3. On or about February 25, 2014, Respondent was served by First Class Mail and Certified Mail copies of Accusation No. 2014-41, Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense, Request for Discovery, and Discovery Statutes (Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and 11507.7) at Respondent's address of record which, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 136, is required to be reported and maintained with the Board. Respondent's address of record was and is:

## 1631 North Placentia Avenue, Suite C Anaheim, CA 92806.

4. On or about March 21, 2014, Respondent was served by First Class Mail and Certified Mail copies of Accusation No. 2014-41, Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense, Request for Discovery, and Discovery Statutes (Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and 11507.7) at Respondent's alternate address, which was and is:

## 1111 Apple Avenue, Unit A Wrightwood, CA 92397

- 5. Service of the Accusation was effective as a matter of law under the provisions of Government Code section 11505, subdivision (c) and/or Business & Professions Code section 124.
- 6. On or about April 2, 2014, and April 8, 2014, the aforementioned documents mailed to Respondent's alternate address by First Class Mail and Certified Mail, respectively, were returned by the U.S. Postal Service marked "No Street Delivery, P. O. Box # Required."
  - 7. Government Code section 11506 states, in pertinent part:
  - (c) The respondent shall be entitled to a hearing on the merits if the respondent files a notice of defense, and the notice shall be deemed a specific denial of all parts of the accusation not expressly admitted. Failure to file a notice of defense shall constitute a waiver of respondent's right to a hearing, but the agency in its discretion may nevertheless grant a hearing.
- 8. Respondent failed to file a Notice of Defense within 15 days after service upon him of the Accusation, and therefore waived his right to a hearing on the merits of Accusation No. 2014-41.

- 9. California Government Code section 11520 states, in pertinent part:
- (a) If the respondent either fails to file a notice of defense or to appear at the hearing, the agency may take action based upon the respondent's express admissions or upon other evidence and affidavits may be used as evidence without any notice to respondent.
- 10. Pursuant to its authority under Government Code section 11520, the Board finds Respondent is in default. The Board will take action without further hearing and, based on the relevant evidence contained in the Default Decision Evidence Packet in this matter, as well as taking official notice of all the investigatory reports, exhibits and statements contained therein on file at the Board's offices regarding the allegations contained in Accusation No. 2014-41, finds that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 2014-41 are separately and severally, found to be true and correct by clear and convincing evidence.
- 11. Taking official notice of its own internal records, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3, it is hereby determined that the reasonable costs for Investigation and Enforcement is \$1,112.50 as of April 11, 2014.

## <u>DETERMINATION OF ISSUES</u>

- 1. Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Respondent Jason A. Cohen has subjected his Field Representative License No. FR 48614, Branch 3 to discipline.
  - 2. The agency has jurisdiction to adjudicate this case by default.
- 3. The Structural Pest Control Board is authorized to revoke Respondent's Field Representative License based upon the following violations alleged in the Accusation which are supported by the evidence contained in the Default Decision Evidence Packet in this case:
- a. Violation of Business and Professions Code sections 490 and 8649 in that on or about May 15, 2013, in a criminal proceeding entitled *The People of the State of California v. Jason Alexander Cohen, aka Jason Cohen,* in the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, in case number MWV1302369, Respondent was convicted on his plea of guilty of violating Penal Code section 484(A) (theft of personal property), a misdemeanor.

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## <u>ORDER</u>

IT IS SO ORDERED that Field Representative License No. FR 48614, Branch 3, heretofore issued to Respondent Jason A. Cohen, is revoked.

Pursuant to Government Code section 11520, subdivision (c), Respondent may serve a written motion requesting that the Decision be vacated and stating the grounds relied on within seven (7) days after service of the Decision on Respondent. The agency in its discretion may vacate the Decision and grant a hearing on a showing of good cause, as defined in the statute.

This Decision shall become effective on July 16, 2014

It is so ORDERED June 16, 2014

FOR THE STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL

BOARD

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

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Attachment:

Exhibit A: Accusation