

Permit for Vegetation Management for Fire Risk Reduction in Waters and Riparian Areas

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Presentation Outline

- Purpose and goals of the permit
- Activities covered and not covered by the permit
- Requirements for different types of projects
- Next steps and schedule

Permit Goals

- Facilitate fire risk reduction work
- Protect water quality and beneficial uses of waters
- Focus on larger municipal projects
 - Paso Robles work in Salinas River is an example

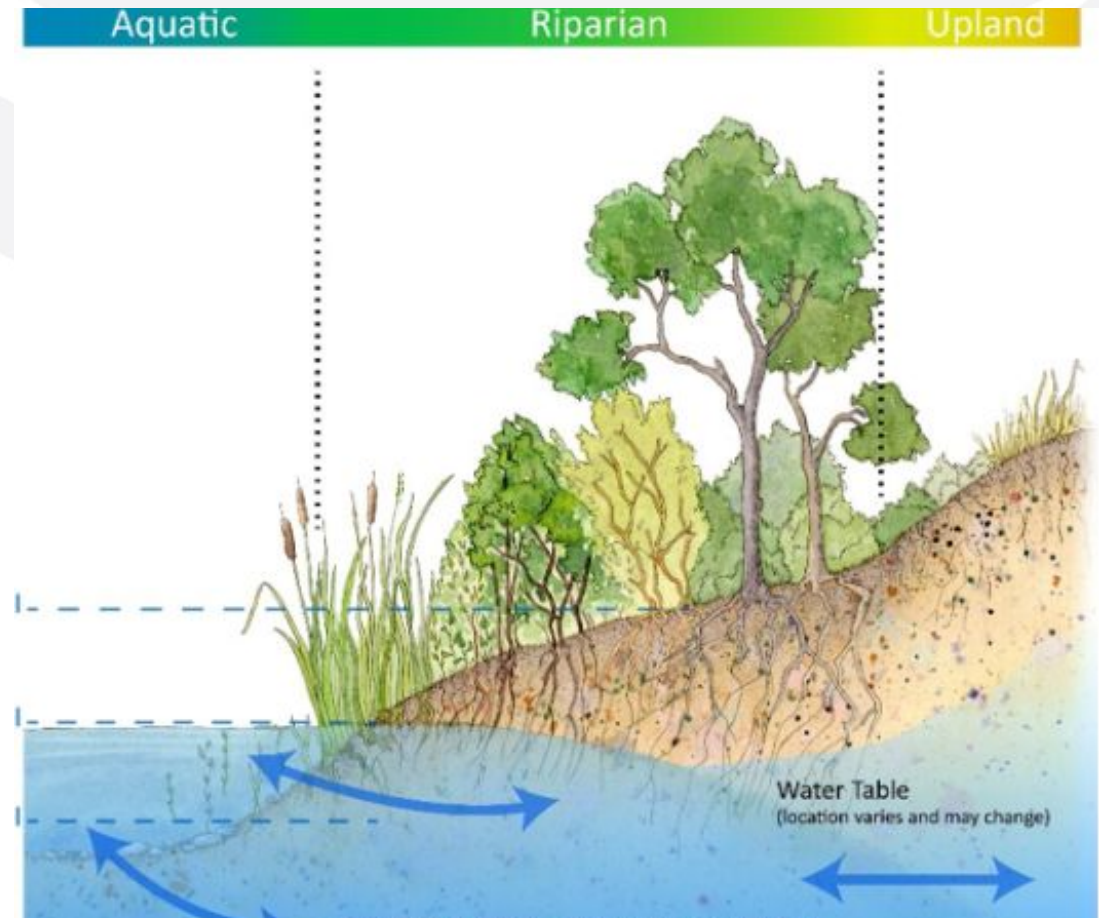
Covered Activities

- Located in local responsibility area only



Covered Activities

- Located in waters of the State or riparian areas only



Covered Activities

- Vegetation management for the primary purpose of fire risk reduction

Two Types of Activities Under Permit

- Non-notifying

- Can proceed without notification subject to basic protective measures

- Notifying

- Notification and enrollment required

Non-Notifying Activities

- Prescribed fire
- Defensible space
- CEQA exempt activities
- Dead tree and debris removal
- Invasive plant treatment

Non-Notifying Activity Protective Measures

- Equipment exclusion zones for perennial and intermittent streams
- Equipment limitation zones for ephemeral streams
- Use of roads as control lines where practicable
- Use of low intensity fire prescriptions where practicable
- Unstable slope avoidance

Non-Notifying Activity Protective Measures

- Vegetation Management
 - Retain healthy mature native trees where practicable
 - Retain canopy where practicable
 - Retain large woody debris where practicable

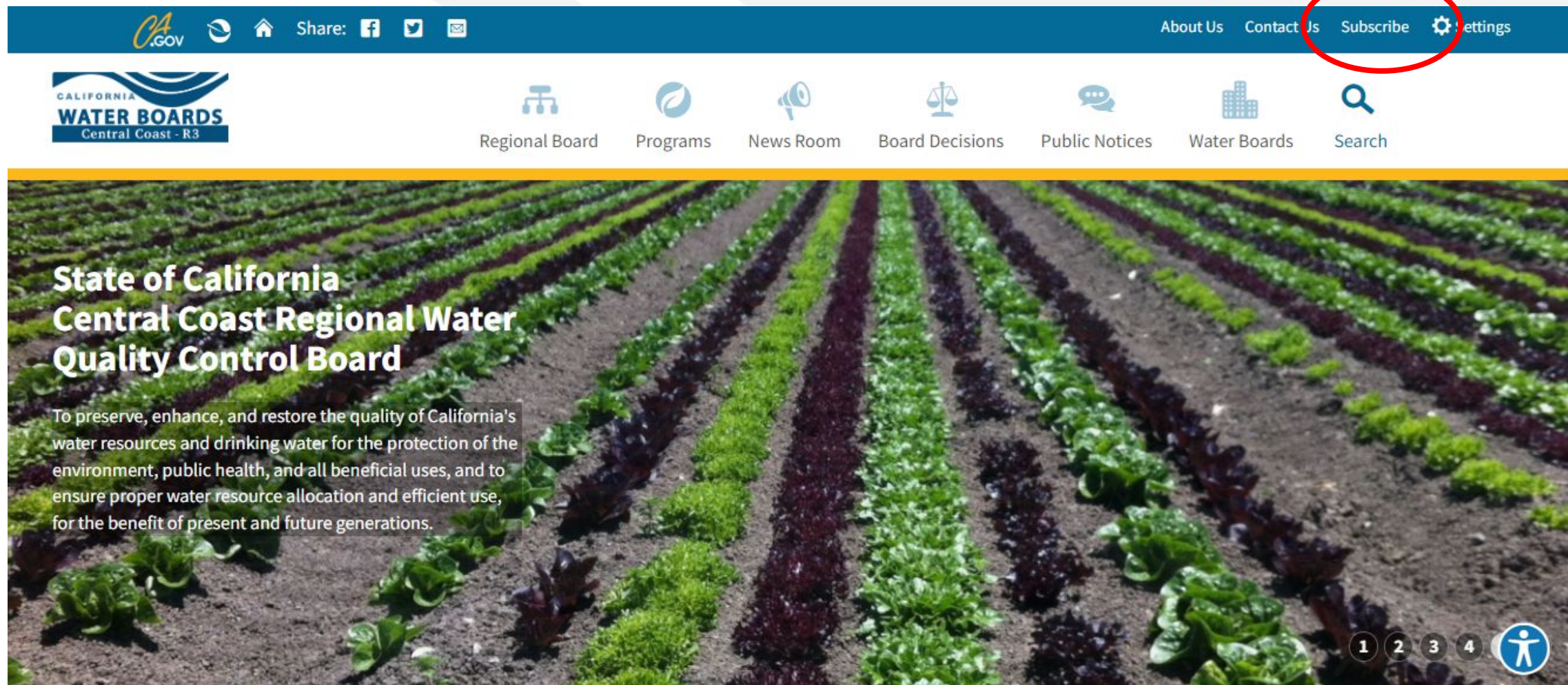
Notifying Activities

- Types of projects
 - Mastication
 - Uprooting of native shrubs and mature trees
- Requirements
 - Plans for vegetation and sediment removal
 - Mitigation for removal of healthy mature native trees, impacts to wetlands

Next Steps

- Revised draft for public comment available October 2024
- Draft Environmental Impact Report public review March-April 2025
- Board consideration for adoption in December 2025

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