

Oaks

California Oaks

Preserving and perpetuating California's oak woodlands and wildlife habitats

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Re: Oak Woodland Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Forest Practice Committee:

This communication concludes California Oaks rulemaking necessity presentation regarding oak woodland greenhouse gas emissions and incorporates by reference our previous remarks (Exhibits A and B).

Gov. Brown's January 2015 inaugural address included this declaration regarding the state's greenhouse gas reduction goals for the next 15 years: *"We must also reduce the relentless release of methane, black carbon and other potent pollutants across industries. And we must manage farm and rangelands, forests and wetlands so they can store carbon."*

The Board's mandate includes *"The protection of the state's interests in forest resources on private lands, and shall determine, establish, and maintain an adequate forest policy."* To honor its adequacy obligations the Board must support state greenhouse gas forest policy and law by commencing the stocking rulemaking process for oak woodland commercial firewood operations.

Sincerely,



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cc: David Mallory
Senator Pavley

Exhibits (2)