



## **WOOD-DESTROYING PESTS AND ORGANISMS ACTIVITY AUDIT**

The Structural Pest Control Board (SPCB) is conducting this outreach to inform Branch 3 licensees of an upcoming Wood-Destroying Pests and Organisms (WDO) activity submittal audit. The goal of this audit is to ensure WDO activity submittals are occurring in a manner consistent with the statutory requirements.

Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 8516(b) states, "the address of each property inspected or upon which work is completed shall be reported on a form prescribed by the board and shall be filed with the board no later than 10 business days after the commencement of an inspection or upon completed work."

BPC section 8516(b) states, "Failure of a registered company to report and file with the board the address of any property inspected or work completed pursuant to Section 8518 or this section is grounds for disciplinary action and shall subject the registered company to a fine of not more than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500)."

BPC section 8518(a-d) further outlines the requirements associated with the submittal of WDO activities.

Beginning August 15, 2022, the SPCB will begin a focused audit that includes a full review of collected data as well as the performance of office record checks pursuant to BPC section 8652 which states, "Failure of a registered company to make and keep all inspection reports, field notes, contracts, documents, notices of work completed, and records, other than financial records, for a period of not less than three years after completion of any work or operation for the control of structural pests or organisms, is a ground for disciplinary action. These records shall be made available to the executive officer of the board or his or her duly authorized representative during business hours."

The SPCB encourages all Branch 3 companies to submit all WDO activities required by BPC sections 8516 and 8518 prior to August 15, 2022.