State of California

AIR RESOURCES BOARD

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. L-4-A

Relating to the Open Burning of Nonindustrial Wood Waste at Designated Sites

WHEREAS, Section 41800 of the Health and Safety Code prohibits the use of outdoor fires for the purpose of disposal or burning of petroleum wastes, demolition debris, tires, tar, trees, wood waste, or other combustible or flammable solid or liquid waste, or for metal salvage or burning of motor vehicle bodies;

WHEREAS, Section 41804.5 of the Health and Safety Code allows the Air Resources Board to authorize, subject to the limitations in Section 41803, the use of open outdoor fires by a city or county at a designated site to dispose of nonindustrial wood waste at disposal sites located above 1500 feet elevation mean sea level and burning shall occur only on permissive agricultural burn days;

WHEREAS, Section 41803 states that no authorization, however, under Section 41804.5 shall be granted after such date as the Air Resources Board may determine based upon a finding that an alternative method of disposal has been developed which is technologically and economically feasible;

WHEREAS, Sierra County has submitted an application to the Air Resources Board for approval to burn nonindustrial wood waste at a designated site;

WHEREAS, the staff of the Board has reviewed the application and found that the County has supplied all information required by the State Board and the submitted proposal is in compliance with state law;

WHEREAS, in order to prevent interference with the attainment and maintenance of ambient air quality standards, such fires must be confined to the period December 1st through May 31st.

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer is authorized by Section 39516 of the Health and Safety Code and Resolution 78-10 to act on behalf of the Board in this matter;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, that the Executive Officer hereby approves Sierra County's application to burn nonindustrial wood waste at the following designated sites:

1. Alleghany, Elev. 4900
2. Ramshorn, Elev. 2800
3. Sierra City, Elev. 5050

Subject to the following conditions:

1. Burning is to be commenced only on permissive agricultural burn days during the period December 1st through May 31st.

2. Permits to burn must be obtained from the local fire protection agency having jurisdiction and from the Sierra County Air Pollution Control District.

3. Only nonindustrial wood waste can be burned.

4. Prior to each burn, an inspection at the site shall be made by the Sierra County Air Pollution Control District to assure that only nonindustrial wood waste is burned.

5. This executive order will become invalid when the Air Resources Board determines that an alternative method of disposal has been developed which is technologically and economically feasible.

Executed at Sacramento, California this 19th day of May, 1980.

Thomas C. Austin
Executive Officer