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President's Message Chris Dow, CLFA President

"A New Tool in the Toolbox"

I had the benefit to take a leadership training course with some fellow foresters, as well as other individuals who were involved in the process growing a tree and delivering a product. One of the exercises that we completed was truly remarkable to me. We were asked to fold a piece of paper in half, three times. Those were the only instructions. The outcome was the remarkable part. Every forester in the room had a different way to fold the piece of paper. The rest were mostly uniform. The instructor told us that at no time during her years of putting on the course, no group of foresters had ever folded the piece of paper the same way. Every person had a unique fold. This stands out as one of the greatest things about foresters. We all have the same goal; protect and enhance our forests, while providing woody material for market production. However, the tools that we use, and the way we get there, may be entirely different. The end result is the same, but the path to get there may be very different.

CLFA has been dedicated to being on the front lines of significant changes to forest practice, and in the past 2 years, has been dedicated to a lot of necessary change. SB 901 and an overhaul of Exemptions, point count stocking, and now most recently, an overhaul of the Emergency Notice for Fuel Hazard Reduction. Through many workshops, countless hours of planning, and a great collaborative group effort including agencies, interest groups and industry, we were able to come up with a workable product that would give RPFs a new tool to use as we continue to try to meet and exceed the Governor's Order to "increase pace and scale."

The new Emergency Notice for Fuel Hazard Reduction was created under emergency rulemaking, which gives us a great opportunity to provide feedback and re-visit the package for official rulemaking. At this point, the emergency notice language increases geographic scope, removes the QMD requirement, lowers canopy cover requirements, lowers basal area to 50 square feet, and increased cutting limits from 24"/30" maximums to 30"/36" at stump height. This offers a lot of flexibility for both industrial, and small private landowners to start creating large contiguous areas of managed fuels. It should provide the ability to not only increase pace and scale for industrial ownerships, but also for those small landowners that are adjacent to fuel breaks, but have not had a tool to use that effectively managed fuels, while at the same time does not incur a massive cost that prohibited implementation.

Finally, to my point. Our profession **NEEDS** to use this new tool. We have been given our goal, increase pace and scale, protect our communities in the WUI, and protect our forests. Many foresters utilize THP's for fuelbreaks, and for larger areas with only fuelbreak prescription, we have the Modified Timber Harvest Plan – Fuel Hazard Reduction. I recently dipped my toes into this, and came up with almost 1500 acres of plantation treatments in the high hazard corridor of Highway 50 that links USFS treatments with SPI. The new Emergency Notice truly fills the toolbox when it comes to fuelbreak implementation. Although it has its limitations, this tool has been long needed, and should propel the forestry industry into a future that is truly resilient to California's fire regime. We must use it, or we lose it. Implementation on the ground and feedback on the utility of the document are going to become increasingly important as the Board of Forestry looks to adopt permanent rulemaking. So please, find your niche for the Emergency Notice, implement, and provide any feedback you have about the utility of this, even as it applies to small landowners, to CLFA or the Board of Forestry. That feedback will provide those at the table with the vital information that will go into permanent rulemaking.



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President Christopher Dow and his field crew getting some sightseeing done at Lassen National Park. Emerald Lake is still snow-covered!



Forest Practice—BOF

Andrea Eggleton—Regulatory Rep to CLFA

See the agenda for the July meeting in San Luis Obispo July 16-18 for topics covered:
<https://bofdata.fire.ca.gov/media/8795/july-2019-notice-and-agenda.docx>

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

FULL BOARD MEETING

CLFA presented a letter of support for the CAL FIRE Archaeology program to the Board of Forestry. The letter outlines the successful training program that CLFA and CAL FIRE have built together and the challenges in continuing this program with the low level of staff that CAL FIRE has to support the Initial Training Course. The CLFA Board will continue to work with CAL FIRE towards solutions for continuing to provide archaeological training to the RPF community.

CLFA's letter to the Board is posted on the CLFA website and on the Board of Forestry website:
<https://bofdata.fire.ca.gov/media/8848/full-12-clfa-archaeology-support-letter.pdf>

Results of the April 2019 RPF Exam were announced and certified – congratulations to the 12 new RPFs!
[Kathleen- feel free to insert list here if appropriate. Not sure if this goes in the regulatory or PFEC update or if you just attach the list to the newsletter.

Available at https://bofdata.fire.ca.gov/media/8843/full-11-c-ii-april_2019_rpf_exam_results_.pdf

COMMITTEE MEETING

Emergency Notice for Fuel Hazard Reduction

The rule package was adopted for emergency rulemaking and can be found at the following link: <https://bof.fire.ca.gov/regulations/proposed-rule-packages/>

CLFA urges the membership to make use of this amended Emergency Notice during the short period that it will be valid as emergency rules. This provides expanded opportunity to implement fuel breaks in an effective and efficient manner. Extensive use of the Emergency Notice (EM) will send a strong message to the Board that this type of regulatory relief is effective in encouraging “increasing pace and scale” of fuel treatments. Please also submit comments to CLFA if you encounter challenges in utilizing the EM so that we may provide the feedback to the Board of Forestry.

Revised Stocking Standards for Basal Area Standards and the Southern Sub-district of the Coast and Marin County

This will be the next major regulatory effort for the BOF Management Committee

- CLFA Regulatory committee will work to formulate specific recommendations on BA stocking standards revisions with the William Main group at UC Berkeley

Utility Exemptions – Major Woody Stem Exemption (14 CCR 1257, PRC 4293)

- This exemption is being revised for consistency with CPUC General Order 95 and to update references to outdated overhead electrical equipment.
- Other exemption sections for minimum vegetative clearance around overhead electrical equipment are undergoing revisions as well.
- It is expected that these revisions will undergo additional significant consideration and will not be brought for a vote of the Board for many more months.
- The current plead text can be found at the following link: <https://bofdata.fire.ca.gov/media/8813/workshop-4-utility-right-of-way-draft-rule-plead.pdf>



Legislation Jason Wells —Committee Chair

Last month the legislature left for summer recess, prior to which committees had their last chance to hear and report bills. There were a large number of changes to the bills CLFA is tracking, most of which were non-substantive in nature. However, there were major changes that took place with Senate Bill 69 (Weiner) “Ocean Resiliency Act of 2019” that had significant implications for California forestry. When SB69 was first introduced, it intended to place an undue burden on regional water board staff to essentially verify the work of all members within the interagency review team. The bill also included additional protection measures, outside those specified by the board of forestry, for watercourses and ground-based operations. CLFA and partners spent a considerable amount of time working with the author of the bill, and participating in committee hearings discussing the bill. We are very pleased with the overall outcome in terms of the changes to the bill, which offers a far more reasonable approach to addressing protection of watercourses within zones of anadromy.

SB62(Dodd) was recently signed by the governor. CLFA had hoped that this bill would extend incidental take protections for forestry operations in addition to farmers and ranchers, but in the end that was not the case.

SB462(Stern) requires the establishment of a model curriculum for community colleges to create a forestry workforce program for fuels reduction and forest restoration. CLFA supports any efforts that may increase the number of future forestry workers, which are in short supply. The bill has passed the Senate and is currently in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

The legislature reconvenes from summer recess on August 12. September 6th is the last day to amend bills on their respective floor, and September 13th is the last day for any bill to be passed. CLFA will continue to monitor the following bills, as well as other less-active bills on our watch list.

Bill status is continued on the next page.



Bill #	Author	Subject	Description	Status		
AB343	Patterson	Biomass	Requires Natural Resource Agency to develop and implement a fuels transportation program that provides competitive grants or other incentives for projects in eligible communities to offset transportation costs to biomass energy, mass timber, or innovative forest product facilities. Authorizes the agency to allocate moneys from the GGRF.	Amended April 1, 2019	Held Under Submission	Support
AB394	Ober-nolte	Fire Safety Exemptions	Exempts from CEQA projects recommended by BOF that improve fire safety of existing subdivision if conditions are met. Requires lead agency to hold public comment prior to exempt determination.	Amended June 13, 2019	2nd Read Senate	Support
AB616	Patterson	Fire Safety: Carbon Plan Report	Requires Resource Agency and Cal EPA prepare and submit progress report on policies and resources needed to meet the objectives of the Forest Carbon Plan.	Amended April 2, 2019	Held Under Submission	Support
SB1	Atkins	Environment, Public Health, Workers Defense Act	Requires specified agencies to maintain certain federal requirements. Bill is to protect environmental standards from Trump administration, will be inoperative January 20, 2025 and repealed January 1, 2026.	Amended July 1, 2019	Assembly Appropriations	Oppose
SB62	Dodd	Accidental Take. Agriculture	Permanently extends exemption for farms and ranches to incidental take of species under ESA. Extends California Safe Harbor Agreement Act to 2024.	Amended April 4, 2019	Signed by Governor	Support if Amended
SB69	Weiner	Ocean Protection	Sets stringent WLPZ requirements outside of the Board of Forestry's jurisdiction, including Class III WLPZ. Use of unpaved appurtenant roads prohibited in saturated conditions. No harvest on high EHR. Historic erosion sites with high erosion potential shall be stabilized if feasible. Requires Board of Forestry evaluate current anadromous salmonid rules and update FPRs based on the evaluation if the findings require additional protections. THPs filed on or after January 1, 2020 in or adjacent to ASP watersheds would require an erosion control plan. No operations on Extreme EHR unless the THP has been reviewed by CGS.	Amended July 11, 2019	Assembly Appropriations	Moved to Neutral
SB226	Nielsen	Watershed Restoration: Wildfires: Grant Program	Requires Nat. Resource Agency to implement a watershed restoration grant program to assist eligible counties with watershed restoration projects in watersheds affected by wildfire.	Amended July 3, 2019	Assembly Appropriations	Watch
SB462	Stern	Community Colleges	Summary: Would require the Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges, working in collaboration with the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges, to establish a model curriculum for a forest and woodlands restoration and fire resiliency workforce program that could be offered at campuses of the California Community Colleges.	Amended June 13, 2019	Assembly Appropriations	Support

Position



Water & Wildlife

Gwyndolyn Ozard — Committee Chair

WATER QUALITY

North Coast: <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast>

The Board last met on June 19-20 in Eureka. On June 19th, 2019 the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) adopted Order No. R1-2019-0021, Waste Discharge Requirements for Nonpoint Source Discharges and Other Controllable Water Quality Factors Related to Timber Harvesting and Associated Activities Conducted by Humboldt Redwood Company, LLC in the Upper Elk River Watershed, Humboldt County (Order) and Subsequent Mitigated Negative Declaration.

The Order was adopted along with the change sheet released by the Regional Water Board on June 18th, 2019 as well as a revision to Section I.F.1.c made pursuant to a Board motion regarding the requirement that HRC report cessation of hauling between October 15 and May 1 to the Regional Water Board.

The order is posted and can be viewed here: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_decisions/adopted_orders/pdf/2019/19_0021_HRC_Elk_WDR.pdf

The next Board meeting is scheduled for August 14-15 in Santa Rosa; the agenda is available: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_info/board_meetings/08_2019/pdf/August_Agenda_ADA_Compliant_190717.pdf

Central Valley: <https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/>

The Board last met on June 6-7 in Rancho Cordova; no forestry items were on the agenda. The next meeting is scheduled for August 1-2 in Rancho Cordova; the agenda is available: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/2019/1908ag.pdf

Lahontan: <https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/>

The Board last met on July 10-11 in Bishop; no forestry items were on the agenda. Minutes from the meeting are not yet available but the agenda is: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/board_info/agenda/2019/jul/20190710agenda.pdf

The next meeting is scheduled for September 18-19 in South Lake Tahoe; the agenda is not yet available:

Central Coast: <https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/>

The Board last met on July 18-19 in Santa Barbara. Minutes from the meeting are not yet available but the agenda is: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board_info/agendas/2019/2019_agendas.html

The only forestry related information discussed was describing the Boards involvement with Fuel Reduction Projects. Central Coast Water Board staff is involved in the protection of water quality during the implementation of CAL FIRE Wildfire Fuel Reduction Projects in the Central Coast region. In response to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-05-19. One of these projects currently under review is in an area with regularly managed forest stands in Santa Cruz County. Water Board staff reviews project details, identifies risks of pollution to 303(d) listed impaired water bodies and sensitive watersheds, recommends BMPs to minimize and mitigate water quality impacts, and conducts site inspections as needed.



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WILDLIFE

The Fish and Game Commission: <http://www.fgc.ca.gov/meetings/2019/index.aspx>

The Fish and Game Commission (FGC) last met on June 12-13 in Redding. Minutes are available: <https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=169143> HYPERLINK "<https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=169143&inline>" & HYPERLINK "<https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=169143&inline>" inline

The next full FGC meeting is scheduled for August 7-8 in Sacramento; the agenda is available: <https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=170994> HYPERLINK "<https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=170994&inline>" & HYPERLINK "<https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=170994&inline>" inline

The August agenda includes an item to consider and potentially act to determine whether listing the **San Bernardino kangaroo rat** as an endangered or threatened species under CESA may be warranted. Note: if the Commission determines listing may be warranted, a one-year status review will commence before the final decision on listing is made.

The following CESA updates occurred during the **June** Meeting:

- **Northern California Summer Steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss irideus*)**

The FGC accepted for consideration the petition submitted to list northern California summer steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss irideus*) as endangered under the California Endangered Species Act.

Based on that finding and the acceptance of the petition, the Commission is also providing notice that the northern California summer steelhead is a candidate species as defined by Section 2068 of the Fish and Game Code.

- **Crotch bumble bee (*Bombus crotchii*), Franklin's bumble bee (*Bombus franklini*), Suckley cuckoo bumble bee (*Bombus suckleyi*), and western bumble bee (*Bombus occidentalis occidentalis*)**

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Forest Stewardship Workshop

Dear CLFA members,

I'd like to take this opportunity to let you know about an upcoming work shop program being put on by UC Cooperative Extension with partners including CALFIRE, Forest Landowners of California, California Association of Resource Conservation Districts, and more. The workshop is for land owners to learn the skills necessary to begin the process of developing a forest management plan. This could be a great resource for landowners considering the relative lack of professional assistance funding available for management plan development at this time.

For landowners enrolling in CFIP or EQIP to help pay for non-commercial forestry activities, forest management plans are a requirement prior to implementation. These plans will still require collaboration, minor development, review, and approval by RFPs, but the program is designed to significantly reduce the amount of time RFPs would need to spend working on the plan.

Please consider forwarding this information on to landowners in your area.

Jason Wells
VP, California Licensed Foresters Association

—Flyer is attached—

E-Mail Issues

As you are aware CLFA recently changed our long standing email to Gmail. When that change was made the Board was not aware that Gmail limited the number of emails that could be sent during a 24-hour period—which is 500. CLFA has always used Microsoft Office which includes Outlook. Gmail limits Outlook to 100 emails in a 24-hour period. These limits just recently came to light.

If someone in your office or another RPF you know is not receiving emails, please have them call or email Kathleen directly so she can figure out what their email issue is.

Thank you.



2018/2019 CLFA BOARD MEETING WORKSHOP/CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

BOARD MEETINGS

- ◆ August 24, 2019—GoToMeeting—9:00 am to 12:00 pm
- ◆ September 21, 2019—Sonoma—Location TBD—9:00 am to 3:00 pm
- ◆ October 12, 2019—GoToMeeting—9:00 am to 12:00 pm
- ◆ November 7, 2019—Gaia Hotel & Spa, Anderson—11:00 am to 4:00 pm
- ◆ December—Dark
- ◆ January 25, 2020—Granzellas, Williams—9:00 am to 3:00 pm
- ◆ February 15, 2020—GoToMeeting—9:00 am to 12:00 pm
- ◆ March 5, 2020—Gaia Hotel & Spa, Anderson—11:00 am to 4:00 pm
- ◆ April 18, 2020—GoToMeeting—9:00 am to 12:00 pm
- ◆ May 15, 2020—CLFA Audit—Granzellas, Williams—6:00 pm
- ◆ May 16, 2020—Granzellas, Williams—9:00 am—3:00 pm

CLFA WORKSHOPS / CONFERENCES

- ◆ October 21—25, 2019—5-day Initial Archaeology Class, Gaia, Anderson - **Postponed—Date TBD**
- ◆ November 6 & 7, 2019—Archaeology Refresher—Granzellas, Williams
- ◆ November 8, 2019—Fall Workshop—Gaia, Anderson
- ◆ January 24, 2020—Cal Fire Archaeology Meeting—Granzellas, Williams
- ◆ March 6 & 7, 2020—Spring Workshop—Gaia, Anderson

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

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