**CALIFORNIA BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-01**

***[PROPOSED]***

**RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE FINAL PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE CALIFORNIA VEGETATION TREATMENT PROGRAM**

 **WHEREAS,** the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board), in cooperation with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), evaluated the environmental impacts of the California Vegetation Treatment Program (CalVTP); and

 **WHEREAS,** in accordance with section 15082 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15000 et seq.), on January 30, 2019, the Board, as lead agency under CEQA (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.) and the CEQA Guidelines, released a Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the CalVTP (State Clearinghouse No. 2019012052); and

 **WHEREAS,** the Board duly noticed and held public scoping meetings on February 11 and 19, and March 18, 2019, in Sacramento, Ontario, and Redding, to solicit public and agency comments on the scope of the Draft PEIR; and

 **WHEREAS,** the Board released a Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Draft PEIR on June 24, 2019, by filing the NOA with the State Office of Planning and Research, which commenced a 45-day public review period ending on August 9, 2019; and

 **WHEREAS,** the Board, in accordance with CEQA Guidelines section 15088, considered and evaluated all comments received on the Draft PEIR from members of the public, private organizations, and public agencies; and

 **WHEREAS**, the Board, in accordance with CEQA Guidelines section 15086, consulted with and requested comments from responsible and trustee agencies, other regulatory agencies and others regarding the Draft PEIR; and

 **WHEREAS,** the Board, in accordance with CEQA Guidelines section 15088, subdivision (b), provided proposed written responses to all public agencies that submitted comments on the Draft PEIR at least 10 days prior to certifying the Final PEIR; and

 **WHEREAS,** the Board has prepared a Final PEIR, which contains the comment letters and written responses to substantive comments addressing the environmental issues raised and a Final PEIR which provides modifications to the Draft PEIR made in response to those comments; and

 **WHEREAS**, the Board made the Final PEIR publicly available on its website on November 27, 2019; and

 **WHEREAS**, the Final PEIR includes the Draft PEIR with modifications, timely comments received on the Draft PEIR, written responses to all significant environmental issues raised in the comments, a mitigation monitoring and reporting program, and various appendices, including an updated form for a project-specific analysis for individual vegetation treatment projects; and

 **WHEREAS**, the Final PEIR sufficiently analyzes both the feasible mitigation measures intended to avoid or substantially lessen the CalVTP’s significant environmental impacts and a reasonable range of alternatives intended to avoid or substantially lessen these effect, in accordance with CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines; and

 **WHEREAS,** on December 11, 2019, the Board held a duly noticed public hearing pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15202, subdivision (b), to consider the Final PEIR and the proposed CalVTP; and

 **WHEREAS,** the Board weighed the evidence presented at said public hearing, including information provided by Board staff and consultants, the Draft PEIR, public comments on the Draft PEIR and the proposed CalVTP, the Final PEIR, supporting evidence, and public testimony presented at the public hearing; and

 **WHEREAS,** the Board reviewed and considered all such information prior to making a determination; and

 **WHEREAS,** the Final PEIR is deemed legally and factually adequate for purposes of making decisions on the merits of the CalVTP; and

 **WHEREAS,** all other legal prerequisites to the adoption of this Resolution have occurred.

 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection hereby finds and determines the following:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are included herein by reference as findings.
2. The Board certifies that the Final PEIR was completed in compliance with CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines, and all other relevant procedures adopted thereto.
3. The Board certifies that the Final PEIR was presented to and independently reviewed and considered by the Board prior to considering approval of the CalVTP.
4. The Board certifies that the Final PEIR reflects the Board’s independent judgment and analysis.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this \_\_ day of December, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution of the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, that said Resolution was passed and adopted by the affirmative and majority vote of said Board at a meeting held on December \_\_, 2019, and that said Resolution has not been modified, amended, or rescinded, and is now in full force and effect.

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