**CALIFORNIA BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-02**

***[PROPOSED]***

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CALIFORNIA VEGETATION TREATMENT PROGRAM; ADOPTING MITIGATION MEASURES AND A MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM; AND ADOPTING CEQA FINDINGS AND A STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS**

**WHEREAS,** the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board), in cooperation with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), by adoption of Resolution No. 2019-01, has certified the Final Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the California Vegetation Treatment Program (CalVTP); and

**WHEREAS**, the Final PEIR as certified included not only the original proposed Final PEIR released in late November 2019, but also a subsequently-prepared document entitled, “California Vegetation Treatment Program Information Supplementary to the Final Program Environmental Impact Report”; and

**WHEREAS,** prior to approving any proposed project for which an EIR has identified significant environmental effects, the Board, as the decision-making body, is required pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21081, subdivision (a), and CEQA Guidelines section 15091, to adopt findings demonstrating that the Board has considered and adopted all feasible mitigation measures or feasible project alternatives that can substantially lessen or avoid any significant project-related environmental effects; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to these provisions, proposed CEQA findings have been prepared for the CalVTP, which are attached hereto as **Exhibit A** regarding the significant environmental effects of the CalVTP, proposed mitigation measures identified in the Final PEIR, and the feasibility of alternatives set forth in the Final PEIR; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to those provisions, a proposed Statement of Overriding Considerations, which is included within **Exhibit A** attached hereto, has been prepared for the CalVTP setting forth the benefits that the Board may conclude outweigh the significant and unavoidable environmental effects of the CalVTP, therefore justifying approval of the CalVTP despite such effects; and

**WHEREAS,** the Board is required by Public Resources Code section 21081.6, subdivision (a), to adopt a mitigation monitoring and reporting program to ensure that the mitigation measures adopted by the Board are carried out; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to this provision, staff has prepared the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, attached hereto as **Exhibit B** and incorporated by reference herein, that incorporates the mitigation measures identified in the Final PEIR; and

**WHEREAS,** the Board has independently reviewed and considered the CEQA Findings, Statement of Overriding Considerations, and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program required for approval of the CalVTP.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection hereby finds and determines the following:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are included herein by reference as findings.
2. The Board has considered the Final PEIR, all information provided by Board staff and consultants pertaining to the CalVTP, and all other pertinent documents relating to the CalVTP.
3. The Board finds, pursuant to Public Resources Code sections 21081 and 21081.5 and CEQA Guidelines section 15091, that the proposed mitigation measures as set forth in **Exhibits A and B** are feasible, and will therefore become binding on the Board when the CalVTP is approved. The Board further finds that, for the reasons set forth in **Exhibit A**, none of the alternatives to the CalVTP, as set forth in the Final PEIR, are feasible. The Board hereby adopts the CEQA Findings of Fact attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth herein.
4. The Board adopts, pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21081.6 and CEQA Guidelines section 15097, the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program attached hereto as **Exhibit B** and incorporated herein by reference. The Board further determines that the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program is designed to ensure that, during implementation of the CalVTP, all other responsible parties implement the components of the CalVTP and comply with the mitigation measures identified in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.
5. The Board adopts the Statement of Overriding Considerations attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein by reference, pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21081 and CEQA Guidelines section 15093.
6. The Board approves the CalVTP.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 30th day of December, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution of the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, that said Resolution was passed and adopted by the affirmative and majority vote of said Board at a meeting held on December 30, 2019, and that said Resolution has not been modified, amended, or rescinded, and is now in full force and effect.

CALIFORNIA BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

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List of Exhibits (Incorporated by Reference):

**Exhibit A** **Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations**

**Exhibit B Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program Board Report**