

POLICY

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The department is authorized to enter into agreements or otherwise carry out the purposes of Chapter 1181. The forest advisory program conducted by the department will encourage forest resource improvements and otherwise facilitate good forestland management through a program of technical assistance, advice, and applied research. The purpose of the program is to work cooperatively with private landowners (particularly smaller nonindustrial land-owners) to upgrade the management of their lands and, therefore, to improve both the productivity of the land and the degree of protection and enhancement of the forest resource system as a whole. The department is authorized to encourage and cooperate with efforts of the forest industry and federal government to improve the management of forestlands within the state, particularly lands owned by nonindustrial owners, through advisory services or other actions. The department will work cooperatively with other private and public entities and persons, including tree nursery operators, when carrying out this program.

The Director may enter into agreements with eligible landowners pursuant to which each landowner will undertake forest resource improvement work, and the state will pay a share of the cost of carrying out such work. The Director may authorize payment of up to 90 percent of the cost.

Regulations have been developed for the various procedures and operations necessary to implement the program (see Title 14, Division 1.5, Chapter 9.5 of the CCR).

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