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Dr. Keith Gilles, Chairman
State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection
P. O. Box 944246
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Re: "Stocking and Silvicultural Standards Amendments, 2019" Rulemaking Proposal

Dear Chairman Gilles,

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) supports the Board's adoption of the rulemaking proposal entitled, "Stocking and Silvicultural Standards Amendments, 2019." The Department has participated in and appreciates the Board's various public workshops and committee meetings that led to the development of this rulemaking proposal.

The Board's review of the longstanding stocking standards supported by the work of the University of California's William Main Seminar Research Group has resulted in valuable amendments to the minimum point count standards. This initial effort will help inform the Board's ongoing review and possible amendment of the minimum basal area stocking standards.

Thank you for providing the Department an opportunity to comment on this rulemaking proposal. A representative will be at the hearing should any questions arise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Helge Eng".

HELGE ENG
Deputy Director
Resource Management