DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION
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DATE: October 21, 2026

RE: 1-26-00076-SON (Little Pepperwood THP) Letter of Recirculation

Significant New Information [*ref*. 14 CCR § 895.1] has been added to portions of **Timber Harvesting Plan (THP) # 1-26-00076-SON**. Consequently, CAL FIRE is recirculating portions of the Plan pursuant to 14 CCR § 1037.3(f)(1) and has prepared the following Letter of Recirculation pursuant to 14 CCR § 1037.3(f)(3).

THP 1-26-00076-SON was submitted by Gualala Redwood Timber LLC on Timberland owned by Gualala Redwood Timber LLC. The Plan proposes Timber Operations on 269 acres in Sonoma and Mendocino Counties and is located in portions of Sections 20, 21, 28, 29, and 30 of Township 11 North, Range 14 West, Mount Diablo Base Meridian. The Plan is proposed in the CALWATER State Planning Watershed of Big Pepperwood Creek and Lower Rockpile Creek (Watershed Identification Numbers 1113.850201, 1113.820003, respectively, of CALWATER Version 2.2.1). Silvicultural systems proposed in the Plan include selection, group selection, commercial thinning, and variable retention.

Significant New Information has been added to the Plan as follows:

- Revise and update protection measures and related environmental analysis for Foothill Yellow Legged Frog (See revised pages 67, 68.1, 198, & 198.1)

Summary of other changes made to the Plan:

- Correction for consistency of proposed operations during the winter period (see revised pages 30, 32 & 237).
- Correction of references to units with unstable areas (see revised page 28).
- Clarification of proposed exception to 14 CCR § 914.2(d) (see revised page 114).
- Clarification of proposed exception to 14 CCR § 914.2(f)(2) (see revised page 115).
- Includes culvert sizing calculations for map point 6a. (see revised page 87).
- Correct summary of greenhouse gas quantitative analysis (see revised page 224)

The revisions, which include the Significant New Information, are limited to Sections 2, 3, 4, and 5, as such, recirculation is limited to Sections 2 through 5 of the Plan (pages 11 through 537.5). Only this recirculated portion of the Plan is open to public comment.

Consistent with the standards described in 14 CCR § 1037.3(e), the review period, and public comment period for the recirculated portion of the plan, will be reopened for 30 days, beginning on October 21, 2026. The public comment period will close on Friday, November 20, 2026.

All changes to date have been incorporated into the THP. The revised THP, and other documents pertaining to the review of the plan, may be reviewed and/or purchased for $0.37 per page at the forest practice office listed below.

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The revised THP and documents associated with the THP are made available for public review on CAL FIRE's Timber Operations permitting website, CALTREES, at the following address: https://aca-prod.accela.com/CALTREES/Default.aspx.

Alternatively, the Plan record is available at the forest practice office listed below.

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Please send all Public Comments to:

- Email: santarosapubliccomment@fire.ca.gov; or
- Attn: Forest Practice
  California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
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  (707) 576-2959; or
- Create an account through CALTREES and submit online.

Please reference 1-26-00076-SON when submitting a public comment. To receive response by the Department, comments must relate to the portion of the plan that has been revised and recirculated. Comments must be received no later than Friday, November 20, 2026. Comments received after the close of the public comment period will not receive response.

Upon the close of the public comment period, the Director's representative shall have 15 working days, or a longer period mutually agreed upon by the Director and the person submitting the plan, to review the public input, to consider recommendations and mitigation measures of other agencies, to respond in writing to the issues raised and to determine if the plan is in conformance with the applicable rules adopted by the Board and the Forest Practice Act, ref. PRC § 4582.7(a).

If you have any questions or require additional assistance, please call (707) 576-2959.

Sincerely,

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