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Chief Melodie Durham  
Staff Chief Wildfire Prevention  
Office of the State Fire Marshal, CAL FIRE  
Sacramento, CA

Dear Chief Durham:

The State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection's (Board) Resource Protection Committee (RPC) has been reviewing the *State Responsibility Area Fire Safe Regulations* contained in 14 CCR 1270 et seq., over the last 18 months. The review focused on the attached proposed regulatory changes for the Administrative Article related to Scope, Inspection Authority, and Exceptions. Please review the attached amendments with your internal staff. Also attached are the background issues that initiated the review and legal opinions developed to guide the regulatory amendments.

The Board wishes to expand the review of the regulatory proposal to a wider stakeholder group. We would appreciate your staff facilitating internal and external stakeholder review on the Administrative Article and the other Articles on emergency access, signing, water standards, and fuel modification which have not yet been reviewed by the Board. The review should include the following:

- 1) Identification of field issues from CALFIRE related to any 14 CCR 1270 et seq regulation;
- 2) Engagement of local agencies affected by the rules;
- 3) Science-based input from relevant technical, engineering, and professional society experts;
- 4) Consideration of national standards recommended by organizations such as NFPA;
- 5) Consideration of revisions to provide consistency among Title 14, 19, and 24 regulations that cover similar requirements; and
- 6) Periodic reports to the RPC to describe progress and allow the RPC to provide input on policy decision points.

The Board's goal is to complete the review of all Articles and have recommendations for the RPC by the end of 2010. Following the review, the Board could begin preparing a notice of hearing for the regulatory changes. The documents related to this topic will be posted on the Board's web site at: [http://www.bof.fire.ca.gov/regulations/proposed\\_rule\\_packages/](http://www.bof.fire.ca.gov/regulations/proposed_rule_packages/). Please contact me if you have any questions on the Board's intentions. Thank you for helping ensure fire safety for the wildlands of California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "George D. Gentry". The signature is fluid and cursive.

George D. Gentry  
Executive Officer

cc. Resource Protection Committee  
John Ellis, OSFM

