Dear Persons Interested in the AB 1492 Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Program:

October 14 Public Workshop on Forest Planning Watershed Pilot Projects

The AB 1492 Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Program is pleased to announce the first public workshop to seek input on the development of forest planning watershed pilot projects. The intent of the pilot projects is to increase efficiencies for timber harvest planning processes. The specific substantive areas proposed to be addressed by the pilot projects include data collection and characterization, identification of information and methods used for cumulative environmental impacts assessment, and the identification of restoration opportunities in forested landscapes. These pilot projects will be collaborative, multi-disciplinary efforts that provide opportunity for public participation.

The purpose of the public workshop is to seek input on the draft concept paper that we have prepared and on initial steps for moving forward, including how to select the planning watershed for the first pilot project and how to establish a collaborative Pilot Project Working Group to guide the work. The draft concept paper is available on our website here. We stress that this is a draft concept paper and that we are soliciting public input on its suggested approaches, both at this workshop and by email at AB1492Program.Comments@Resources.ca.gov

Meeting details are as follows:

Wednesday, October 14

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Mendocino County Cooperative Extension Office

890 North Bush Street (at Low Gap Road)

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The workshop will be webcast. Information on how to join the webcast will be posted to our website soon.

Additional information about the Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Program is available on our website: http://resources.ca.gov/forestry/