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Regulatory Workshop Notice and Announcement **California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection**

Posting Date: April 17, 2024

Location: 715 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95820

WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT

The California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) and Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) will be conducting a third workshop to discuss issues related to utility vegetation management pursuant to the Board's statutory authority. This workshop is intended to solicit input from the public and stakeholders regarding the scope of all related issues with the ultimate goal of developing future solutions to those issues.

CNRA staff will conduct the workshop and the Board wishes to invite members of the public, as well as stakeholders, and local and regional agencies, boards, and commissions to participate in workshop discussions. The workshop will be held:

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

715 P Street, Room 305

Sacramento, CA 95814

Via Teams: <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/1fbcc8d4-920d-4b10-bda9-85658fec05c3@447a4ca0-5405-454d-ad68-c98a520261f8>

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

Issues related to utility and public agency right of way exemption amendments pursuant to the Z'berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act of 1973 (Chapter 8, Part 2, Division 4 of the Public Resources Code), the Forest Practice Rules (Chapter 4, Division 1.5, Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations), and the California Timberland Productivity Act of 1982 (Chapter 6.7, Part 1, Division 1, Title 5, Government Code).

The Board's Mission:

To lead California in developing policies and programs that serve the public interest in environmentally, economically, and socially sustainable management of forest and rangelands and a fire protection system that protects and serves the people of the state.

IMPORTANT BOARD MEETING INFORMATION

CONTACT INFORMATION

Those requiring further information regarding this meeting notice may contact Edith Hannigan, Executive Officer, State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, P.O. Box 944246, Sacramento, CA, 94244-2460, (916) 653-8007. This meeting notice is also available in electronic format at: Board Meeting Agendas and Schedules (<http://bof.fire.ca.gov/business/meeting-agendas-and-annual-schedules/>). For meeting materials and register for webinars, go to: the Board's Website (<http://bof.fire.ca.gov>).

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals who, because of a disability, need special assistance to observe and participate in a State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection or a committee meeting may request assistance by sending an email to Edith Hannigan, Executive Officer, at PublicComments@bof.ca.gov or by calling (916) 653-8007. Requests should be made one week in advance whenever possible. Upon receipt of a request for reasonable modification or accommodation from individuals with disabilities, the Board will swiftly resolve the request consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN MATERIALS

To ensure a public comment is considered by the Board during the discussion of the agenda item, please attend the meeting and provide the comment directly to the Board, or if the meeting allows for participation via webcast, please register for the meeting and provide your comment in accordance with the instructions included herein. You may submit your comments by one of the following methods (only one is necessary):

E-mail: publiccomments@bof.ca.gov

U.S. mail: Board of Forestry and Fire
Protection
PO Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244-2460

All written materials shall be due no later than 12:00 p.m. on the Thursday preceding the meeting, unless there is a date specified on a specific hearing notice pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with § 11340), Part 1, Division 3, Title 2, of the Government Code). Timely submittal of written materials provides Board staff and Board members the opportunity to familiarize themselves with content of written documents. Note that depending on the volume of written materials received, Board staff and Board members may not be able to review all materials received prior to the public meeting. Written materials received after the deadline above will not be considered. Written materials submitted may be posted online by Board staff to allow for public inspection. All written materials submitted will be considered part of the public record. 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.

SPEAKING AT THE WORKSHOP

Attendees at physical meeting location:

If you wish to speak on an agenda item, please fill out a "Speaker Card" and give it to Board staff BEFORE the agenda item is heard. Cards will be available near the entrance of the meeting room. If you wish to speak on a non-agenda item within the Board's jurisdiction during the Public Forum period of the Board meeting, please see the Public Forum section of this agenda.

The Board may limit the amount of time allocated to each person for public comment on an agenda item, as authorized by the Bagley-Keene Opening Meeting Act. Depending on the circumstances, time limits imposed for public comment typically range between three and five minutes per person.

Beverages, food, and sticks or any other objects with handles are strictly prohibited. Larger signs, or signs with handles, may be left in the area outside the auditorium entrance for retrieval after the meeting.

Considerations applicable to all speakers:

- Individuals with a shared position are encouraged to select a spokesperson for their group.
- Individuals who sign up by the deadline will have a maximum of three minutes to speak.
- The three-minute speaking time may be amended by the Chair, depending on the number of speakers. A speaker may not cede time to another speaker. The total amount of time to be allotted to a comment period is based upon the number of those wishing to comment, and will be announced by the Chair prior to the beginning of the comment period.
- The order of speakers will generally be based on random selection, but public officials may be taken out of order.
- The Chair retains the right to stop any speaker who raises an issue that is not under the Board's jurisdiction.
- Speakers may provide written copies of their own comments to the Board meeting for distribution to the Members of the Board. Please see the Submission of Written Materials section above.
- The Board retains the right to remove disruptive attendees from the Board meeting.
- The Board reserves the right to override the above rules in case of emergency or other unforeseen circumstances.

WHEN WILL MY AGENDA ITEM BE HEARD?

The Board begins each session at the time listed on the Meeting Notice and generally considers each agenda item in the sequence listed; however, the Board may take any non-hearing agenda item out of order as time permits. The Board may also act on recommendations by its committees on items listed in their respective agendas, including

recommendations for notice of rulemaking.

VISUAL PRESENTATIONS

PowerPoint presentations must be provided via electronic mail to publiccomments@bof.ca.gov no later 12:00 pm the Thursday prior to the Board Meeting. **All presentations are considered part of the public record.** All electronic formats must be Windows PC compatible. Please provide all materials in a format that satisfies the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and applicable Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) in accordance with the Board's policies to allow posting to the Board's website. Materials that do not satisfy these requirements will be accepted, but will not be posted to the Board's website.