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**BEFORE THE  
STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL BOARD  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 2015-9

**TREVOR COPELAND**  
4549 Black Avenue  
Pleasanton, CA 94566

**DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER**

[Gov. Code, §11520]

**Applicator License No. RA 54880**

Respondent.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On or about September 17, 2014, Complainant Susan Saylor, in her official capacity as the Registrar/Executive Officer of the Structural Pest Control Board, Department of Consumer Affairs, filed Accusation No. 2015-9 against Trevor Copeland (Respondent) before the Structural Pest Control Board. (Accusation attached as Exhibit A.)

2. On or about September 5, 2013, the Structural Pest Control Board (Board) issued Applicator License No. RA 54880 to Respondent. The Applicator License was in full force and

1 effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 2015-9 and will expire on  
2 September 5, 2016, unless renewed.

3 3. On or about September 29, 2014, Respondent was served by Certified and First Class  
4 Mail copies of the Accusation No. 2015-9, Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense, Request  
5 for Discovery, and Discovery Statutes (Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and  
6 11507.7) at Respondent's address of record which, pursuant to Business and Professions Code  
7 section 136, is required to be reported and maintained with the Board. Respondent's address of  
8 record was and is:

9 4549 Black Avenue  
10 Pleasanton, CA 94566.

11 4. On or about December 10, 2014, Respondent was re-served by Certified and First  
12 Class Mail copies of the Accusation No. 2015-9, Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense,  
13 Request for Discovery, and Discovery Statutes (Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6,  
14 and 11507.7) at Respondent's address of record.

15 5. On or about December 17, 2014, the United States Postal service delivered the  
16 aforementioned documents to Respondent's address of record.

17 6. Service of the Accusation was effective as a matter of law under the provisions of  
18 Government Code section 11505, subdivision (c) and/or Business & Professions Code section  
19 124.

20 7. Government Code section 11506 states, in pertinent part:

21 (c) The respondent shall be entitled to a hearing on the merits if the respondent  
22 files a notice of defense, and the notice shall be deemed a specific denial of all parts  
23 of the accusation not expressly admitted. Failure to file a notice of defense shall  
24 constitute a waiver of respondent's right to a hearing, but the agency in its discretion  
25 may nevertheless grant a hearing.

26 8. Respondent failed to file a Notice of Defense within 15 days after service upon him  
27 of the Accusation, and therefore waived his right to a hearing on the merits of Accusation No.  
28 2015-9.

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

1 or upon other evidence and affidavits may be used as evidence without any notice to  
2 respondent.

3 10. Pursuant to its authority under Government Code section 11520, the Board finds  
4 Respondent is in default. The Board will take action without further hearing and, based on the  
5 relevant evidence contained in the Default Decision Evidence Packet in this matter, as well as  
6 taking official notice of all the investigatory reports, exhibits and statements contained therein on  
7 file at the Board's offices regarding the allegations contained in Accusation No. 2015-9, finds that  
8 the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 2015-9, are separately and severally, found to be  
9 true and correct by clear and convincing evidence.

10 11. Taking official notice of its own internal records, pursuant to Business and  
11 Professions Code section 125.3, it is determined that the reasonable costs for Investigation and  
12 Enforcement is \$4,070.00 as of December 29, 2014.

13 DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

14 1. Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Respondent Trevor Copeland has subjected  
15 his Applicator License No. RA 54880 to discipline.

16 2. The agency has jurisdiction to adjudicate this case by default.

17 3. The Structural Pest Control Board is authorized to revoke Respondent's Applicator  
18 License based upon the following violation alleged in the Accusation that is supported by the  
19 evidence contained in the Default Decision Evidence Packet in this case: Respondent has  
20 subjected his Applicator License to discipline because he was convicted of an offense  
21 substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of an applicator (Bus. & Prof.  
22 Code, §§ 8649, 8655; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 16, § 1937.1).

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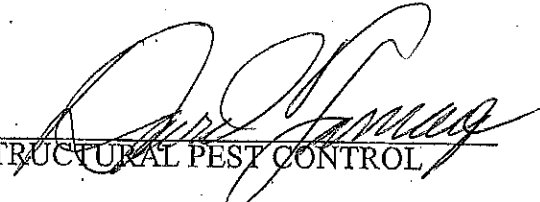
ORDER

IT IS SO ORDERED that Applicator License No. RA 54880, heretofore issued to Respondent Trevor Copeland, 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 April 9, 2015.

It is so ORDERED March 10, 2015

  
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FOR THE STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL  
BOARD  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

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Attachment:  
Exhibit A: Accusation