



**HOW TO PARTICIPATE
IN THE
California Department of Forestry's
(CDF)**

**Review Process
for
San Jose Water Company's 1000 acre
Non-industrial Timber Management
Plan (NTMP)**

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How is Logging Regulated?

- California Board of Forestry (BoF)
Establishes Forest Practice Rules
(FPRs)
- California Department of Forestry (CDF)
Implements & enforces the rules
 - Southern sub-district of Coast Region
 - CCR 924 - Special Rules
 - CCR 925 - Santa Clara County

Timber Harvest Permits

(functional equivalent of EIR under CEQA)

- Timber Harvest Plan (THP)
 - 45 day minimum review period
 - Good for three years + 2 year extension
- Non-industrial Timber Management Plan (NTMP)
 - 45 day minimum review period
 - Good forever
 - No further notice or review required to log
 - SJW submits Notice of Ops.-harvest begins

Timber Harvest Review Process

- Domestic Water Supply Inquiry
- Notice of Intent and Plan Submittal
- Acceptance for filing
- Pre-Harvest Inspection
- Public Hearing
- Review Team Meeting (Review Team)
- Period of Public Comment
- Decision
- Official Response to Comments
- Appeal
- Litigation

Domestic Water Supply Inquiry

Request for Information on Domestic Water Supplies

- Plan submitter must provide written notification to all landowners within 1000' downstream of the NTMP boundary whose ownership adjoins or includes a watercourse which receives drainage from the proposed timber operations.
- Property owners should respond w/in 10 days alert submitter & to request mitigations to prevent adverse effects to their water source.

Notice of Intent and Plan Submittal

- 10 day minimum wait period after Domestic Water Inquiry/Notice of Intent
- Plan is submitted to CDF (agencies)
- Neighbors w/in 300' of plan boundary should receive mail notification
- CDF has 10 days to do 1st Review
 - Plan rejected
 - Plan accepted for filing

Acceptance for Filing

- Plan gets filed w/CDF
- Review Team members receive copy of 1st Review Questions-incomplete items
- Clock starts ticking
- County Supervisor should request Night-time public hearing at an easily accessible location

Pre-Harvest Inspection

- Pre-harvest inspection (PHI) is to take place w/in 10 days of plan filing
 - Various Review Team members conduct a site visit (possibly two)
 - Areas of most concern are viewed
 - Agencies discuss possible changes/mitigations
 - Public is not invited to attend
 - Request copy of PHI reports

Public Hearing

- Noticed in Newspaper (phone CDF for date)
- This is the chance to voice your concerns
- Not a Q & A session
- Usually little or no presentation of issues
- Speakers have from 3-5 minutes each
- CDF must address in writing every significant environmental concern raised
 - Also issues of public health & safety
- CDF does not address philosophical concerns

Review Team Meeting

- Agencies discuss RPF's response to PHI requests
- Takes place in Santa Rosa
 - Public can sit in and listen via conference line from Felton CDF office (limited public attendance) Take notes; tape record
 - Issues are hammered out here
 - Public may have the opportunity to ask questions of RT members
- CDF prepares Review Team Recommendations
- County (DFG) can non-concur w/in 5 days

Reviewing Agencies

- Review Team is led by CDF
 - Advisory members include:
 - California Geological Survey (CGS)
 - Department of Fish and Game (DFG)
 - San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board (SFRWQCB)
 - Santa Clara County Planning Department
 - Santa Clara Valley Water District*
 - Aldercroft Municipal Water District*
 - Mid-Peninsula Open Space District*

Close of Public Comment

- Ten days after last significant info is received by CDF (RPF responses, etc.)
- Call CDF to confirm date ([831-335-6740](tel:831-335-6740))
- Send comment letters to CDF prior to date:
santarosapubliccomment@fire.ca.gov

Decision & OR to Comments

- CDF Director approves plan
- CDF has 15 days to prepare Official Response to Comments (often takes longer)
 - OR is sent to those who submitted comments
 - Can be obtained from CDF

Appeal and Litigation

- Board of Supervisors can vote to appeal the plan
Need to get vote of BoS before Decision Date
(may be able to begin harvest w/in 5 days)
- BoF decides whether or not to hear appeal
- BoF holds public hearing on appeal (Sacto)
Rarely upholds appeal

Notice of Operations

- Plan submitter submits a NoO to CDF and starts operations
- No Public Notice required
- No Further Review
- Logging can commence w/in 5 days*

*A Wavier of Waste Discharge is needed
From Regional Water Quality Control Board

Amendments

- The NTMP may be amended at any time
- Major Amendments require review same as NTMP
- Minor Amendments require CDF approval
new roads, new landings, new stream crossings, change of Winter operations, road widening in WLPZ (adjacent to creek), enlarging helicopter landings, etc.

City of Santa Cruz Watersupply Watershed –



Kings Creek



Minor
Amendment



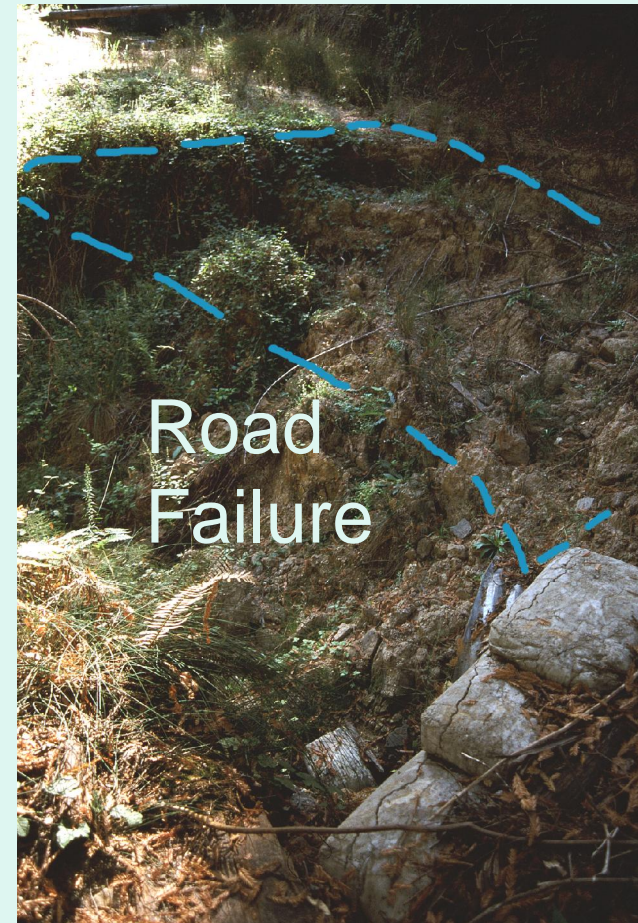
Skid Trail upgraded to haul road –
No geologic review

CDF Contact Info

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City of Santa Cruz Watersupply

Watershed - Major's Creek



Failed Culverts

City of Santa Cruz Watersupply Watershed – Mtn. Charlie Creek



- Toe of slide in Creek
- Slide continues to bleed
- Slide took out part of log road just below skid trail

City of Watsonville Watersupply Watershed

