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To: Board of Forestry and Fire Protection Members

Date: September 16, 2024

From: Board Staff

Subject: 2024 Call for Regulatory Review

On August 14, 2024, Board Staff posted a letter to the Board of Forestry Website announcing the annual “Call for Regulatory Review.” The Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) has the responsibility to maintain a comprehensive and effective system of regulation. To assure the efficacy of its regulations, the Board must have the most current information possible on the implementation and effectiveness of rules adopted in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act. To accomplish this the Board annually request public comment to receive timely information on:

- Areas where questions exist on interpretation of the regulatory standards, including potential solutions.
- Issues encountered in achieving compliance with the regulatory standards, including potential solutions.
- Suggested regulatory modifications which would either clarify existing rule language to better achieve the intended resource protection or would reduce regulatory inefficiencies and maintain the same or better level of protection.

For comments to be considered by the Board, written comments were submitted to the Board no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 06, 2024. Board staff has reviewed the letters received and has developed a spreadsheet, identifying the requesting entity providing the comment, topic for Board consideration, and two columns to assist the Board with helping to determine which Committee to assign the topic, if needed, and potential priority for the Board. Pending Legislative Bills are included at the end of the spreadsheet. These Bills have been presented to the Governor but currently have not been signed but may be signed for the 2025 calendar year.

Please note Board Staff preliminary review has not yet evaluated the Board’s authority to address a specific topic, current regulatory language to determine where changes may be made, or associated workloads.