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The Director will apply PRC 4292-4296 in any mountainous land, forest covered land, brush covered land or grass covered land within State Responsibility Areas unless specifically exempted by 14 CCR 1255 and 1257.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 4292, 4293, Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections 4125-4128, 4292, 4293, Public Resources Code.

**HISTORY**

1. Amendment of section heading and section filed 10-24-2005; operative 11-23-2005 (Register 2005, No. 43).

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**§ 1252.1. Official Area Maps.**

The official maps of State Responsibility Areas defined in 14 CCR § 1220 are available for viewing and copying during normal business hours at the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, 715 P. Street, Sacramento, California, 95814, in the Fire Protection Section.

When, pursuant to PRC 4125-4128, the Board revises State Responsibility Area boundaries, the Director will forward a legal description of a boundary change(s) to the respective electric utility(s) serving the area(s).

Note: Authority cited: Sections 4292 and 4293, Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections 4125-4128, 4292 and 4293, Public Resources Code.

**HISTORY**

1. Amendment filed 10-24-2005; operative 11-23-2005 (Register 2005, No. 43).
2. Change without regulatory effect amending first paragraph filed 10-12-2021 pursuant to section 100, title 1, California Code of Regulations (Register 2021, No. 42).

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**§ 1252.2. Boundary Location -Roads, Etc.**

Where the boundaries of areas described in 14 CAC 1252 are along roads, highways, streets, railroads, streams, canals or rivers, the actual boundary shall be the center-line of the course of such roads, highways, streets, railroads, streams, canals, and rivers.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 4292, 4293, Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections 4125-4128, 4292, 4293, Public Resources Code.

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**§ 1252.3. Boundary Location -Section Lines, Etc.**

Where the boundaries of the area described in 14 CAC 1252 are on section, township or range lines, or on powerline rights-of-way, the poles, towers and conductors located thereon are within the area described.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 4292 and 4293, Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections 4125-4128, 4292 and 4293, Public Resources Code.

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14 CCR § 1253

**§ 1253. Time When PRC 4292-4296 Apply.**

The minimum firebreak and clearance provisions of PRC 4292-4296 are applicable during the declared California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection fire season for a respective county. The Director shall post the declaration on the official Department web site.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 4292 and 4293, Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections 4125-4128, 4292 and 4293, Public Resources Code.

**HISTORY**

1. Repealer and new section filed 10-24-2005; operative 11-23-2005 (Register 2005, No. 43).

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14 CCR § 1254

**§ 1254. Minimum Clearance Provisions - PRC 4292.**

The firebreak clearances required by PRC 4292 are applicable within an imaginary cylindrical space surrounding each pole or tower on which a switch, fuse, transformer or lightning arrester is attached and surrounding each dead end or corner pole unless such pole or tower is exempt from minimum clearance requirements by provisions of 14 CCR 1255 or PRC 4296. The radius of the cylinder is 3.1 m (10 feet) measured horizontally from the outer circumference of the specified pole or tower with height equal to the distance from the intersection of the imaginary vertical exterior surface of the cylinder with the ground to an intersection with a horizontal plane passing through the highest point at which a conductor is attached to such pole or tower. (See Figure 2 this Article.) Flammable vegetation and materials located wholly or partially within the firebreak space shall be treated as follows:

- (a) At ground level -remove flammable materials, including but not limited to, ground litter, duff and dead or desiccated vegetation that will allow fire to spread, and;
- (b) From 0-2.4 m (0-8 feet) above ground level -remove flammable trash, debris or other materials, grass, herbaceous and brush vegetation. All limbs and foliage of living trees shall be removed up to a height of 2.4 m (8 feet).
- (c) From 2.4 m (8 feet) to horizontal plane of highest point of conductor attachment -remove dead, diseased or dying limbs and foliage from living sound trees and any dead, diseased or dying trees in their entirety.

Note: Authority cited: Section 4292, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 4292, Public Resources Code.

**HISTORY**

1. Repealer of subsection (d) filed 5-11-83; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 83, No. 20).
2. Amendment of first paragraph and subsection (a) filed 10-24-2005; operative 11-23-2005 (Register 2005, No. 43).

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14 CCR § 1255

**§ 1255. Exemptions to Minimum Clearance Provisions -PRC 4292.**

The minimum clearance provisions of PRC 4292 are not required around poles and towers, including line junction, corner and dead end poles and towers:

- (a) Where all conductors are continuous over or through a pole or tower; or
- (b) Where all conductors are not continuous over or through a pole or tower, provided, all conductors and subordinate equipment are of the types listed below and are properly installed and used for the purpose for which they were designed and manufactured;
- (1) compression connectors,
  - (2) automatic connectors,
  - (3) parallel groove connectors,
  - (4) hot line tap or clamp connectors that were designed to absorb any expansion or contraction by applying spring tension on the main line or running conductor and tap connector,
  - (5) Fargo GA 300 series piercing connectors designed and manufactured for use with tree wire,
  - (6) flat plate connectors installed with not less than two bolts,
  - (7) tapered C-shaped member and wedge connectors,
  - (8) solid blade single phase bypass switches and solid blade single phase disconnect switches associated with circuit reclosers, sectionalizers and line regulators,
  - (9) equipment that is completely sealed and liquid-filled;
  - (10) current limiting non-expulsion fuses or
- (c) On the following areas if fire will not propagate thereon;
- (1) fields planted to row crops,
  - (2) plowed or cultivated fields,
  - (3) producing vineyards that are plowed or cultivated;
  - (4) fields in nonflammable summer fallow;
  - (5) irrigated pasture land;
  - (6) orchards of fruit, nut or citrus trees that are plowed or cultivated,
  - (7) Christmas tree farms that are plowed or cultivated; and
  - (8) swamp, marsh or bog land; or

(d) Where vegetation is maintained less than 30.48 cm (12 inches) in height, is fire resistant, and is planted and maintained for the specific purpose of preventing soil erosion and fire ignition.

Note: Authority cited: Section 4292, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 4292, Public Resources Code.

#### **HISTORY**

1. Amendment filed 5-11-83; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 83, No. 20).
2. New subsection (b)(10) filed 4-7-89; operative 5-7-89 (Register 89, No. 15).

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