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COUNTY OF SOLANO
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Solano County Department of Resource Management,

The California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board), which is responsible for developing forest policy and regulation for the State and, together with CAL FIRE, carrying out the Legislature's mandate to protect and enhance the State's unique forest and wildland resources, is currently in the process of updating its list of county Authorized Designees to review less than three-acre conversion exemptions. This list, which is resultant from the Board's regulations related to such conversions in Section 1104.1 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, is necessary in order to ensure that proposed projects conform to county requirements, and the Authorized Designee is necessary to ensure that these projects are reviewed under the appropriate authority.

During initial outreach on this issue roughly two years ago, only counties with zoned timberland were contacted regarding this exemption and, as such, the County of Solano was not contacted. However, these regulatory requirements are applicable to all timberlands as defined pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 4526, and are not reliant exclusively upon zoning designation. The Board is now reaching out to all counties in California to appoint Authorized Designee(s) to review conversions submitted under this exemption.

Included in this mailing is a copy of the initial outreach letter along with supporting documentation and additional information. While the Board recognizes that some counties may not engage in this process often, we are asking all counties to appoint a designee to ensure that the counties are aware of all proposed timberland conversion activities, that timberland conversions conform with all applicable county regulatory requirements, and ultimately to provide an effective mechanism for counties to increase control over land use within their jurisdiction.

Responses, questions, or comments may be submitted to:

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Sincerely,

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