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8	BEFORE THE STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL BOARD	
9	DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA	
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11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 2017-14
12	THE X-TERMINATOR TERMITE	
13	CONTROL, CLAUDIA GALLEGOS, OWNER, DANIEL ANTHONY	DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER
14	RODRIGUEZ, QUALIFYING MANAGER PO Box 604	rg G. J. 8115201
15	Downey, CA 90241	[Gov. Code, §11520]
16	Company Registration Certificate No. PR 5525	
17	and	
18	DANIEL ANTHONY RODRIGUEZ	
19	PO Box 604 Downey, CA 90241	
20	Operator's License No. OPR 11174	
21 22	Respondents.	
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24	<u>FINDINGS OF FACT</u>	
25	1. On or about August 12, 2016, Complainant Susan Saylor, in her official capacity as	
26	the Registrar/Executive Officer of the Structural Pest Control Board, Department of Consumer	
27	Affairs, filed Accusation No. 2017-14 against The X-Terminator Termite Control, with Claudia	
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Gallegos, as owner, and Daniel Anthony Rodriguez, as Qualifying Manager and Daniel Anthony Rodriguez (Respondents) before the Structural Pest Control Board. (Accusation attached as Exhibit A.)

- 2. On or about September 1, 2005, the Structural Pest Control Board (Board) issued Operator's License No. OPR 11174, Branch 3 to Daniel Anthony Rodriguez (Respondent Rodriguez). The Operator's License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 2017-14 and will expire on June 30, 2017, unless renewed.
- On or about February 5, 2008, the Board issued Company Registration Certificate 3. Number PR 5525 in Branch 3 (termite) to The X-Terminator Termite Control (Respondent X-Terminator), with Claudia Gallegos as the Owner and Daniel Anthony Rodriguez (Respondent Rodriguez) as the Qualifying Manager.
- 4. On or about August 19, 2016, Respondents were served by Certified and First Class Mail copies of the Accusation No. 2017-14, Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense, Request for Discovery, and Discovery Statutes (Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and 11507.7) at Respondents' 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:

PO Box 604 Downey, CA 90241.

- 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.
- On or about September 23, 2016, the aforementioned documents were returned by the 6. U.S. Postal Service marked "Vacant/Unable to Forward."
 - Government Code section 11506, subdivision (c) states, in pertinent part: 7.
 - (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

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- . . . shall constitute a waiver of respondent's right to a hearing, but the agency in its discretion may nevertheless grant a hearing.
- 8. Respondents failed to file a Notice of Defense within 15 days after service upon them of the Accusation, and therefore waived their right to a hearing on the merits of Accusation No. 2017-14.
 - 9. California Government Code section 11520, subdivision (a) 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 Respondents are 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. 2017-14, finds that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 2017-14, 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 \$2,160.00 as of October 10, 2016.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

- 1. Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Respondent X-Terminator and Respondent Rodriguez have subjected Company Registration Certificate Number PR 5525, Branch 3, and Operator's License No. OPR 11174, Branch 3, respectively, to discipline.
 - 2. The agency has jurisdiction to adjudicate this case by default.
- 3. The Structural Pest Control Board is authorized to revoke Respondent X-Terminator's Company Registration Certificate and Respondent Rodriguez's Operator's License and 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: