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Board of Forestry and Fire Protection
Remote Regulatory Workshop Notice and Announcement

Notice Date: December 17, 2020

WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) will be conducting a workshop to discuss potential revisions to 14 CCR §§ 1104.1 *et al.* related to exemptions within the Forest Practice Rules for less than three-acre conversion and public agency and utility right-of-way clearance and maintenance Timber Operations. This workshop is intended to both develop potential revisions to existing regulatory text, as well as to solicit input from the public and stakeholders within this process of development.

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

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

9am – 12pm

GoToWebinar

Registration link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/319979186051623695>

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

Potential regulatory amendments to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (14 CCR), Division 1.5, Chapter 4, Subchapters 1, and 7, related to <3-acre conversion and public agency and utility right-of-way clearance and maintenance exemptions and timber operations, including:

- <3-acre conversion exemptions within the footprint of existing <3-acre conversion exemptions
- Timber Operations within Watercourse and Lake Protection Zones
- Provisions related to the identification and removal of Danger Trees
- Notification requirements and obligations
- Other related provisions as deemed necessary and appropriate

IMPORTANT WORKSHOP INFORMATION

PLEASE NOTE: IN LIGHT OF THE UNPRECEDENTED COVID-19 VIRUS AND THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS N-25-20, N-29-20, AND N-33-20, FOR THE DURATION OF THIS EMERGENCY THE BOARD WILL BE MODIFYING ITS NORMAL BOARD, COMMITTEE AND WORKSHOP PROCEDURES. PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Those requiring further information regarding this workshop notice may contact Eric Hedge, Regulations Program Manager, State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, P.O. Box 944246, Sacramento, CA, 94244-2460, (916) 917-3170. This workshop notice is also available in

electronic format on the Board's webpage for such agendas at: <https://bof.fire.ca.gov/business/meeting-agendas-and-annual-schedules/>. Other workshop materials and sign up for webinars are available on the Board's homepage at: <http://bof.fire.ca.gov/>.

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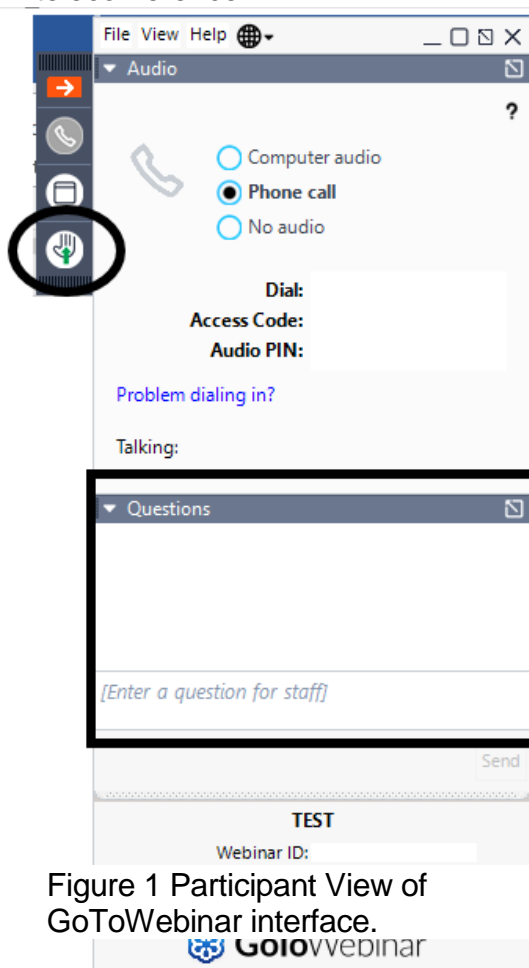


Figure 1 Participant View of GoToWebinar interface.

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