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Dear Certified Urban Forester,

It is time to renew your Certificate which is now expiring. We know that you do not want to lose this valuable asset since you tested successfully on our difficult certification exam. We strive to make the renewal process easy for you.

A \$100 recertification fee and thirty (30) Continuing Education Units (cumulative from the last 3 years) are required. A minimum of 6 CEU's in each of the 4 domains—Plant Science, Infrastructure, Environmental, and Management—is needed. Disciplines such as landscape architecture fall within the *Infrastructure* domain, while pathology and arboriculture reside in the *Plant Science* domain. Disciplines such as wildlife biology, watershed protection, and fire ecology/management fall within the *Environmental* domain. Public Administration, volunteerism, public relations, etc. are in the *Management* domain.

We know that many more educational programs exist than have asked us for CEU credits. It is probable that you have attended some of these. Please add these to the dedicated section of your renewal application. If you have not met your CEU requirements to date, you may file for an extension. For a 3-month extension, please include an additional \$10 and for a 6-month extension, please include an additional \$25.

Have you visited the certification website lately? You will now notice that you are listed as a Certified Urban Forester on this nationwide searchable site. We are currently updating our website to provide you with current information on the program. Please visit us at http://www.caufc.org/certification_home.html.

Are you looking for a way to get involved? The newly formed *Question Writing Subcommittee* may be what you're looking for. To find out which domains are currently seeking representatives visit the certification site, and proceed to the "contact us" page. In addition to domain representatives, openings for the *Question Writing Review Teams* are available. Each team is made up of one outsider, one industry professional, and a handful of urban foresters. If you are interested please contact John Melvin, head of the subcommittee, by email, john.melvin@fire.ca.gov or phone (916) 508-2767.

Please complete and submit the attached form with payment by **February 25, 2008** to prevent your certification from lapsing. Our records show that you have 2 units in Plant Science, 3 in Infrastructure, 1 in Environmental, and 4 in Management. Please let us know if there are any discrepancies, or if you have additional CEU's on the Re-Certification Application. If you have any questions concerning recertification or would like to be involved in the Certification Committee, please contact me, Danielle Hirsch, at 760.745.2061 ext.113.

Thank you; together we conserve,

Danielle Hirsch
VP of Administration, CAUFC Certification Committee