources  
4 or Protection of the Environment. Class 7 consists of actions taken by regulatory

5 agencies, as authorized by state law or local ordinance, to assure the maintenance,  
6 restoration, or enhancement of a natural resource where the regulatory process  
7 involves procedures for protection of the environment, excluding construction activities.

8 Class 8 consists of actions taken by regulatory agencies, as authorized by state or local  
9 ordinance, to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the

10 environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the  
11 environment, excluding construction activities and relaxation of standards allowing

12 environmental degradation. Such actions may include, including but are not limited to:

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

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

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

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

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21 Note: Authority cited: Section 21082, Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections  
22 21080 and 21083, Public Resources Code; California ~~Administrative Code~~ of  
23 Regulations, Title 14, section 15300.4.