**ITEM #27– WLPZ IN-LIEU OR ALTERNATIVE PRACTICES**

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| Per 14 CCR 916.1[936.1, 956.1] (In-Lieu Practices) – In rule sections where provision is made for site specific practices to be proposed by the RPF, approved by the Director and included in the NTMP in lieu of a standard rule, the RPF shall:   * Reference the standard rule * Explain and describe each proposed practice * Explain how it differs from the standard practice, * Explain and justify how the protection provided by the proposed practice is a t least equal to the protection provided by the standard rule. * Identify the specific location where it shall be applied. 14 CCR 1034(x)(15) and (16)   Per 14 CCR 916.6[936.6, 956.6] (Alternatives) – Alternative prescription for the protection of watercourses and lakes may be developed by the RPF or proposed by the Director on a site specific basis provided the following conditions are complied with and the alternative prescription will achieve compliance with the standards set forth in 14 CCR 916.3[936.3, 956.3] and 916.4[936.4, 956.4](b)  The alternative prescription shall include in the NTMP information per 14 CCR 916.6[936.6, 956.6]a)(1)-(3) | |
| 1. []Yes [] No | Are there any site-specific practices proposed in-lieu of, or as an alternative, to the prohibition of the construction or use of tractor roads listed below?  Per 14 CCR 916.3[936.3, 956.3(c) Timber operators shall not construct or use tractor roads in a Class I, II, III, IV watercourses, wet meadows and other wet areas unless explained and justified in the plan by the RPF.  Except at:   * Prepared tractor crossing described in 14 CCR 914.8[934.8, 954.8](b) * Class III watercourse crossings dry at the time of use * At new and existing tractor road crossings approved as part of a Fish and Game Code Process (F&GC 1600 et seq.)   **If YES, provide operational information to the LTO under each item selected YES, in SECTION II. Proved the explanation and justification in SECTION III, (see table below)** |
| 1. []Yes [] No | Are there any site-specific practices proposed in-lieu of, or as an alternative, to the retention of non-commercial vegetation bordering and covering meadows and wet areas?  14 CCR 916.3[936.3, 956.3(d)  **If YES, provide operational information to the LTO under each item selected YES, in SECTION II. Proved the explanation and justification in SECTION III, (see table below)** |
| 1. []Yes [] No | Are there any site-specific practices proposed in-lieu of, or as an alternative, to the Directional felling of trees within any WLPZ away from the watercourse or lake?  14 CCR 916.3[936.3, 956.3(e)  **If YES, provide operational information to the LTO under each item selected YES, in SECTION II. Proved the explanation and justification in SECTION III, (see table below)** |
| 1. []Yes [] No | Are there any site-specific practices proposed in-lieu of, or as an alternative, to the standard WLPZ(s) width(s) identified in 14 CCR 916.5[936.5, 956.5], Table I?  **If YES, provide operational information to the LTO under each item selected YES, in SECTION II. Proved the explanation and justification in SECTION III, (see table below)** |
| 1. []Yes [] No | Are there any site-specific practices proposed in-lieu of, or as an alternative, to the protection of Class IV watercourse(s)? 14 CCR 916.4[936.4,956.4](c) and 916.5[936.5, 956.5], Table I  **If YES, provide operational information to the LTO under each item selected YES, in SECTION II. Proved the explanation and justification in SECTION III, (see table below)** |

| 1. []Yes [] No | Are there any site-specific practices proposed in-lieu of, or as an alternative, to the exclusion of heavy equipment from the WLPZ except at those locations listed below?  Per 14 CCR 916.4[936.4, 956.4(d)&(f) – Heavy equipment shall not be used in timber falling, yarding, or site preparation within the WLPZ unless such use is explained and justified in the NTMP and approved by the Director.  Except at:   * Prepared tractor crossing described in 14 CCR 914.8[934.8, 954.8](b) * Class III watercourse crossings dry at the time of use * Existing road crossings * New tractor and road crossings approved as part of a Fish and Game Code Process (F&GC 1600 et seq.)   **If YES, provide operational information to the LTO under each item selected YES, in SECTION II. Proved the explanation and justification in SECTION III, (see table below)** |
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| 1. []Yes [] No | Are there any site-specific practices proposed in-lieu of, or as an alternative, to the establishment of ELZ(s) for Class III watercourses unless side slopes are, 30% and EHR is low? 14 CCR 916.4[936.4, 956.4](c)(1)  **If YES, provide operational information to the LTO under each item selected YES, in SECTION II. Proved the explanation and justification in SECTION III, (see table below)** |

| 1. []Yes [] No | Are there any site-specific practices proposed in-lieu of, or as an alternative, to the Retention of at least 50% of the overstory canopy in the WLPZ? 14 CCR 916.5[936.5, 956.5](e)“G”  **If YES, provide operational information to the LTO under each item selected YES, in SECTION II. Proved the explanation and justification in SECTION III, (see table below)** |
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| 1. []Yes [] No | Are there any site-specific practices proposed in-lieu of, or as an alternative, to the Retention of at least 50% of the understory in the WLPZ? 14 CCR 916.5[936.5, 956.5](e)“G”  **If YES, provide operational information to the LTO under each item selected YES, in SECTION II. Proved the explanation and justification in SECTION III, (see table below)** |
| 1. []Yes [] No | Are there any additional in-lieu or alternative practices proposed for watercourse or lake protection?  **If YES, provide operational information to the LTO under each item selected YES, in SECTION II. Proved the explanation and justification in SECTION III, (see table below)** |

| **Explanation and justification table for in-lieu WLPZ practices. SECTION III**  **This table is consistent with the table provided in the CalTREES online submission.** | | | | |
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