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**Board of Forestry and Fire Protection 2023 Regulations and Priority Review**

Announcement Date: September 5, 2023

Regular Session

November 8, 2023
Approximately 9:00 a.m.

Location:

Sacramento, CA

The Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) has the responsibility to maintain a comprehensive and effective system of regulation for all timberlands subject to the Z'Berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act (Public Resources Code (PRC) § 4511 *et seq.*), for the licensing of Professional Foresters and Certified Specialists under the Professional Foresters Law (PRC § 740 *et seq.*), and for the fire protection system in the State Responsibility Areas in California (PRC §§ 4290 & 4291). To assure the efficacy of its regulations, the Board must have the most current information possible on the implementation and effectiveness of rules adopted in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act. It is necessary for the Board to receive timely feedback regarding rule implementation and effectiveness to meet its responsibility to the public and to protect the state's interests.

To assure the timely dissemination and effective implementation of rule language, as well as to assist and improve subsequent any potential rulemaking efforts, the Board is requesting public comment, and a presentation by the Department, at the regularly scheduled Board and Board committee meetings in November addressing the following:

1. Areas where questions exist on interpretation of the regulatory standards, including potential solutions.
2. Issues encountered in achieving compliance with the regulatory standards, including potential solutions.
3. Suggested regulatory modifications which would either clarify existing rule language to better achieve the intended resource protection, or would reduce regulatory inefficiencies and maintain the same or better level of protection.

Written comments to be considered by the Board shall be submitted no later than **5:00 p.m. on October 13, 2023**. Written comments may be sent via U.S. Mail to Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, Attn: Regulations Priority Review, Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, P.O. Box 944246, Sacramento, CA. 94244-2460 or via e-mail at PublicComments@bof.ca.gov.

To ensure comments and other materials submitted comply with the Board's website posting requirements, please provide all comments and materials in a format that satisfies the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and applicable Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG). Comments and materials that do not satisfy these requirements will be accepted but will not be posted to the Board's website.