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California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection

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State Boards Suspends Forester's License

Sacramento – The California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection has suspended the license of a forester for six months as part of a stipulated agreement. The Board, in resolution of Foresters Licensing Case No. 306, suspended the license of Bill A. Pollard, Registered Professional Forester (RPF) No. 1065, of Angels Camp, after he stipulated to professional failures that collectively constituted gross negligence.

The violations include inaccurate or incomplete flagging of Watercourse and Lake Protection Zones (WLPZ); inaccurate or incomplete flagging, mapping and planning document description of new road construction; incomplete flagging of cultural resource protection zones; failing to amend harvest planning documents consistent with changes in operations; failing to map watercourse locations in harvest planning documents; failure to mark trees for harvest in accordance with fuel hazard reduction objectives; marking of trees in designated WLPZ no-harvest zones; and direction of ground skidding operations through WLPZ no-entry zones.

Pollard's license to practice forestry in California is suspended for a period of six months, with sixty (60) days actual suspension and the remaining four months stayed. The suspension became effective on April 21, 2007. Upon completion of the suspension, Pollard will begin twelve (12) months of probation under the supervision of another Registered Professional Forester in good standing, making the term of the stipulation a total of fourteen (14) months. At the end of the probationary period, if Pollard has complied with all of the conditions of the stipulation, his license to practice shall be fully restored.

Since 1973, any individual practicing professional forestry on the non-federally owned forested landscape in California must be licensed. This license is issued and regulated by the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. There are approximately 1,501 Registered Professional Foresters currently licensed to practice in the State of California.

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