

Feb. 8, 2022

Dr. J. Keith Gilles (Chair)
California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection
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Dear Chair Gilles,

As clean-up and recovery efforts continue in the footprint of the CZU Lightning Complex, contractors continue the necessary work daily to clear debris, assess and remediate hazards, and rebuild critical infrastructure. This includes local timberland owners who continue to utilize CAL FIRE permits under the Forest Practice Rules for removing fire-killed or damaged trees.

Last year the Board of Forestry put Emergency Rules in place to allow work under these permits on weekends, (Ref 14 CCR section § 928.6) which is to sunset in March 2022. The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors agreed and endorsed this emergency rule.

The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors respectfully requests an extension of those Emergency Rules. The extension of the emergency regulations is necessary to further the ongoing fire remediation and recovery efforts. Allowing the temporary relief to the Special County Rule (14 CCR §14 CCR § 928.6) that applies specifically to the County of San Mateo, will assist in the clean-up efforts associated with the CZU Lightning Complex.

Thank you for your consideration.



Don Horsley, President
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors

