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Division 1.5, Chapter 4,

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§ 916.9. Protection and Restoration of the Beneficial Functions of the Riparian Zone in Watersheds with Listed Anadromous Salmonids.

In addition to all other Rules, the following requirements shall apply in any watershed with listed anadromous salmonids. Requirements of 14 CCR § 916.9 precede other sections of the FPRs.

Geographic scope -- Requirements for Watersheds with Listed Anadromous Salmonids differ depending on the geographic location of the watershed and geomorphic characteristics of the Watercourse. Unique requirements for Watersheds with Listed Anadromous Salmonids are set forth for 1) Watercourses in the coastal anadromy zone with Confined Channels, 2) Watercourses with Flood Prone Areas or Channel Migration Zones, and 3) Watercourses with Confined Channels located outside the coastal anadromy zone.

Watersheds which do not meet the definition of "Watersheds with Listed Anadromous Salmonids" are not subject to this section except as follows: The provisions of 14 CCR § 916.9, subsections (k)-(q) also apply to Planning Watersheds immediately upstream of, and contiguous to, any watershed with listed anadromous salmonids for purposes of reducing significant adverse impacts from transported fine sediment. Projects in other watersheds further upstream that flow into Watersheds with Listed Anadromous

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- (3) Operations conducted for public safety.
- (4) Construction or reconstruction of approved Watercourse crossings.
- (5)(4) Temporary crossings of dry Class III Watercourses that do not require notification under the Fish and Game Code § 1600 et seq.
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(4) Construction or <u>Reseconstruction</u> of approved <u>described and mapped</u> Watercourse crossings.

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- (6) Harvesting recommended in writing by CDFW to address specifically identified forest conditions.
 - (7) The harvest of dead or dying conifer trees subject to the following conditions:
 - (A) Retention of all trees in the core zone of Class I and Class II-L Watercourses.
 - (B) Within any WLPZ, ELZ, or EEZ designated for Class II or III Watercourse protection, a minimum of two dead, dying, or diseased conifer trees per acre at least sixteen (16) inches d.b.h. and fifty (50) feet tall shall be retained within fifty (50) feet of the Watercourse Transition Line.
 - (C) Trees to be harvested or retained shall be marked by, or under the supervision of, an RPF prior to Timber Operations within the WLPZ or ELZ/EEZ.
 - (D) Within the WLPZ, or ELZ/EEZ, if the Stocking Standards of 14 CCR § 912.7 are not met upon completion of Timber Operations, unless the area meets the definition of Substantially Damaged Timberlands, at least ten (10) trees shall be planted for each tree harvested but need not exceed the point count standards contained in 14 CCR § 912.7(b)(1), as appropriate.
- (8) The harvest of trees or vegetation designated for removal pursuant to 14 CCR § 1052.5 to address Sudden Oak Death that are:
 - (A) symptomatic of the pathogen that causes Sudden Oak Death and confirmed infected by a certified lab; or
 - (B) host hardwood trees that could spread the pathogen.

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Authority cited: Sections 4551, 4562.7 and 21000(g), Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 751, 4512, 4513, 4551.5, 21000(g), 21001(b) and 21002.1, Public Resources Code; Sections 100, 1243 and 13050(f), Water Code; and Sections 1600 and 5650(c), Fish and Game Code.

§ 923.1. Planning for Logging Roads and Landings.

Logging Roads and Landings shall be planned and located within the context of a systematic layout pattern that considers 14 CCR § 923(b), uses existing Logging Roads and Landings where Feasible and appropriate, and provides access for fire and resource protection activities.

- (b) No Logging Roads or Landings shall be planned for construction (i) within 150 feet of the Class I Watercourse Transition Line, (ii) within 100 feet of the Class II Watercourse Transition Line on slopes greater than 30%, (iii) within Class I, II, III, or IV Watercourses or Lakes, (iv) within a WLPZ, or (v) in marshes, or Wet Meadows and Other Wet Areas, except as follows:
 - (1) At existing Logging Road Watercourse crossings.
 - (2) At Logging Road Watercourse crossings to be constructed or Reconstructed that are approved as part of the Fish and Game Code process for which CDFW has received written notification pursuant to Fish and Game Code (F&GC § 1600 et seq.).
- (3) At Logging Road Watercourse crossings of Class III Watercourses that are dry at the time of use.

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(1972) 59 Cal.App.3d 959, 131 Cal. Rptr. 172.

§ 923.4. Construction and Reconstruction of Logging Roads and Landings.

Logging Roads and Landings shall be constructed or Reconstructed in accordance with the approved Plan and the following requirements. If a change in designation of Logging Road classification is made after the Plan is approved, the change shall be reported in accordance with 14 CCR §§ 1039, 1040, 1090.14, 1092.26, 1092.27, 1094.23 or 1094.24 as appropriate.

(b) No Logging Roads or Landings shall be constructed (i) within 150 feet of the Class I Watercourse Transition Line, (ii) within 100 feet of the Class II Watercourse Transition

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33 USC 1288(b); and Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc. v. Arcata Natl. Corp. (1976) 59 Cal.App.3d 959, 131 Cal. Rptr. 172.

§ 936.9. Protection and Restoration of the Beneficial Functions of the Riparian Zone in Watersheds with Listed Anadromous Salmonids.

In addition to all other Rules, the following requirements shall apply in any watershed with listed anadromous salmonids. Requirements of 14 CCR § 936.9 precede other sections of the FPRs.

Geographic scope -- Requirements for Watersheds with Listed Anadromous Salmonids differ depending on the geographic location of the watershed and geomorphic characteristics of the Watercourse. Unique requirements for Watersheds with Listed Anadromous Salmonids are set forth for 1) Watercourses in the coastal anadromy zone with Confined Channels, 2) Watercourses with Flood Prone Areas or Channel Migration Zones, and 3) Watercourses with Confined Channels located outside the coastal anadromy zone.

Watersheds which do not meet the definition of "Watersheds with Listed Anadromous Salmonids" are not subject to this section except as follows: The provisions of 14 CCR § 936.9, subsections (k)-(q) also apply to Planning Watersheds immediately upstream of, and contiguous to, any watershed with listed anadromous salmonids for purposes of reducing significant adverse impacts from transported fine sediment. Projects in other watersheds further upstream that flow into Watersheds with Listed Anadromous Salmonids, not otherwise designated above, may be subject to these provisions based on an assessment consistent with Cumulative Impacts assessment requirements in 14 CCR §§ 898 and 932.9 and Board Technical Rule Addendum No. 2, Cumulative Impacts Assessment. These requirements do not apply to upstream watersheds where

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- (s) Exemption notices -- No Timber Operations are allowed in a WLPZ, or within any ELZ or EEZ designated for Watercourse or Lake protection, under exemption notices except for:
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- (54) Temporary crossings of dry Class III Watercourses that do not require notification under the Fish and Game Code § 1600 et seq.
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- (6) Harvesting recommended in writing by CDFW to address specifically identified forest conditions.
 - (7) The harvest of dead or dying conifer trees subject to the following conditions:
 - (A) Retention of all trees in the core zone of Class I and Class II-L Watercourses.
 - (B) Within any WLPZ, ELZ, or EEZ designated for Class II or III Watercourse protection, a minimum of two dead, dying, or diseased conifer trees per acre at least sixteen (16) inches d.b.h. and fifty (50) feet tall shall be retained within fifty (50) feet of the Watercourse Transition Line.
 - (C) Trees to be harvested or retained shall be marked by, or under the supervision of, an RPF prior to Timber Operations within the WLPZ or ELZ/EEZ.
 - (D) Within the WLPZ, or ELZ/EEZ, if the Stocking Standards of 14 CCR § 932.7 are not met upon completion of Timber Operations, unless the area meets the definition of Substantially Damaged Timberlands, at least ten (10) trees shall be planted for each tree harvested but need not exceed the point count standards contained in 14 CCR § 932.7(b)(1), as appropriate.

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(b) No Logging Roads or Landings shall be planned for construction (i) within 150 feet of the Class I Watercourse Transition Line, (ii) within 100 feet of the Class II Watercourse Transition Line on slopes greater than 30%, (iii) within Class I, II, III, or IV Watercourses or Lakes, (iv) within a WLPZ, or (v) in marshes, or Wet Meadows and Other Wet Areas, except as follows:

- (1) At existing Logging Road Watercourse crossings.
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- (3) At Logging Road Watercourse crossings of Class III Watercourses that are dry at the time of use.
- (c) No Logging Roads or Landings shall be planned for reconstruction (i) within Class I, II, III, or IV Watercourses or Lakes, (ii) within a WLPZ, or (iii) in marshes, or Wet Meadows and Other Wet Areas, except as follows:
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Logging Roads and Landings shall be constructed or Reconstructed in accordance with the approved Plan and the following requirements. If a change in designation of Logging Road classification is made after the Plan is approved, the change shall be reported in accordance with 14 CCR §§ 1039, 1040, 1090.14, 1092.26, 1092.27, 1094.23 or 1094.24 as appropriate.

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§ 956.9 Protection and Restoration of the Beneficial Functions of the Riparian Zone in Watersheds with Listed Anadromous Salmonids.

In addition to all other Rules, the following requirements shall apply in any watershed with listed anadromous salmonids. Requirements of 14 CCR § 956.9 precede other sections of the FPRs.

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(s) Exemption notices -- No Timber Operations are allowed in a WLPZ, or within any ELZ or EEZ designated for Watercourse or Lake protection, under exemption notices

(1) Hauling on existing roads.

- (2) Road Maintenance.
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 - (C) Trees to be harvested or retained shall be marked by, or under the supervision of, an RPF prior to Timber Operations within the WLPZ or ELZ/EEZ.
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§ 1052 Emergency Notice

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- (a) Before cutting or removing timber on an emergency basis, an RPF on behalf of a Timber Owner or operator shall submit a Notice of Emergency Timber Operations to the Director, on form RM-67 (1/1/10), form RM-65 (1052.4) (2/2020) for a Fuel Hazard Reduction emergency, or form RM-66 (1052.5) (2/1/11) for a Sudden Oak Death emergency, herein incorporated by reference, as prescribed by the Director. The notice shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
- (1) Names and addresses of all Timberland Owner(s), Timber Owner(s), and Timber Operator(s) for the area on which timber will be cut or removed.
- (2) A description of the specific conditions that constitute the emergency, its cause, extent and reason for immediate commencement of Timber Operations.
 - (3) Legal description of the area from which timber will be cut or removed.
- (4) A titled USGS (if available) or equivalent topographic map(s) of scale not less than 2" to the mile, or larger scale, showing the Harvest Area, the legal description, Logging Roads and Class I, II, III and IV Watercourses, tractor road crossings except for tractor road crossings of Class III Watercourses, Logging Road Watercourse crossings to be constructed or Reconstructed, Yarding systems if more than one will be used, and boundaries of areas where Tractor Operations are proposed for use on areas designated for Cable Yarding. For Timber Operations conducted pursuant to 14 CCR § 1052.4 within those areas described by 14 CCR § 1052.4(c)(2)(A)-(F), the map(s) shall include those features described within 14 CCR § 1052.4(c)(2)(A)-(F), as appropriate.
 - (5) Yarding system to be used.
 - (6) The expected dates of commencement and completion of Timber Operations.
- (7) A declaration by the RPF, made under penalty of perjury, that a bona fide emergency exists which requires emergency Timber Operations.

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- (8) A declaration by the Timber Owner, made under penalty of perjury, that any applicable timber yield taxes will be paid pursuant to Section 38115 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.
- (9) Name, address, license number, and signature of the RPF who prepares the notice and submits it to the Director on behalf of the Timber Owner or operator.
- (10) For Emergency Notices covering three acres or more in size, the RPF shall include a Confidential Archaeological Letter with the Emergency Notice submitted to the Director. The Director shall also submit a complete copy of the Confidential Archaeological Letter and two copies of any required archaeological or historical site records, to the appropriate Information Center of the California Historical Resource Information System within 30 days from the date of Emergency Notice submittal to the Director.
 - (A) For Projects filing an emergency notice for fuel hazard reduction under 14 CCR § 1052.4, archaeology requirements shall be conducted by a person possessing current certification pursuant to 14 CCR § 929.4 [949.4, 969.4].
- (11) Name, address, License number, and signature of the RPF who has been retained by the Timber Owner or operator to provide professional advice throughout the Timber Operations pursuant to 14 CCR § 1052(f).

(12) The RPF must certify either:

- (A) Compliance with Fish & Game Code Section 1600, et seq. notification requirements for significant modification of watercourse bed, bank, and channel, if applicable; or
- (B) Notification to CDFW within 14 days of commencing emergency work that impacts the watercourse's bed, bank, and channel, in accordance with Fish and Game Code § 1610.

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(13) Within 30 days of the commencement of Timber Operations under the Emergency Notice, the RPF shall provide a table detailing identification and description of constructed or Reconstructed Watercourse Crossings. (14) The RPF must promptly update the table with new information regarding newly constructed or Reconstructed Watercourse Crossings identified during Timber Operations under the Emergency Notice.

(b) Timber Operations pursuant to an emergency notice shall comply with the Rules and regulations of the Board. A person conducting Timber Operations under an Emergency Notice shall comply with all operational provisions of the Forest Practice Act and District Forest Practice Rules applicable to "Timber Harvest Plan", "THP", and "Plan".

Watercourse crossing construction and Reconstruction pursuant to an Emergency Notice shall comply with the operational provisions of 14 CCR §§ 923.9 [943.9, 963.9] et seq.

Authority cited: Sections 4551 and 4552, Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections 4592, 4750, 4750.3 and 4750.4, Public Resources Code.

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