CALIFORNIA LICENSED FORESTERS ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, April 19, 2022 – 6:00 pm

GoToMeeting

Board Minutes

Jason Wells called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Members present: George Gentry, Jeremy Wright, Charll Stoneman, Joe Starr, Mark Pugsley, Ariel Roughton, Matt Bissell, Ricky Shurtz

Board members absent: Jeremy Wright & Bob Broderick

Others present: Kathleen Burr & Andrea Eggleton

Joe Starr moved with a second by George Gentry to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Joe Starr moved with a second by Charll Stoneman to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report / Executive Directors Report – Kathleen Burr reported:

* Profit & Loss – Net Income $61,486.91
* Balance Sheet – Total Assets $337,903.15
* Managed Accounts:
	+ Archaeology - $22,015.10
	+ CLFA Scholarship - $30,781.03
	+ Roy Richards - $10,407.24
	+ Hazel Jackson - $7,573.69
* Currently memberships are:
	+ Kathleen discussed percentages of memberships received too original budgeted. She sent out a reminder in March and will again in April, with non-paid members presented to the Board at the May or June meeting.
		- Associate members – 90% of budget
		- Contributing members – 125%
		- Sustaining 100% of budget
		- Voting is at 83.75% of budget
			* Currently CLFA is at 87.72% of total memberships paid to date from approved 2022 budget.
* Joe Starr moved with a second by Charll Stoneman to approve the financials as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
* George Gentry requested a list of the Associate Members be sent to him. He would like to try and recruit those students in his study group to become Associate Members.

Archaeology – Kathleen Burr reported:

* Kathleen attended Monday of the 5-day class held the week of March 28th. Class went well, there were some AV issues.
* Kathleen has worked with Len on the MOU.
* Two major changes are:
	+ Kathleen’s stipend will come from the 18% - will not include her hotel & mileage.
		- Charll informed the Board that he has discussed the MOU with Kathleen and is comfortable with these changes as they will not negatively affect CLFA finances.
	+ The MOU is requesting an RPF attend each 5-day class to discuss how this class relates to the RPF and field work. Any fees associated with this position will be covered from the archaeology program overhead.
* Kathleen will finalize the MOU with Cal Fire for the Archaeology Program with Len Nielson prior to the May Board meeting.
* Charll Stoneman moved to enter into the MOU as presented with Cal Fire. Ariel Roughton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence –

* Kathleen received a letter from Forestry Challenge requesting an increase in CLFA donations from $350 to $750. CLFA members donated last year $850. For 2022 CLFA will send one check to Forestry Challenge will all amounts included in one check.

New Members:

These members paid

* Christopher Byrd - Voting
* Clare Lacy – Associate – YG will sponsor
* Harold Appleton – Voting – Jason will sponsor
* Michael Novak
	+ Joe Starr moved with a second by Ariel Roughton to approve the new members. Motion passed unanimously.

Education – Joe Starr reported:

* Spring conference
	+ Brochure has been sent out to membership and will be sent out on a regular basis.
	+ Speakers will be confirmed.
	+ Kathleen will reach out to speakers for their bios.
	+ Gaia is all set.
	+ Board meeting will be Thursday, May 19th beginning at 1:30 pm. Dinner will be included at the meeting.
	+ Joe can introduce the conference speakers.
	+ Friday will be casual attire at the conference and reception – nice casual for the conference.
	+ Board members to gather raffle items. Tax donation forms have sent to Board members.
	+ Saturday suit & ties for membership/business meeting. Breakfast will be served.
	+ Charll, Joe, & Jason will conduct the audit after the Board meeting.
	+ Kathleen will be able to purchase auction items.
	+ Robert Galliano was the first to register for the conference. Call it the “Quick Draw” award.
	+ Kathleen will get the Lost in the Woods for Jason.
	+ Jason will purchase the Old Forester.
	+ Youngest forester – a single bottle of beer. Joe will get it.

Forest Practice – Andrea Eggleton reported

Management Committee Business

The Board of Forestry and Fire Protection met on April 5-6, 2022 in-person at the new Natural Resources Building in Sacramento.  The next scheduled meeting is on May 3-5, 2022 and will be held in Sacramento. The Board will hold Committee Meetings on May 3, an all-day workshop on 0-5 foot defensible space requirements per PRC 4291 on the 4th, and the Full Board Meeting on the 5th. The ability to participate remotely via webinar is being maintained. The agendas for meetings are available at: <https://bofdata.fire.ca.gov/business/meeting-agendas-and-annual-schedules/>

The following is a summary of items of greatest interest to the RPF community from the Board of Forestry Meeting:

Management Committee Business

Timberland Conversion – Less Than Three Acre Exemption

* Board Staff completed a [Conversion Feasibility Analysis](https://bof.fire.ca.gov/media/kc2jfnth/mgmt-2-a-conversion-feasibility-analysis_ada.pdf) document to identify potential areas within their authority where revisions to the Less Than Three Acre Exemption could be made to address a number of letters submitted during their annual Call for Regulatory Review:
	+ [Builders Coalition Letter](https://bof.fire.ca.gov/media/hhwbmgh0/mgmt-2-d-public-comment-coalition-comment_ada.pdf)
	+ [County of Nevada Letter](https://bof.fire.ca.gov/media/cygnpnmy/mgmt-2-e-public-comment-county-of-nevada-comment_ada.pdf)
	+ [RPF Dean Loftus Letter](https://bof.fire.ca.gov/media/k0edf4sv/mgmt-2-f-public-comment-lofthus-comment-less-than-3-acre-conversion-2-24-2021_ada.pdf)
* The Committee discussed a [draft rule plead](https://bof.fire.ca.gov/media/o23hlbkd/mgmt-2-a-draft-less-than-3acre-conversion-rule-text_ada.docx) that would change the Less Than Three Acre Conversion Exemption in a number of substantive ways including but not limited to:
	+ Amending the [“Crop of Trees” definition](https://bof.fire.ca.gov/media/5juhvmhz/mgmt-2-g-crop-of-trees-895-1-amendments-rule-text_ada.docx) to exclude “those trees within 30-feet of an approved and legally permitted structure” (or potentially an even larger buffer area). This was also addressed in a [Board Staff Report](https://bof.fire.ca.gov/media/ydhk3yiv/mgmt-2-c-september-2021-management-committee-staff-report-ada.pdf) after the September 2021 Meeting.
	+ Allowing the exemption to be used once per parcel instead of the current “contiguous land ownership”
	+ Extending the valid time period for the exemption to include 5 years (currently 1 year) for timber operations and 2 years (currently 1 year) for the conversion activities to be complete after timber operations. A potential extension of 2 years for both activities was also included in the rule plead for consideration.
* Agencies and stakeholders raised a number of wide-ranging concerns and questions over the potential revisions.
* Member Chris Chase then opened up the floor to different ideas to deal with the conversion exemption issue, and a few other potential routes emerged:
1. Chris’s Idea: change the definition of Timber Operations to exempt those operations which satisfy all of the following conditions:
	1. Non-TPZ
	2. Has a legally permitted structure
	3. No commercialization of timber
	4. The parcel is less than 3 acres in size
	5. Board Staff notes that the problem with this approach is that being on Timberland is what defines Timber Operations as well, not the other way around.
2. Dennis Hall’s idea: change the definition of Conversion to provide some relief for “subsequent” conversions i.e., conversion maintenance in some set of circumstances similar to what Chris outlined
3. Andrea Eggleton’s idea: interpret 4584(g) more broadly to allow for additional <3 ac conversion exemptions to be submitted on the same parcel if the total converted acreage is less than 3 ac. Charll asked if they could bring back the 3-acre conversion and gave an example of this conversion. The Board discussed different examples of how this would work. Jason questioned if this could life in perpetuity? Comments can still be submitted on this subject.

Cal Fire says problem is that 4584(g) also says Cal Fire has to confirm via inspection that the conversion is “complete” after 2 years.

1. YG’s idea: Create a modified “checklist” THP for use with the existing Exemption for a Conversion Permit for Subdivisions
2. Charll Stoneman’s idea: Tie in the term “forested landscape”.

Problem is from an enforcement perspective and from perspective of regulated public, it is difficult to determine

Unevenaged Stocking Revisions Update

* YG Presented results of working group with a preliminary draft plead
	+ Consideration of snags and hardwoods in unevenaged stocking
		- Reduce the size of snags that can be used for stocking to help in cases where the larger snags do not exist
		- Is there a problem with MSP if Group B are included? Question to Cal Fire
	+ Group B species revisions
	+ Revision of the 8-18s standard to remove the reference to 8-18s
	+ Higher use of group selection
		- Jim Able method - increase from 20% of the area to 30% of the area
		- By the time you get to third entry, initial groups need to be thinned and that can be a problem in the rules. This will be addressed in the next plead.
* Southern Subdistrict of the Coast-specific group – not going to discuss this month
	+ Specific issues, as timberland in this district has been managed for the last few decades in unevenaged methods but now after the CZU complex, much of the subdistrict is now defacto evenaged.
* Sierra/Cascades-specific working group – will be addressed in Full Board meeting by presentation from Ryan Thompkins
	+ Considerations of Dixie and other fires in the region
	+ Impacts on MSP
* There some other groups (CLFA Annual Meeting, Multiage Planning group) working on potential proposals or additions as well.
* There is still much work to be done, needs to be an ongoing effort. Not something that will be wholly addressed this year, aside from the three items listed initially.

Demonstration State Forest Update – Kevin Conway 3:52pm

* Sub-committee is going to bring findings on JDSF to May 2 meeting
	+ Gather relevant background information: Review management plan, Review Executive Orders re: govt-govt consultations
	+ Comment on the Department’s consultation with Tribes
	+ Provide feedback on management plan
	+ June 7 meeting
	+ Public comments –
		- “Move management towards growing forests that have all of the ecological services that we need (???)”
		- Richard Geinger – sent a copy of a transcript Matt Simmons did of Senator McGuire 1)management is antiquated, 2) not sure what is being “demonstrated” to CA, 3) need to focus on wildfire and climate resiliency, 4) re-vamp the management plan
* La Tour Management Plan will be presented June or July meeting, then do a BOF field tour
* Ricky asked the if there is a blanket statement of what they are demonstrating. George Gentry informed the Board that he helped write the management plan and everything is clearly defined within this plan. Charll noted that education is also a component of the original plan.

Forest Practice Committee Business

Botanical Resources Scoping Guidance

* This item has been off of the Committee’s agenda for the past 6 months. It went into a closed-door negotiation with the CA Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) general counsel upon the agency’s “significant legal concerns” with the previous draft of the Board’s guidance document.
* The version of [the document](https://bof.fire.ca.gov/media/nlujx2ak/fpc-3-draft-botany-guidance_ada.docx) before the Committee at this meeting reflects those discussions. CAL FIRE notes that they were not included in those discussions.
	+ “Natural Communities” are emphasized as needing to be included in scoping; this is one of many significant departures from the previous version
	+ EO Edith Hannigan expressed that the CNRA legal wanted to see it go in a different direction than it was going and did not include CAL FIRE; that needs to change.
	+ EPIC and CNPS submitted comments that the guidance was still too permissive
	+ Member Katie Delbar expressed disappointment at Board Staff for working behind closed doors and not including Cal Fire; she also stated that she still doesn’t understand what the problem is that the Committee is supposed to be addressing, especially considering that the newest version of the “guidance document” basically just restates the 2018 CDFW memo
	+ Rich wants to eliminate the pieces that look like underground regulation, or switch to going the direction of a new TRA. The goal is to clarify conflicting guidance between the 2 CDFW memos and the 2 CAL FIRE memos on the topic, but what is the point if BOF is just reiterating one of the memos. He would like to have more time to understand the changes between the previous guidance doc (which CLFA supported) and this one

Northern Spotted Owl Update – Stacy Stanish

* At the March 2022 BOF meeting, Stacy gave an overview of the NSO rules in the FPAs and current status on how various landowners comply with them, what challenges exist, and made recommendations to the Board for areas that landowners could benefit from rule revisions, if the Board desires to make revisions.
* Ideas for rule changes identified by Stacy
	+ Prior to making changes to rules for habitat, conduct range-wide habitat analysis and compare with NSO ACs to help guide any need for rule changes
	+ Make rules less prescriptive and more outcome based by removing all 919.9s and 919.10 and just allow Director to reject plan if it results in a take
	+ Consider that our current rules don’t consider other NSO limiting factors other than habitat, which don’t include rapidly changing science and habitat conditions
	+ Would be helpful to clarify what a “site of listed species” is in consideration of emergencies and exemptions.
* In response, the Board provided the following [summary document](https://bof.fire.ca.gov/media/t3zluh5o/fpc-4-potential-nso-rule-changes_ada.docx) and initial potential revised [rule plead](https://bof.fire.ca.gov/media/uxrhhhvh/fpc-4-nso-rule-text_ada.doc). The Board Staff is going to continue with some additional reporting and research on these items. Jane and Stacy will keep working on minor regulatory changes that can be accomplished (NTMPs in SORPs, removing rules that are erroneous)
* The 919.9 rules really are just a requirement to show how a landowner is accomplishing Take Avoidance, which is not required for any other species. There are also many new ways of TA that are not reflected in the current FPRs.
* Incorporate language that allows NTMP or WFMP lands to demonstrate TA under a SORP
* Cedric advises the BOF to write a letter to ask CNRA to write a state-wide HCP to help allow for incidental take and habitat protection across jurisdictional boundaries

Site Preparation

* There was no recommendation from Board Staff at this meeting, just starting the conversation
* “A unit was using a Site Prep addendum of an expired plan to meet the silvicultural objectives of the plan”
	+ Huff wants to change the definition of site preparation to say that it shall not be used to meet silvicultural objectives (PCT)
	+ From enforcement perspective, they may have used those trees to establish stocking but then they get removed after the plan is signed off
	+ Need the Board to establish whether or not tree thinning is part of site prep
* YG – site prep addendum must clearly describe the activity. Statute allows for site prep after closure of plan, but RPF has to be clear about what they will be doing and when in the site prep addendum.
* Ran out of time on the issue

Notice of Intent Revisions

* This has been an item on the Committee’s work plan for a while (2007-2009). Notices of Intent require regeneration methods and intermediate treatments to be identified but do not explicitly require inclusions of all of the silvicultural methods proposed to be used. The reasoning is outlined within the [Initial Statement of Reasons](https://bof.fire.ca.gov/media/nghlsxij/fpc-2-a-isor-notice-of-intent_ada.doc).
* This [rule plead](https://bof.fire.ca.gov/media/1cqbtpsk/fpc-2-b-notice-of-intent-rule-text_ada.docx) would require all Silvicultural Methods within a plan to be listed on NOIs. This is a very modest and simple rule change.
* This rule package was authorized by the Full Board for 45-day notice with a few minor grammatical changes. Apologies that this was previously reported in the April Newsletter but actually didn’t happen until the May BOF meeting.

[CAL FIRE Letter](https://bof.fire.ca.gov/media/2sbphxjr/fpc-3-board-rules-report-to-bof_ada.pdf) to the Board with Suggested Rule Modifications in response to the Board’s Annual Call for Regulatory Review and development of the Annual Committee Priority List

* See Site Preparation item

Full Board Meeting 4/6/22

* Executive Session – No reportable actions taken.
* Consent Calendar Items –Motion confirmed unanimously to approve consent calendar including the Review of [Rulemaking Matrix](https://bof.fire.ca.gov/media/k2shh5zp/full-7-b-rulemaking-matrix_ada.pdf).
* Monthly Board Reports
	+ Chairman’s Report (Chair Gilless): Issues with webinar audio
	+ CAL FIRE [Director’s Report](https://bof.fire.ca.gov/media/n3flvokf/full-9-april-2022-bof-director-s-final-report.pdf):  Matthew Reishman
		- CFIP closed the 2nd round of applications on December 31, 2021; the program is reviewing applications for submittal to the Grants Management Unit.
		- Forest Health grant solicitation closed on March 4, 2022, and submitted applications are currently being scored.
		- CAL FIRE has a total of 61 Type I Fire Crews available for statewide response out of 174 CDCR and CCC funded crews.
		- Units are in the process of hiring and training the 16 CAL FIRE Firefighter Handcrews.
	+ [Executive Officer Legislative Report](https://bof.fire.ca.gov/media/2gahui20/full-10-d-executive-officer-legislative-report_ada.doc)—Edith Hannigan
		- Hiring new Land Use Planning Officer coming soon
		- AB 2878 is a new bill that will help expand the Joint Institute for Wood Innovation
		- Drew Coe presented on “Beyond Zone 1: Monitoring of Fire Hazard Reduction Within 300 Feet of Residences Through Timber Harvest with the §1038(c)(6) Exemption”
			1. They made revisions that were recommended by the Board in January meeting on topics such as slash treatment, underutilization on this notice throughout the state, appendices attachments, and other areas. The report was approved by the Board.
	+ Report of the Regulations Coordinator –
		- Adoption of rule text and approval of the [Final Statement of Reasons](https://bof.fire.ca.gov/media/i0beu41d/full-11-a-1-draft-fsor-subtantially-damaged-amendments_ada.pdf) and [Substantially Damaged Consistency Amendment](https://bof.fire.ca.gov/media/iydjjdqu/full-11-a-2-draft-rule-text-substantially-damaged-amendments_ada.docx) rulemaking; it was adopted by the Board.
			1. One public comment was received from Cal Fire in support of this rule package
	+ Report of the Standing Committees
		- Forest Practice Committee – Items discussed: (1) silvicultural methods on Notices of Intent, (2) Botanical Guidance Memo, (3) NSO issues in CA, and (4) site preparation activities conducted pursuant to a Site Preparation Addendum.
		- Management Committee – Items discussed: (1) Less Than 3-ac Conversion Exemption issues, (2) Basal Area Stocking Standards and Uneven-Aged Working Group update, and (3) State Demonstration Forests Management Plans Review timeline update.
		- Resource Protections Committee – Items discussed: (1) Defensible Space Zone 0 Regulations and (2) Subdivision review program update for City of Auburn, Tulare County, and Kern County.
	+ Report of Board’s Advisory Committees
		- Effectiveness Monitoring Committee – Elizabeth Forsburg Pardi, Co-Chair
			1. The next meeting is on April 12th and they will discuss what they plan to research in the next year; there are two open seats on the committee.
		- Range Management Advisory Committee – Christina Wolfe, Board staff
			1. Priorities for the year: (1) continue to develop the state licensing template, (2) develop educational workshop series, (3) CRM pathway and expert utilization, (4) increase training opportunities between CRMs and RPFs, and others.
* Presentations
	+ 2021 CA Forest Pest Conditions Report – Tom Smith, Cal Fire
		- 38 million acres surveyed by aerial surveys.
		- Surveys found 9.5 million dead trees (not including those killed by wildfire), most mortality was related to bark beetle. 173 million trees have died since the beginning of the drought and bark beetle epidemic. Fires result in increased bark beetle and other pathogen activity. Western pine bark beetle is expected to have increased activity over the next few years.
		- Lodgepole Needle miner activity in 2021 was considered severe for the first year since the early 1990s, mainly in Yosemite area.
		- Sudden Oak Death was found in Del Norte County for the first time (not the same lineage as other places in CA; it was the European lineage). Tree mortality remains low, likely due to the continuing drought conditions.
		- Maple Leaf Scorch remains a problem, likely caused by bacteria.
		- *Tubakia* or *Diplodia* pathogens have killed many oaks, specifically tanoaks, in the past year, likely from drought stress (symptoms similar SOD).
		- Use of bio-controls of invasive plants continue, including the rosette weevil for yellow star thistle, among a few others.
	+ Forest and harvested wood product carbon updates – Nadia Tase, Climate Change and Forest Inventory Specialist, Cal Fire
		- British Columbia forestland is twice as large as CA, OR, and WA combined, however CA/WA/OR has slightly more carbon stocks. Most of CA imports from OR and other non-western areas of the USA. CA imports nearly twice as much as it harvests (mostly pulp and paper); CA exports about half of what CA harvests.
		- Continued research using Canada’s carbon stock analysis system and still plan to do public input component in the development of this harvested products carbon analysis.
		- Developing models that show harvested carbon stocks across time and cumulative total carbon in individual harvested wood product storage pools and emissions, as well as many more models. These will be open sourced and available to the public once published. You will also be able to upload your own data to analyze.
	+ Operational Resilience in Western US Frequent-Fire Forests: What is forest resilience and how do we measure it? – Ryan Tompkins, UC Cooperative Extension
		- A study was done using historic inventory data covering over 24,000 acres in Stanislaus and Sequoia National Forests from ~1910. It compared these numbers to inventory data in the same areas from 2011. Historic inventory showed an average TPA of 19 -29 with an average DBH of ~28”; 2011 data showed an average TPA of 140-171 and an average DBH of 14”.
		- Data showed 73-85% of historic forests were below full occupancy, in what we present foresters would consider “understocked”. Presently 42% of forests are in imminent mortality (overstocked) and 42% are at full competition. This is what is driving the low resilience for Sierra Nevada forests.
		- Low relative stand density promotes resilience. Low stand density minimizes competition for resources (WATER); low densities of large drought/fire resistant trees are the backbone of resilient dry mixed conifer forests.
		- Management and Policy Implications:
			1. Use relative density as measurement for treatments/stocking. Relative density gives you more flexibility to create conditions that facilitate large tree growth.
			2. Create management practices (and aligned policies) that favor individual tree growth over stand growth and allow greater intensity of initial harvest. This will shift intermediate harvest to understory management.
			3. Rethink canopy cover requirements for wildfire (>40% on federal lands), as it may not promote large tree resilience.
			4. Think about these large trees as keystone species and manage for them to ensure ecosystem resilience and health.

Outreach – Nothing new to report.

Legislation – Joe Starr reported

* Not much update since the CLFA legislative meeting with Brian White.
* Brian White sent out a couple of support letters from CLFA including AB 1109.
* Jason Wells had written several support letters on Brian’s recommendation.
* Oak Woodlands bill was discussed in the meeting with Brian. This refers to an oak woodland / Savanah area. George noted that oak woodlands are forests.
* Mandatory Finding of Significance terminology should be of concern per YG.

Licensing – George Gentry reported:

* 46 people signed up – 9 deferred.
* Currently there are 67 enrollees in YG’s study group.

Water & Wildlife – Mark Pugsley reported

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

* [Drought Information and Updates](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/) - Gov Newsom issued [Executive Order N-7-22](https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/March-2022-Drought-EO.pdf) reaffirming past Executive Orders regarding the prolonged drought along with requiring the SWRCB to develop new regulations by May 25,2022.
* The SWRCB is considering readopting emergency regulations for the Russian River area. [Rule Text](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/russian_river/docs/2022RussianRiverRegulationDraft_April1Release.pdf). A public meeting will be held on April.  The Board last met on April 19th Via Teleconference. No forestry action items were on the agenda. Minutes are not yet available, but the agenda is. The next meeting is scheduled for May 5th; the agenda is not yet available.

[Region 1-North Coast](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/) - The Board last met on April 7th via teleconference. No forestry action items were on the agenda. Minutes are not yet available, but the agenda is. The next meeting is scheduled for June 9th via teleconference; the agenda is not yet available.

[Region 2- San Francisco Bay](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/) - The Board last met on April 13th  via teleconference. No forestry action items were on the agenda. Minutes are not yet available, but the agenda is. The next meeting is scheduled for May 11th via teleconference; the agenda is not yet available.

[Region 3-Central Coast](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/)  - The Board last met on April 21st via teleconference.  No forestry action items were on the agenda. Minutes are not yet available, but the agenda is. The next meeting is scheduled for June 16th  in San Luis Obispo; the agenda is not yet available.

[Region 5-Central Valley](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/) - The Board last met on April 21st via teleconference. No forestry action items were on the agenda. Minutes are not yet available, but the agenda is. The next meeting is scheduled for June 9th via teleconference; the agenda is not yet available.

[Region 6-Lahontan](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/) - The Board last met on March 9th via teleconference. No forestry action items were on the agenda. Minutes are not yet available, but the agenda is. The next meeting is scheduled for May 11th via teleconference; the agenda is not yet available.

The Commission last met on April 20th via a hybrid meeting. The Commission has decided that listing the Southern California steelhead(Oncorhynchus mykiss) may be warranted. A 1-year status has begun and the species is now protected. The Commission unanimously declined a petition to ban black bear hunting.  The next meeting is scheduled for May 19th via teleconference.

Communications – Nothing new to report

* Ariel will update several items on the website.
* Central Valley Nursery received an exemption regarding the water curtailment. CLFA wrote a letter in support.

Scholarships – Charll Stoneman reported:

* CLFA & Roy Richards Scholarships have been awarded. Charll is trying to coordinate the scholarship recipients to attend the spring conference. Erin Burke will not be able to attend and we will send her the Roy Richards scholarship check.
* Zach Schall will attend the conference lunch with a parent.
* Biswell scholarship is due to close at the end of April. Kathleen would like to keep the scholarship open until May 15th. Diane Dealey Neill will send the scholarship out with her May newsletter.
* Charll would like Kathleen to place the announcement in the body of the newsletter.
* Charll did send out $100 to each applicant. Frank Mulhair’s son was the only one to send a thank-you note to Charll.

Outstanding Forester Award

* Ryan Stewart was nominated for the 2021 year. George Gentry moved with a second by Matt Bissell for Ryan to receive the 2021 Outstanding Forester Award. Charll feels the award should be for the year 2021 as that is the year, he was nominated in. Motion passed unanimously.

BOF Outreach – Licensing Liaison Progress

* Charll is asking that the CLFA Board should be interested in monitoring the progress of this program. Charll is requesting that we invite Diane to one of our Board meetings for an update. Charll also feels we should update our membership on this.

County Ordinances – Ricky Shurtz

* Ricky would like the CLFA Board to address the issue of city ordinances taking precedence over the forestry rules/timber operations. Recently, Cal Fire issued a permit for the removal of trees and the county/city had the local PD stop the cutting down of trees. Ricky would like to start the discussion and he has numerous examples. Cal Fire will not step in and help with these issues. Ricky would like to present a letter to the BOF regarding this issue. YG would like Ricky to reach out to him to discuss further. Ricky will put together a document outlining the issues he is having and present to the Board.

Next board meeting will be a GoToMeeting to be held on May 19, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

Newsletter articles are due to Kathleen & Jason by April 29, 2022.

George Gentry moved with a second by Ricky Shurtz to end the meeting at 8:36 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Burr

Executive Director