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Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to Hold Hearing on Board Policy Statement For Forests and Rangelands

Sacramento - Pursuant to Public Resources Code §4789.4, the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection must prepare a forest resource policy statement upon review of the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's Fire and Resource Assessment Program (FRAP) Forest and Rangeland Resource Assessment for 2003.

PRC §4789.4(b) states that, "Such policy statement shall recognize distinct differences between the various public and various private owners of forest resources in the state and should include, insofar as possible, the following:

- (1) *A delineation of specific needs and opportunities for promoting both public and private forest resource management programs in California.*
- (2) *A discussion of priorities for accomplishment of program opportunities, with specified costs, results, and possible constraints on implementation.*
- (3) *An analysis of the relation of the alternative forest resource policies to employment opportunities in California.*

The Board of Forestry and Fire Protection invites all interested parties to attend this hearing for the purpose of providing constructive input toward the Board's development of an overarching policy statement for 2005. The Policy Statement is intended to guide the Board, Department and other decision-makers in policy decisions affecting wildland fire protection and resource management.

The hearing will begin at 9:00 AM and end no later than 2:30 PM, February 23, 2005, at the CDF San Bernardino Unit facility, located at 3800 N. Sierra Way in San Bernardino.

Additional information may be obtained from Eric Huff, Assistant Executive Officer, at (916) 653-8031 or on the Board's website at: http://www.fire.ca.gov/CDFBOFDB/board/board_current_docs.aspx

The full text of the Fire and Resource Assessment Program's (FRAP), Forest and Rangeland Resource Assessment 2003 may be found at:

www.frap.cdf.ca.gov/assessment2003/Assessment_Summary/assessment_summary.html

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