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**ATTACHMENT 10**

**Date:** August 20, 2015

**To:** State Board of Fire Services

**From:** David Shew, Staff Chief

**SUBJECT / AGENDA ACTION ITEM:**

Title 14 Division 1.5 Chapter 7 Fire Protection (Information/Discussion)  
Update on recent regulatory action from the Board of Forestry concerning PRC 4290

**Recommended Actions:**

**No action by Board - Discussion Only**

**Background Information:**

At the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection's regularly scheduled meeting held on March 4, 2015, the Board adopted amendments to Section 4290 of the Public Resources Code. These regulations govern fire safe development in the State Responsibility Area (SRA). The workgroup made changes to sixteen sections in order to better address the intent of the regulations. These changes, as adopted by the Board, were approved by the Office of Administrative Law on April 27, 2015 and will become effective on January 1, 2016.

**Analysis/Summary of Issue:**

The Board of Forestry and Fire Protection amended 16 sections of CCR Title 14, Division 1.5, Chapter 7 Fire Protection that regulate fire safe development in State Responsibility Area (SRA). Local governing agencies which contain SRA lands should review their existing regulations to ensure that they are not less restrictive than the amended minimum regulations identified in CCR Title 14. Beginning January 1, 2016, any certifications issued by the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection for county ordinances that previously met or exceeded the former regulations will be invalid. It is highly recommended that local fire officials meet with planning and building representatives to review their current regulations pertaining to fire safety standards for SRA lands contained within their jurisdictions and prepare for any necessary changes based on the January 1, 2016 effective date.