

CALIFORNIA LICENSED FORESTERS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES: January 19, 2016

LOCATION: Granzellas Inn - Williams, California

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Stacy Stanish, Jan Caster, Clayton Code, Jack Harvey, Robert Galliano, Kevin Conway.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Mitch Hunt, Jay Fazio, Nick Knipe, Colin Noyes

OTHERS PRESENT: None

OPENING REMARKS: CLFA President Clayton Code called the meeting to order at 9:02 am at Granzellas Inn in Williams, CA. He discussed the recent board resignations, and the need to shift committee assignments. We finalized the May meeting and audit schedule. Clayton asked for volunteers for the outreach committee chair. Robert volunteered to do this. We discussed the "what's new" segment of the website and the need to forward info to Stacy. We discussed options with having a message board, and possibly having breakfast group postings. Clayton had the idea of having a breakfast group update portion of the newsletter. Clayton assigned Jack to the communications committee. Nick was assigned to the social network liaison committee. Jack brought up the ideas of doing a community workshop on pest management. He discussed a recent workshop that occurred in Lake of the Pines. We discussed the logistics of putting on such workshops. Clayton has set up CLFA to be part of the drought mortality taskforce; he will disseminate information on the need for landowner outreach. We discussed the details of the state drought proclamation. We discussed the structure and membership of the taskforce and the responsibilities of each group in the task force. CLFA is on the market development, regulations, and health and resilience groups.

MINUTES: The minutes were reviewed. There were not enough board members present to vote on the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE: We received a thank you letter from the California Forestry Challenge. We were contacted by Greenleaf Biomass. We discussed the implications of the emergency proclamation more.

TREASURER'S REPORT: We are starting to receive membership payments.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership renewals have been sent out and we are starting to receive payments. We discussed transmitting draft minutes to the breakfast groups. We also discussed areas that need breakfast groups.

ED REPORT: Scholarship notices went out last week, responses due February 6th. A brochure and registration information has been sent out. The venue is all set up. The outstanding forester announcement has been sent out. The due date is February 12th. The archaeology refresher class dates are April 21st & 22th and October 13, 14th. The full class will be Nov 14-18th held at the Gaia in Anderson. A list is being generated of those who were not able to refresh last year. The website is being finalized, it should be ready to launch in a week or two.

FOREST PRACTICE:

The RPF/LTO issue has been brought back to the Forest Practice Committee. We discussed possible rule changes and CLFA involvement. CLFA will continue to work with ACL on the issue. We discussed current means of getting a second opinion on violations. We discussed differences in rule interpretation among regulatory personnel.

Discussion in the BOF regarding alternative stocking standards has not progressed.

Oak woodland management has the focus of the Forest Practice Committee.

The emergency water drafting regulations were extended to march 2nd.

The working forest management plan has come back to the BOF. They are working on OAL concerns.

The small landowner relief issue discussions have started with regard to addressing the definition of timberland. There has not been activity with the small landowner coalition. Jack discussed issues brought forth by his breakfast group regarding the small landowner issue.

We will follow the recommendations that the watershed pilot project group are making to the BOF with regard to the cumulative impacts assessment. We discussed the need to assign someone to follow the process. Kevin will review the documents that have been put together so far.

LICENSING: PFEC Last met December 10th. There are 1203 valid RPF's. They will announce the results of the last exam on January 27th. We discussed the trends in the amount of RPF's in the state. The PFEC discussed the state of the budget for the licensing fund. We discussed the cost of investigating licensing complaints.

LEGISLATION: We will take a trip to the capitol with Brian White to meet members of the legislature.

Biomass incentives through cap and trade have been a big item.

Governor Brown is proposing 150 million to forest health projects in the budget.

A new assembly speaker was sworn in.

A discussion took place on 1038j, and possible ways to make it more operable.

TREASURERS REPORT: The Board reviewed the financial report. A discussion occurred about the bank account transition.

WATER & WILDLIFE: Mitch absent, tricolored blackbird is now a candidate species under CESA. The Humboldt Martin is a candidate under CESA. The Townsends big-eared bat (COTO) guidance document is still being developed. The COTO workshops are focused on the biology of the bat. There was a field component of the workshop. Methods of survey were discussed. A Gray wolf pack has been found in Modoc County. The USFS will be generating a recovery plan for the wolf. The recovery plan for the 3 listed anadromous species is in development by NOAA fisheries.

We discussed the Central Valley Water Quality Control Board timber waiver renewal.

EDUCATION: The program for the spring workshop was discussed. We are still filling slots for the speakers. We discussed the need for raffle items and who we could ask for donations.

We discussed possible topics for the fall workshop. We may have 2 separate regional workshops with possible separate topics. The possibility of a reforestation workshop was discussed. We discussed possible dates for the workshops. Coast members will be asked about topics that are relevant to them

COMMUNICATIONS: We received an American Tree Farm grant for the 60 second forester videos. The videos will go on you tube. We discussed the timing of the video release. We went over some of the 60 second forester topics.

OLD BUSINESS: We discussed the putting together a request for proposals for the BOF representation.

We are set for the February 20th meeting at HSU.

NEW BUISSINESS: We discussed potential board members for the next term. The call for nominations is out for the outstanding forester award.

CLOSED SESSION: None

Clayton adjourned the board meeting at 4:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Galliano
Director, Treasurer