

1 **CALIFORNIA LICENSED FORESTERS ASSOCIATION**

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3 Minutes – June 21, 2016  
4 Virtual - GoToMeeting, CA

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6 CLFA President, Jay Fazio called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

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8 DIRECTORS PRESENT: Harlan Tranmer, Christopher Dow, Kieran O’Leary, Mike Bacca, George  
9 Gentry, Sara Taddo Jones, Ron Hutchinson, Stacy Stanish, Jan Caster, Nick Knipe

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11 DIRECTORS ABSENT: Stewart McMorrow

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13 OTHERS PRESENT: Kathleen Burr

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15 Jay welcomed everyone to CLFA’s virtual meeting and thanked everyone for volunteering their  
16 time to serve on the Board.

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18 Minutes – Jan Caster moved, with a second by Mike Bacca, to approve the May 21, 2016 minutes  
19 as corrected. Motion passed unanimously.

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21 **Financials – Kathleen Burr reviewed the current financials:**

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- 23 • Balance sheet assets & liabilities = \$206,825.81
  - 24 • Profit & Loss = \$78,067.35
  - 25 • Budget vs. Actual:
    - 26 ○ Income – 91.27% of budget
    - 27 ○ Expenses – 49.73% of budget
  - 28 • CLFA has received the majority of funds for the 5-day initial archaeology class with none  
29 of the expenses paid out to date.
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31 **Correspondence – Jay Fazio**

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- 33 • The Board received, via email, a copy of correspondence from Chuck Ciancio.
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35 **Membership – Jay Fazio reported**

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- 37 • The Board reviewed the non-paid membership list. A discussion ensued regarding the  
38 continuing discussion of establishing a “retired membership category” as expressed to  
39 several board members from the retired RPF community. YG will contact Matt Dias to  
40 obtain a list of RPFs who have retired and/or relinquished their license. YG will have this  
41 list for discussion at the July Board meeting. Chris Dow will look into the bylaws to  
42 ascertain how to enact a bylaw change. A presentation will be made at the July Board  
43 meeting.
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  - 45 • Motion was made by Sara Taddo Jones and a second by Jan Caster to accept Ron Durbin  
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48 **Executive Director – Kathleen Burr reported:**

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- Archaeology Refresher Course – The last two classes for 2016 will be held on October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.
- 5 Day Initial Archaeology Class – This class is currently full and a waiting list has been started.
- Spring Conference/Workshop 2017 will be held March 10 & 11, 2017 at the Lion’s Gate, McClellan, CA. Contract has been signed. Contracts have been requested for 2018 2019 & 2020 at the same location.

**Forest Practice Committee – Mike Bacca reported:**

- **Working Forest Management Plan (WFMP)**

The Management and Forest Practice Committees have been focused on, and are working diligently to make the WFMP a reality. The 45-day notice was approved by AOL and the Board has the (newest) initial public hearing for the WFMP on the agenda for the August 24<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. Written comments on the revised proposed rules must be submitted in writing by August 1<sup>st</sup>, oral and written testimony will be taken at the Public Hearing. The text of the proposed rules can be found at the following link:

[http://bofdata.fire.ca.gov/regulations/proposed\\_rule\\_packages/working\\_forest\\_management\\_plan/45-day\\_rule\\_text.pdf](http://bofdata.fire.ca.gov/regulations/proposed_rule_packages/working_forest_management_plan/45-day_rule_text.pdf)

The Board approved the proposed rules late last year, was then sued by EPIC & CAG, only to be withdrawn for consideration after several issues had been identified by OAL. CLFA supports the current language as it stands.

- **Drought Mortality Amendments, 2015** - nothing new to report.
- **Listed Anadromous Salmonid Amendments, 2016**

The 45-day notice was published on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Board will hold a public hearing on July 21, 2016, at its regularly scheduled meeting commencing at approximately 9:00 a.m. in Middletown. The primary benefit of the proposed action is to protect the rights of landowners to legally harvest timber without further restriction from the ASP rules in watersheds; where anadromous salmonid populations are, or become, present through introduction in portions of watersheds that are located above natural or manmade (non-restorable) barriers to anadromy. This will ensure that the artificial introduction, subsequent existence, and ongoing population restoration actions of these listed salmonid populations will not compromise the economic benefits to landowners from timber harvest activities.

The text of the proposed rule package can be read at the following link:

[http://www.bof.fire.ca.gov/regulations/proposed\\_rule\\_packages/anadromous\\_salmonid\\_2016/45\\_day\\_rule\\_text.pdf](http://www.bof.fire.ca.gov/regulations/proposed_rule_packages/anadromous_salmonid_2016/45_day_rule_text.pdf)

- **Electronic Submission of Harvest Documents**

97 One key issue specifically requiring consideration as a result of AB 1492 is improvements  
98 to efficiency and transparency of the THP review process. As such, the Resources Agency,  
99 BOF, and CALFIRE have been looking very closely at electronic submission of harvest  
100 documents. This month's Forest Practice Committee meeting focused on defining what  
101 the goals should be for e-submission of THPs and other harvest documents. The goal  
102 should be to increase efficiency and transparency of the review process. The Board may  
103 need to change the definition of "in writing" (referred to in 14 CCR 1032) by including "by  
104 e-mail", and develop a set of standards for submission of plan maps. This will be an option  
105 and a required way to submit plans.  
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107 CLFA has been cautiously supportive of the concept but has been, and will continue to be  
108 adamant that electronic submission of harvest documents not add unnecessary burden or  
109 expense on RPFs and landowners. CALFIRE recently proposed rule changes to 1032, 1034,  
110 1035.4, 1090.1, 1090.5, 1090.7, 1090.24, 1090.25, and 1104.1 authorizing the Director  
111 to prescribe a form specific to those related harvest documents.  
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113 CLFA has been assured that development of electronic harvest documents will be an open,  
114 public and collaborative process and looks forward to working with all stakeholders in this  
115 project.  
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117 • **RPF/LTO Responsibilities**  
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119 Associated California Loggers (ACL) has approached the Board through the Forest Practice  
120 Committee regarding Notices of Violation (NOVs) that are being given to LTOs when there  
121 is a question regarding RPF culpability in the violation. By July 8<sup>th</sup>, CALFIRE will distribute  
122 a "data dump" of NOVs (as given to LTOs, RPFs, landowners and others, separately or  
123 together), citations and other actions. ACL expects that, within this "data dump," any  
124 written material having to do with an "appeal," at any point in the process, from first  
125 inspection to the end of the administrative process, will be provided. Representatives of  
126 ACL and CLFA will begin the process of reading and reviewing this material, as will staff  
127 to the Board of Forestry. It is expected that ACL, CLFA and CALFIRE will report on  
128 progress and the results of the "data dump" of information at the July Board meeting.  
129 This information will be used in final negotiations on the RPF/LTO issue so as to bring a  
130 final proposal back to the Board of Forestry in the fall. At some point during this time  
131 period, preferably in July, Dennis Hall of CALFIRE, working with ACL and CLFA, will develop  
132 a "suite of options" for a final proposal, including both regulatory and non-regulatory  
133 solutions.  
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135 ACL remains strongly committed to a regulatory solution, even as non-regulatory  
136 approaches were discussed that may end up as part of a "solution package". ACL would  
137 like an appeals process that is included near the start of the NOV process, instead of  
138 having to wait until the NOV is issued before it can be appealed.  
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140 CALFIRE is more inclined to move forward with a non-regulatory approach similar to the  
141 Shasta Trinity Unit (SHU) approach, where there is a cooling off period that includes a  
142 second set of eyes (usually the inspector's supervisor) on site and discussion with the LTO  
143 or LTOs representative, before a NOV is written.  
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145 • **AB 1958 Oak Woodland Restoration Silviculture**

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147 This bill is through the assembly and should have a hearing in the Senate soon. The Bill  
148 will add a new Special Prescription to the silvicultural options available for plans. This  
149 silvicultural will be useful in stands for restoring dominance of Oregon White Oak and  
150 California Black Oak that meet or exceed, pre-harvest, an average of 35 square feet of  
151 basal area per acre, that have been invaded by group "a" conifer species, mostly  
152 Douglas-fir on the coast and Ponderosa pine in the interior, with the control of fire over  
153 the last 60 or 70 years. This silviculture will give landowners a commercial option for  
154 restoring their native stands of hardwoods that are being overtopped by invading conifer  
155 species. The bill makes revisions to PRC 4621 and addresses PRC 912.7, 932.7, 952.7  
156 Resource Conservation Standards for Minimum Stocking (d)... *The percentage of the*  
157 *stocking requirements met with Group A species shall be no less than the percentage of*  
158 *the stand basal area they comprised before harvesting. The site occupancy provided by*  
159 *Group A species shall not be reduced relative to Group B species...*

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161 The proposed rule can be read at the following link:

162 [http://www.bof.fire.ca.gov/regulations/proposed\\_rule\\_packages/white\\_black\\_oak\\_prescription%207\\_45-day\\_rule\\_text\\_oak\\_special\\_prescription\\_031616.pdf](http://www.bof.fire.ca.gov/regulations/proposed_rule_packages/white_black_oak_prescription%207_45-day_rule_text_oak_special_prescription_031616.pdf)

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164 • **Technical Rules Addendum (TRA) #2 revisions – add Greenhouse Gas**  
165 **Impacts.**

166 The PFC has begun discussion on the revisions to TRA #2. Minor changes are proposed  
167 to some current text and there is a proposal to add a section to address Greenhouse  
168 Gas Impacts. This new section should outline how an RPF may address possible impacts  
169 to Greenhouse Gas as the result of a proposed timber harvest project.

170 Proposed text of changes to TRA #2 can be found at the following

171 link: [http://bofdata.fire.ca.gov/board\\_business/binder\\_materials/2016/june\\_2016/fpc\\_mgmt/fpc\\_mgmt\\_4.0\\_tra2\\_plead\\_06\\_14\\_16.pdf](http://bofdata.fire.ca.gov/board_business/binder_materials/2016/june_2016/fpc_mgmt/fpc_mgmt_4.0_tra2_plead_06_14_16.pdf)

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173 **Legislation –Jay Fazio reported:**

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175 **AB 1611 & SB 839**

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177 AB 1611 Budget Resources Trailer bill was amended again. It now includes language on  
178 page 17 that amends Section 1602 of Fish and Game (streambed alteration agreements).  
179 The trailer bill language would exempt "licensed cannabis cultivation" operations, as  
180 determined by Department of Food and Ag, from requirements to obtain a streambed  
181 alteration agreement with DFW if they meet certain requirements as specified in Section  
182 1602, paragraph 1 of subdivision (a).

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184 The bill becomes effective only if another budget trailer bill (SB 837) is also signed into  
185 law before January 1, 2017. There are various provisions in SB 837 that deal with  
186 cannabis regulation, but specifically on pages 165-166, there are new provisions to the  
187 Water Code regarding diversions of water for cannabis cultivation.

188 AB 1611 awaits a vote in the Senate and Assembly. SB 837 has already passed both  
189 houses.  
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191 There are also some other unresolved environmental and resources issues that may  
192 appear in future trailer bills (i.e., cap-and-trade expenditures) and those could be voted  
193 on by June 30<sup>th</sup> before they go on summer break, or they could be voted on sometime in  
194 August when they return from recess.  
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196 Of particular note in the Resources Trailer Bills are the following (note: these are large  
197 documents and not everything is applicable to landowners and forestry).  
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- 199 - Section 6 regarding Fish and Game permit fees
- 200 - Section 8 regarding violations of Fish and Game Code
- 201 - Section 31 regarding use of timber fees to help fund per diem for advisory board  
202 members of the Natural Resources agency to attend meetings
- 203 - Section 44 regarding water diversion permits
- 204 - Section 50 regarding a requirement for a report on lessons learned from the  
205 state's response to the drought  
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207 Farm Bureau is opposed to this bill. RCRC (Regional Council of Rural Counties) is not  
208 opposed to this bill.  
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210 Tad Mason contacted CLFA, Nick Knipe, regarding a letter of support on an advanced biofuel  
211 project in Southern Oregon. Tad provided the following information:  
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- 213 • The project developer is Red Rock Biofuels (<http://www.redrockbio.com/Home.html>) and  
214 they plan to site a 15 million gallon per year facility in Lakeview (not far from the Fremont  
215 Sawmill operation).
- 216 • Much of the forest feedstock (thinning material, timber harvest residuals, and fuels  
217 reduction residuals) for this project will be sourced from private lands in CA. Tad provided  
218 a one page overview of the project.
- 219 • One of the feedstock sourcing frustrations that land managers are facing relative to this  
220 project, is the fact that the federal Renewable Fuels Standard does not recognize forest  
221 material from federal lands as "renewable". This a direct result of the Federal Energy  
222 Independence and Security Act of 2007. As we source feedstock for the Lakeview project,  
223 we are not targeting federal lands (USFS, BLM) thus placing adjacent landowners and  
224 communities at significant risk to wildfire.
- 225 • The Lake County Resources Initiative (<http://lcri.org/about-us/mission-and-vision/>) is  
226 leading an effort to draft federal legislation to acknowledge that an All Lands approach  
227 (federal, private, state, tribal) is needed, using a pilot project demonstration, to accelerate  
228 the pace and scale of forest treatments, and allow feedstock from federal lands to be  
229 considered renewable.

230 Nick will look into this project and report back to the Board.  
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### 232 **Licensing – George Gentry reported:** 233

- 234 • RPF/LTO Responsibilities – will not be coming back to the PFC. ACL is pursuing  
235 regulations for an appeal process. YG will be working with ACL.

- 236 • Existing regulations as they pertain to the PFEC (14 CCR § 1122)
- 237     ○ Regulation that the PFEC shall be 7 members – law says “at least” 7 members.
- 238 • Substitution of Education for Experience (14 CCR § 1621.4)
- 239     ○ Continuing discussion on the committee.
- 240 • PFEC Membership
- 241     ○ A discussion was held regarding committee vacancies.
- 242 • Current Condition of the Professional Foresters Fund
- 243     ○ Balance is over \$300,000 with current renewals. The PFEC has tried to avoid
- 244         costly legal battles in order to preserve this fund.

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246 **Wildlife & Water Resources – Stacy Stanish reported:**

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248 Fish & Game commission meeting in Bakersfield the week of June 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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- 249 • There are no new listing proposed at this time.
- 250 • On the consent calendar - receive the Department’s one-year status report on the
- 251     petition to list Townsend’s big-eared bat as an endangered species (Pursuant to
- 252     Section 2075, Fish and Game Code).
- 253 • Consider the petition, Department’s evaluation report, and comments received to
- 254     determine whether listing the Northern Spotted Owl as a threatened or endangered
- 255     species is warranted (Pursuant to Sections 2075 and 2075.5, Fish and Game Code)
- 256     Findings will be adopted at a future meeting.

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- 258 • Elk River TMDL - The April 7, 2016 hearing concluded without a decision of the Board.
- 259     Certain edits to the Upper Elk River TMDL Action Plan were contemplated by the Board
- 260     toward the end of the hearing on April 7, 2016. Staff has reviewed and refined those.
- 261     The edits reflect minor changes requested by Board members to clarify 1) how hillslope
- 262     indicators and targets are used to inform Board decision-making; 2) that a load
- 263     allocation does not constitute an effluent limitation or a waste load allocation and that
- 264     the Board has discretion in implementing it in WDRs, waivers or other actions to
- 265     reduce and eliminate waste discharges; and 3) that staff will review the sediment
- 266     source analysis for the Upper Elk River, sediment deposition in the impacted reach and
- 267     Lower Elk River, and the need for a Lower Elk River sediment TMDL, in its five year
- 268     reassessment using Recovery Assessment tools and other available data, as
- 269     appropriate. These edits are not substantive and fall within the logical outgrowth of the
- 270     content previously noticed for this item. As expressed on April 7, 2016, the public
- 271     hearing on this agenda item has been closed and no new testimony or evidence will be
- 272     accepted.

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274 **Education - Sara Taddo Jones reported:**

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276 Fall workshop - North – Nick Knipe & Stewart McMorrow

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- 277 • This will be a one day brown bag field day. Re-forestation is the potential topic
- 278     discussing treatments, as well as CFIP funding and other funding’s available to the
- 279     small landowner. Jeff Webster has a potential field trip area. The committee needs
- 280     to have the field day agenda defined and to Kathleen by the end of July.

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- 282 • Fall Workshop - Coast – This will be a one day brown bag field day. The committee
- 283     is discussing carbon projects as the workshop focus. Steve Smith, forester with the

284 Redwood Forest Foundation, Inc., (RFFI) has been in discussion with the committee.  
285 The date will be sometime in October.

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287 • Spring Workshop –

288 ○ Venue – Lions Gate, McClellan, CA

289 ○ Dates – March 10 & 11, 2017

290 ○ Day 1 Workshop – The committee presented topics of focus including  
291 exemptions & conversion exemptions – pros/cons, potential issues, marijuana  
292 growing, and hazardous fuels reduction projects.

293 ○ Speaker from the marijuana task force or a law enforcement  
294 representative,

295 ○ Looking at the counties – conversion permit – how does that affect RFPs,

296 ○ Tying in some of the learned knowledge from the vineyard conversions,

297 ○ Also looking into exemptions for the 1038 J & K bug kill, and

298 ○ Mega fire exemptions – salvage.

299 ○ Day 2 – conference – ½ day panel discussion on carbon projects both locally and  
300 internationally.

301 ○ The conference & workshop will be finalized by the November Board meeting.

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303 **Communications – Kieran O’Leary reported:**

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305 Kieran will be visiting Forestry Field Camp at the University of California, Berkeley during their  
306 eight week class.

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308 Chico/Oroville breakfast group – Kieran will have more information at the July Board meeting.

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310 **Old business – Jay Fazio reported:**

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312 ○ 60 second forester – Jan reviewed - Lois Kaufman with American Tree Farm approached  
313 Clayton Code regarding the possibility of applying for a grant. The grant would be to  
314 update the 60 second forester radio spots and turn some of these into YouTube video  
315 spots. A videographer was selected and the spots would cost \$250 each. The sponsors  
316 for this project will be the Society of American Foresters, American Tree Farm, & CLFA.  
317 Frank’s original narratives will be used with photos Jan has been taking used as  
318 background. Jan met with the video production people last week on the first six spots.  
319 Logos will be floated at the beginning, music and pictures added, and logos floated at  
320 end. These spots will be linked to our website & American Tree Farms. SFI might have  
321 a grant coming out in August – which CLFA may apply for. SAF may have an additional  
322 \$10,000 grant available. The Board will need a new board member to work with Jan  
323 and take over this project. Ron Hutchinson is interested and would like to look into this  
324 project.

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326 ○ EMC – monitoring committee – Nick Knipe

327 ○ April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 they have come up with three main focus projects on the Boggs

328 1. The primary purpose of this project is to quantify the effects of post-fire

329 salvage logging and common post-salvage site preparation techniques

330 including mechanical and herbicide-assisted reforestation on soil properties

331 controlling runoff, hillslope erosion rates, and vegetative recovery.

- 332 2. A secondary purpose is to understand processes occurring at small-  
333 catchment scales so that small-plot results can be extrapolated to sizes of  
334 specific interest to land managers and watershed stakeholders.
- 335 3. The third purpose of the project is to develop and demonstrate alternative  
336 BMPs used to reduce runoff and erosion from post-fire salvage logging.
- 337 ○ Meeting schedule is every other month – next meeting is tentatively scheduled in  
338 Redding – 930 am to 4 pm
  - 339 ○ There is worry about new regulations that may come out of these studies.
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- 341 ○ Watershed Pilot Project – nothing new since May 25th. The Camel Creek Watershed in  
342 Mendocino County owned by the Lyme Redwood Forest Company has been selected as  
343 a project site. The committee has put out a call for committee members with  
344 application due June 24, 2016. YG applied to be on the committee representing CFA.  
345 They are looking for representation from all groups. Jay thanked YG for volunteering his  
346 time. CLFA would like a board member to apply for this position.
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  - 348 ○ WFMP - Responsible board member – CLFA will present a letter supporting the language  
349 as is prior to August.
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  - 351 ○ CFA-AB 1492 team – has an executive steering group. Last time they met YG asked  
352 Russ Henley for a CLFA representative – Clayton attended. At this time there has been  
353 no further dialogue between CFA and the leadership group. YG will be there as CFAs  
354 representative and the Board should consider a CLFA Board member to represent CLFA.  
355 Meetings are held in Sacramento, attendance is required as this is not a public meeting.  
356 Harlan may be interested in becoming CLFAs representative
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- 358 ● David Hass – would like to be a contact for CLFA in the Southern Region. David is with  
359 CALFIRE as the urban forester with his area going north as far as Ventura  
360 County. [David.haas@fire.ca.gov](mailto:David.haas@fire.ca.gov) – Kathleen will contact David. David may be able to start  
361 a breakfast group for the south.
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  - 363 ● Jim Kral would like to start a breakfast group in the Mountain Home area.
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  - 365 ● NRCS rate increase – Chris Zimney reached out to CLFA seeking information on completed  
366 projects with pricing and invoicing. Tom Amesbury at forestry co-op was looking for an  
367 extension on providing information. Does any of the board know of any who has completed  
368 SIFIB or NRCS complete projects?
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  - 370 ● Board approved the following meeting schedule:  
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    - 372 ○ July 23, 2016 – Williams, CA
    - 373 ○ August 27, 2016 – Ft. Bragg, CA
    - 374 ○ September 20, 2016 – Virtual 6 pm to 9 pm
    - 375 ○ October 15, 2016 – Williams, CA
    - 376 ○ November 19, 2016 – SPI, Redding, CA
    - 377 ○ December - Dark
    - 378 ○ January 21, 2017 – Davis, CA
    - 379 ○ February 15, 2017 – Virtual 6 pm to 9 pm



- 380           ○ March 9, 2017 – Lions Gate, McClellan, CA
- 381           ○ April 8, 2017 – Williams, CA
- 382           ○ May 12<sup>th</sup> audit – Williams, CA
- 383           ○ May 13<sup>th</sup> Board – Williams, CA

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385 Mike Bacca moved with a second by Nick Knipe to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm. Motion  
386 passed unanimously.

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388 Respectfully submitted,

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390 Kathleen Burr  
391 Executive Director