

GENERAL SECTIONS

5091

(May 1988)

(Note: Funding for the Urban Forestry Program for the 1983-84 fiscal year has been deleted by action of the governor. No grants will be approved until the authority and funding have been reinstated.)

PURPOSE

5091.1

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CDF has been authorized to implement a program in urban forestry to encourage better tree management and planting in urban areas, to assist the cities in seeking innovative solutions for problems such as tree maintenance and vandalism, to encourage demonstration projects for maximizing the benefits of urban forests for citizens, and to otherwise accomplish the purpose of Chapter 1181, statutes of 1978.

DEFINITIONS

5091.2

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Urban Forestry:

The cultivation and management of trees in urban areas for their present and potential contribution to the physiological, sociological, and economic well being of urban society.

Urban Forest:

Those native or introduced trees and related vegetation in the urban and near-urban areas including, but not limited to, street trees, park trees, residential trees, natural riparian habitats, and trees on other private and public properties.

Urban Area:

An urban place, as defined by the United State Department of Commerce, of 2,500 or more persons.

POLICY

5091.3

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The department will assume the primary responsibility to carry out the intent of Chapter 1181, statutes of 1978, in cooperation with other private and public entities or persons and appropriate local, state, and federal agencies such as the Cooperative Extension, the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Department of Transportation, the United State Forest Service, and resource conservation districts.

CDF is the agent of the state and has full power to cooperate with those agencies of the federal government which have powers and duties concerning urban forestry, and to perform all things necessary to secure for this state the benefits of federal urban forestry programs.

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