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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 47

Introduced by Assembly Member Simitian

December 2, 2002

An act to add Section 4551.9 to the Public Resources Code, relating to forest practices.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 47, as amended, Simitian. Timber harvesting plans: regulations: information.

Existing law, the Z'berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act of 1973, prohibits a person from conducting timber operations, as defined, until the person files a timber harvesting plan with the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, in accordance with specified requirements.

The act requires that a timber harvesting plan be a public record and include specified information relating to the conduct of timber operations.

The act also requires the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to adopt various rules and regulations related to forest practices.

This bill would require the board, on or before January 1, 2005, to adopt regulations requiring a timber harvesting plan to include specified information. The bill would prohibit the board from requiring the person submitting the plan to provide proprietary information in the plan. The bill would require the board to consider the impact of the regulations on smaller landowners, and avoid imposing excessive burdens and costs on those landowners.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 4551.9 is added to the Public Resources
2 Code, to read:

3 4551.9. (a) On or before January 1, 2005, the board shall
4 adopt regulations to require that a timber harvesting plan include
5 the following information:

6 (1) Information on riparian forest conditions in the timber
7 harvesting plan area.

8 (2) ~~Maps~~ *A map or maps*, depicting the location and boundaries
9 of past, present, and reasonably foreseeable probable future
10 projects, as defined in Section 21065 and Section 895.1 of Title 14
11 of the California Code of Regulations, on land owned or controlled
12 by the applicant in the planning watershed. The board may not
13 require an applicant to furnish maps of projects completed more
14 than 10 years prior to the submission of the timber harvesting plan.
15 Maps shall include silvicultural prescription, but are not required
16 to provide specific information on stand volume or species
17 composition. The scale and format of maps provided pursuant to
18 this subdivision shall be determined by the board.

19 (b) The board may not require the person submitting the timber
20 harvesting plan to provide proprietary information in the timber
21 harvesting plan. The board shall consider the impact of the
22 regulations on smaller landowners, and avoid excessive burdens
23 or costs on those landowners.

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