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# California Licensed Foresters Association

April 2019 - Newsletter

## President's Message

Harlan Tranmer, CLFA President

The Watercourse and Lake Protection Zone (WLPZ) is a special place. Foresters have to consider many different types of special zones/places and the WLPZ is one of the most common. Watercourses are, in many ways, more dynamic than surrounding, drier landscapes. They should be protected. What does protection mean? The default response is, "Keep Out!" There are allowances for all kinds of activities in the WLPZ and other unique proposals can be explained and justified to be approved. There are however, good proposals that cannot be approved under our current laws and regulations.

As more and more data is compiled on effects of operations in the WLPZ, there is more justification to conduct certain projects within it. At the same time, there is a movement in the opposite direction as some are mistrustful enough that they would prefer that nothing be done in the zone. Most of us believe that positive results can be attained through work done in the zone.

You are probably picturing, a pristine looking stream flowing gently under dappled sunlight. Don't forget the stream that flows through the yard of a house complete with a driveway, yelling kids, barking dogs, and home maintenance tools buzzing away. That is only one example of the many human uses of watercourse protection zones. Millions of us live close to important watercourses, including myself. Humans gravitate to water and so our proximity to it will not change. Shouldn't we make sure these areas are treated to both protect water and riparian resources and protect humans from fire, flooding, and other problems?

Protection zone distances are arbitrary. Nature doesn't know where x-many feet from the transition line is. Nevertheless, project proponents are often intimidated by the notion of justifying projects within these zones. Should proposals in the WLPZ or other zones stand out? Absolutely. How much they should stand out is another question. Proponents should not be afraid to propose good projects.

I hope that we are moving toward more rather than less consideration of what the sum of the effects of individual projects are in the WLPZ and other zones. If done carefully and reasonably, we can do more WLPZ management to attain more positive outcomes both for riparian ecosystems and our own existence.



Harlan @ Deerborn Park 2019



## Forest Practice—BOF

### Andrea Eggleton—Regulatory Rep to CLFA

At the Spring Conference in March, the membership received a regulatory update from Matt Dias, Executive Officer of the Board of Forestry. The major regulatory news was the passage of revisions to the Section 1038 exemptions, as directed by SB 901. The rule package made substantial changes to the exemptions, their requirements, and the structure of the rule sections. These rules came into effect in early March and are incorporated into the current rule book as available online. It is unclear as to whether or not these revisions made through emergency rulemaking will be included in the paper copy that has not yet been distributed for 2019, so please make sure to reference the new rule sections. A reference to all updated rules and forms can be found at the following link: <https://bofdata.fire.ca.gov/media/8146/exemptions-combined.pdf>

At the March BOF meeting, CLFA presented a letter to the Forest Practice Committee in support of lowering the stocking standards for the Emergency Notice for Fuel Hazard Reduction. The suggestions were well received and CLFA is hopeful that this tool for creating fuelbreaks near communities will soon become much more effective. It is expected that the Board staff may have revised language for the Committee to consider by next week's April meeting. The letter is available on the Board of Forestry website at the following link: [https://bofdata.fire.ca.gov/media/8447/fpc-2-b-clfa-comment-on-10524\\_revised.pdf](https://bofdata.fire.ca.gov/media/8447/fpc-2-b-clfa-comment-on-10524_revised.pdf)

The next big item that the Board will be tackling is stocking standards, with the point count values being evaluated first. CLFA has been very involved in this topic since 2017 when the membership was polled. 68% of respondents indicated that they thought the point count standards were “too high”. The full responses of the membership (with all personal information redacted) was shared with UC Berkeley's William Main Research Group, which is leading the effort to provide a proposed revision to the Board. Additionally, CLFA's Fall Field Tours explored stocking standards and reforestation techniques, and members of the William Main group also attended these tours. The CLFA Board provided summaries of the tours and key discussions to the research group as well. This information has been considered and referenced heavily in the proposal, which was presented to the Board originally in March. The original proposal can be found at the following link: [https://bofdata.fire.ca.gov/media/8081/mgmt-2-e-william-main-stocking-standards-proposal\\_march-2019.pdf](https://bofdata.fire.ca.gov/media/8081/mgmt-2-e-william-main-stocking-standards-proposal_march-2019.pdf)

The William Main group has made some revisions at the request of the Board and will be presenting an updated proposal, plead, and Initial Statement of Reasons to the Management Committee for consideration in April. The proposal has been reviewed by the CLFA Board and some revisions have been suggested. The proposal, plead, and ISOR will be posted on the Board of Forestry's website in the April Binder Materials.

Additionally, Board staff is presenting a plead for rule language to allow alternatives to the minimum stocking to be explained and justified by the RPF and approved by the Forest Practice Inspector on PHI; the CLFA Board does not support this proposal as strongly as the William Main group's proposal. The sample “alternative” proposal as presented to the Board in the March meeting can be found at the following link, but may be presented as a revised plead at the April meeting: <https://bofdata.fire.ca.gov/media/8079/mgmt-2-c-alternative-stocking-sample-plead.pdf>

Other items of interest that are on the Board's agenda for April include revisions to the NTMP (language likely to be approved this month), a permanent exemption for post-fire recovery, and more discussion regarding the use of feller bunchers and other low impact equipment in the WLPZ.



## Legislation

Jason Wells—Committee Chair

CLFA has been working to monitor developments in Sacramento as they happen. It is still fairly early in the legislative season and there are still a number of placeholder bills that have not yet moved but are being monitored. The following is a quick recap of what the legislative committee has done in the last month.

The CLFA recently sent letters of support for four bills: AB 616(Patterson), AB343 (Patterson), SB515 (Caballero), and SB535(Moorlach).

**AB 616** would requires the Resource Agency and Cal EPA to prepare and submit a progress report on policies and resources needed to achieve wildland fire prevention goals for fuel treatments.

**AB 343** would create a grant program to aid in transportation of woody material to biomass facilities.

**SB 515** would expand requirements for the Public Utilities Commission to utilize biomass in certain cases.

**SB 535** would require CARB to include greenhouse gas emissions from wildfires in the scoping plan for the CA Global Warming Solutions act of 2006.

The CLFA recently opposed SB69(Wiener), AB454 Kalra, and SB1 (Atkins)

**SB 69** had many provisions related to the protection of ocean fisheries, among which related to forestry were provisions that would essentially alter the relationship of the interdisciplinary review team process, greatly expanding the scope of work by which water quality control boards were to have in timber harvest review. Notably, the bill would require that WQCBs determine that plans would have no net discharge into 303(d) listed watersheds prior to approval by CALFIRE.

**SB 1** was another Trump related bill which would require the state to create a baseline of environmental protections set to levels prior to the Trump administration, regardless of scientific merit.

**AB 454** would grant further protections to migratory non-game birds without a clear provision for the issuance of depredation permits for take.



## 2018 Forestry Challenge Update

**Diane Dealey Neill**

There's a lot going on with Forestry Challenge. Here are some highlights:

The 2018 Annual Report is now available online. The report features several foresters who made their mark on the program last year, including Len Lindstrand, who received the Volunteer of the Year award. New to the report this year are two other features, "Where Are They Now?", which highlights four Forestry Challenge alumni who now have forestry careers, and "Generations", showcasing three foresters whose children were 2018 student participants.

Presentation judges are still needed for the Forestry Challenge Championship event on April 25 to 27 at Camp Sylvester in Pinecrest. Presentation judging takes place the last day of the event, Saturday April 27, from 8 a.m. to noon. To sign up, go to the Forestry Challenge website and click on this link at the bottom of the Home Page: <http://forestrychallenge.org/championships-volunteer-registration/>

Pre-registration is now open for four Forestry Challenge events in the fall of 2019:

- ◆ Shasta - September 25 to 28 - Mountain Meadows Camp east of Redding
- ◆ Santa Cruz - October 9 to 12 - Redwood Glen near Loma Mar
- ◆ El Dorado - October 23 to 26 - Leoni Meadows Camp south of Placerville
- ◆ San Bernardino - November 6 to 9 - Green Valley Lake Christian Camp near Lake Arrowhead

If you know any high school teachers who might be interested in participating, please pass this information along to them. Teachers can now complete pre-registration for any fall event in less than 5 minutes with our easy online form. The link to the form is front and center on the Home page of the Forestry Challenge website. Forms submitted before May 31 qualify their group for a potential registration fee discount. Schools can attend any event that is best for location, school schedule, and student interest.



## Outreach Committee

### Tony Gomez—Committee Chair

Last month's annual conference was well attended. We had over 120 attendees, including 12 students. It was welcoming to see the next crop of foresters showing interest in the profession and attending our conference.

The Friday scholarship mixer/fundraiser was also a success! I would personally like to thank everyone that attended and generously donated and participated. This year we were able to raise over \$10,000 dollars for the CLFA Scholarship fund. This would not have been possible without the generous pledges from the following:

\$1000	Gualala Redwoods –Charles Stoneman
\$500	Gill Family Forestry Management
\$200	Kieran O'Leary
	Harlan Tranmer
	Rich Wade
	Tim Robards
	Jason Wells
	Tony Gomez
\$100	Kevin Conway
	Paul Violet
	Ryan Crans
	Joe King
	Clair McAdams
\$50	Brita Rustad
	Ruth Norman
\$20	Allyson Erny
	Jacob Ruger

In addition, the Board would like to thank Redwood Empire – Nick Kent for donating a chainsaw that was auctioned off, and Green Diamond Resource Company & Sierra Pacific Industries for donating the gun for the raffle. Stay tuned for the next round of scholarships! Thanks to everyone for making this happen since this is the way to reach out and raise the next crop of foresters.



Chris Dow—CLFA VP, HSU Forestry Club Officers, Shasta Community College Forestry Students, Harlan Tranmer—CLFA President, & Tony Gomez—Out Reach Chair attending the March conference at the Gaia.



## CalTREES

In April 2019, CalTREES will release two new features that aim to increase accountability, efficiency, and transparency in the state's forest practice regulatory program.

Soon, stakeholders and members of the public will be able to:

Submit online comments in CalTREES

Register to receive notifications based on timber harvesting documents already in process (e.g., by County, Watershed, Legal Description, Notice of Submission, Notice of Filing)

These features provide transparency for both the regulated community and other stakeholders across the board, and improve the efficiency of existing processes. The CalTREES Team is currently developing materials for a Public Workshop to review these new features. I will share more information on this next week.

Thanks,

*Dennis O. Hall*

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**Prescribed Fire on Private Lands Workshop**  
**May 17th- May 18th, 2019**  
**UC Berkeley Blodgett Research Forest**  
**Georgetown, CA**

Registration is now open for a two day workshop designed for landowners and managers looking to gain skills in prescribed fire planning and implementation. This is an opportunity to see first hand lands actively managed with prescribed fire.

**Day One (classroom):**

- Prescribed fire history and current fire research
- Prescribed fire permitting and legal considerations
- Fire weather forecasting and online tools
- Air quality and smoke management
- Options for burning on private lands, prescribed burn associations
- Fire terms and fire behavior
- Burn plan development, burn unit preparation
- Tools and equipment

**Day Two (in the field):**

- Day two will consist of morning training followed by on the ground prescribed fire demonstration (pending weather and permits).
- **Participants must attend both days to partake in burning.** If unable to perform burn for any reason day two will include a tour of recent prescribed fire activity and research at Blodgett Forest Research Station.

**Registration:**

For more formation - <http://ucanr.edu/2019rxworkshops/>. Space is limited.  
To register go to - <http://ucanr.edu/2019BlodgettRX>.

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**Flyer is attached to this email.**



Incoming CLFA President, Chris Dow presenting Harlan Tranmer current CLFA President with gavel plaque.



Kieran O'Leary—winner of the shotgun raffle.



2018/2019 CLFA Board of Directors  
Chris Dow, Paul Violett, Ron Hutchinson, Tony Gomez, Ricky Shurtz, Kieran O'Leary, Harlan Tranmer, Jason Wells, Ariel Thomson, Elicia Goldsworthy, Sara Taddo-Jones





Tony Gomez introducing Diane Dealey-Neill



Forestry Challenge Students Kalani Weeks, Tony Falconer, & Isaac Ramsey presenting.



Tony Gomez & Adam Taylor—Scholarship Winner



Tony Gomez & Will Bruce—Scholarship Winner



Harlan Tranmer presenting the 2019 Outstanding Forester award to Mark Hannon.



Harlan Tranmer, Mark & Lisa Hannon.



Conrad Stielau, President of the HSU Forestry Club addressing the members.



Harlan Tranmer presenting the bottle of Old Forester to Ralph Osterling - RPF 38!!



## 2018/2019 CLFA BOARD MEETING WORKSHOP/CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

### BOARD MEETINGS

- ◆ April 16, 2019—GoToMeeting
- ◆ May 17, 2019—Audit Committee @ Granzellas
- ◆ May 18, 2019—Board Meeting @ Granzellas

### CLFA WORKSHOPS / CONFERENCES

- ◆ October 21—25, 2019—5-day Initial Archaeology Class, Gaia, Anderson - **15 SPOTS REMAINING**
- ◆ November 6 & 7, 2019—Archaeology Refresher—Granzellas, Williams
- ◆ November 13, 2019—Prep Exam—Granzellas, Williams
- ◆ November 15, 2018—Fall Workshop—Gaia, Anderson

*Brochures and registration for all workshops & conferences will be accessible on the CLFA website!*

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