AB 1492 Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Program

Public Process Approaches

June 15, 2015

Intent: It is the intent of the Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration (TRFR) Program to be transparent and to provide the public with frequent and meaningful opportunities to receive information about the work of the Program and to provide input on its direction and methods.

Email Updates on Program Activities: We have established a list serve for the TRFR Program. We will use this to send email program updates and meeting notices to interested persons. You may subscribe to the list serve from the TRFR Program website (http://resources.ca.gov/forestry/) or at: https://listserv.state.ca.gov/wa.exe?SUBED1=CNRA_AB1492&A=1

Website Postings: The <u>TRFR website</u> provides a Program overview; reports; meeting announcements and summaries; an events calendar; and other detailed program information.

Commenting on Program: Comments on the TRFR Program can be emailed to: ab1492program.comments@resources.ca.gov We will check this mailbox at least once per week and will acknowledge the receipt of comments. We will post the written comments that we receive regarding the Program on the Program website (unless submitters request otherwise). We will periodically post written responses to summaries of the written comments that we receive.

Advisory Committee: We have started the process of establishing a stakeholder advisory committee for the TRFR Program. We entered into an interagency agreement with the Center for Collaborative Policy (California State University, Sacramento) to have them help to establish and manage the advisory committee. As designed, the process would start in June 2015, with the Center for Collaborative Policy conducting a series of stakeholder interviews. Advisory Committee meetings will be open to the public and, whenever possible, webcast. The public will have the opportunity to speak to agenda items, as well as other TRFR Program issues they may wish to raise. Meetings and agendas will be announced at least 10 days in advance. Meetings will be held periodically in Sacramento and in other areas across the state that are closely connected to forest management.

Participating in Meetings and Workshops: The TRFR Program will hold periodic public meetings or workshops to update the public on our work and to seek input. We will facilitate public participation by webcasting public meetings and workshops whenever possible. Webcasts will be managed to allow participants to make comments or ask questions. Webcasts will be recorded and be available following the meetings or workshops.

- The Administrative Performance Measures, Data and Monitoring, and Ecological Performance Measures Working Groups will have periodic public meetings to inform stakeholders of the progress on their work, including workshops for substantial interaction at critical milestones in work product development (see the working group charters for more details).
- <u>Summaries</u> from the meetings of the Working Groups and the AB 1492 Leadership Team will be posted on the TRFR Program website.
- The TRFR Program as a whole, organized by the AB 1492 Leadership Team, will have period public meetings to inform stakeholders of the progress on the Program's work, including workshops for substantial interaction at critical milestones in work product development.
- <u>Pilot projects</u> will typically be done in a collaborative fashion that invites the participation of stakeholders, landowners, other agencies (local, state, or federal), and, where needed, experts from outside of state agencies.
- <u>The TRFR Program Advisory Committee meetings</u>, as noted above, will be open to the public and provide opportunities for public comment.