

## CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

### NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE CALIFORNIA TROPICAL FOREST STANDARD AND DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

The California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) will conduct a public meeting at the time and place noted below to consider the endorsement of the California Tropical Forest Standard.

As part of this process, CARB staff has prepared and released a Draft Environmental Analysis (Draft EA) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

CARB hereby invites comments on the California Tropical Forest Standard and the Draft EA, which are posted on CARB's website:

<https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/ghgsectors/tropicalforests.htm>.

CARB will conduct a public meeting at the following time and location, to consider the endorsement of the California Tropical Forest Standard.

DATE:	November 15, 2018
TIME:	9:00 a.m.
LOCATION:	California Environmental Protection Agency California Air Resources Board Byron Sher Auditorium 1001 I Street Sacramento, California 95814

Further details on the meeting and on the California Tropical Forest Standard can be found in the Notice of Public Meeting, posted on September 5, 2018, on CARB's website: <https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/ghgsectors/tropicalforests.htm>.

#### **Environmental Analysis**

CARB, as the lead agency for this nonregulatory action, has prepared a Draft EA in accordance with the requirements of its regulatory program certified by the Secretary of Natural Resources. (California Code of Regulation, title 17, sections 60006-60008; California Code of Regulation, title 14, section 15251, subdivision (d).) The Draft EA is now available. The Draft EA provides a single coordinated programmatic environmental analysis of an illustrative, reasonably foreseeable compliance scenario that could result from implementation of the proposed California Tropical Forest Standard (referred to as the "Proposed Project" in the Draft EA).

The resource areas from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Environmental Checklist were used as a framework for a programmatic environmental analysis of the direct and reasonably foreseeable indirect environmental impacts resulting from implementation of the proposed California Tropical Forest Standard. The Draft EA provides an analysis of both the beneficial and adverse impacts and feasible mitigation measures for the reasonably foreseeable compliance responses associated with the proposed standard.

Using a conservative approach for determining the significance of potential environmental impacts, the California Tropical Forest Standard is anticipated to result in the following beneficial and adverse impacts: beneficial impacts to air quality and greenhouse gas emissions; no adverse impacts to aesthetics, biological resources, cultural resources, energy demand, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, recreation, utilities and service systems; less-than-significant impacts to aesthetics, agriculture and forestry, population, employment and housing, public services, and transportation and traffic; and potentially significant and unavoidable adverse impacts to land use and planning related to local land use plans for non-forest uses and to mineral resources.

### **Proposed Action**

CARB staff will present a written California Tropical Forest Standard, Draft EA, and a staff presentation at the meeting. The standard and related materials may also be obtained from CARB's website:

<https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/ghgsectors/tropicalforests.htm>.

Copies of the draft standard (previously released on September 5, 2018) and Draft EA are available in CARB's Public Information Office, 1001 I Street, First Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, California, 95814. Although all comments received on the draft standard and Draft EA will be considered by CARB, only those comments related to the Draft EA and received **no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 29, 2018**, are required to be responded to in writing in the response to comments document which will be posted on CARB's website before the scheduled Board meeting. To be considered by the Board, written comments must be received by the due date above, and addressed to the following:

Postal mail: Clerk of the Board, Air Resources Board  
1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814

Electronic submittal: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm/bclist.php>

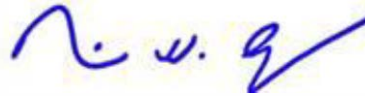
Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Government Code section 6250 et seq.), your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the public record and can be released to the public upon request.

Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Jason Gray, Branch Chief, Climate Change Program Evaluation Branch, at (916) 324-3507 or (designated back-up contact) Greg Mayeur, Manager, Program Operation Section, at (916) 324-8031.

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Date: September 14, 2018

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