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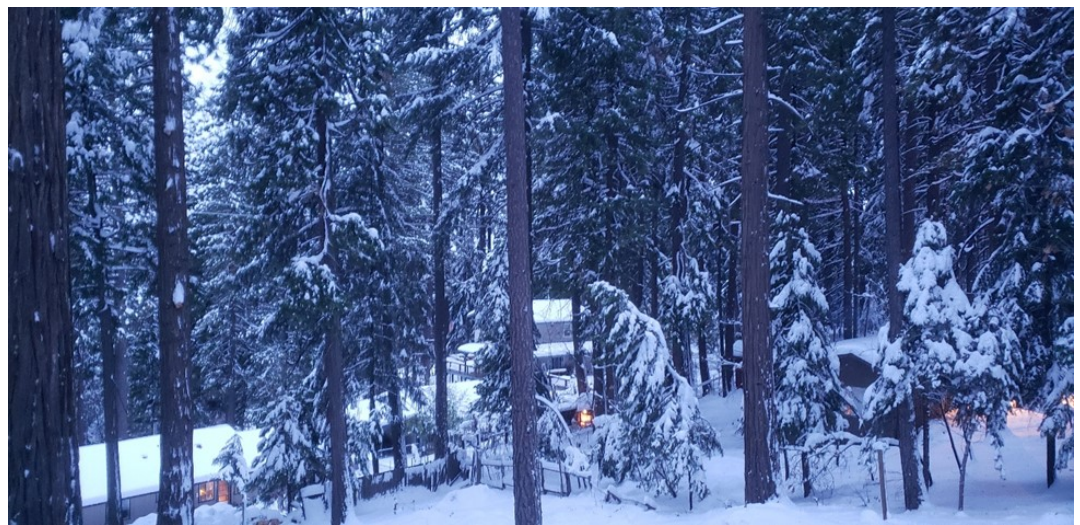
December 2019 - Newsletter

President's Message Chris Dow, CLFA President

“When Winter Approaches”

As we finally being to move into winter, and begin to wrap up our plans, paperwork, and water quality monitoring, I like to take the time each year to look out over our snow and rain covered forests and reflect on the work that has been accomplished. I count my blessings that I get to work to protect our forests and promote healthy forest management. I find myself in the woods, thankful that everyday I get to be a forester, a true environmentalist. As foresters we get the opportunity to work within natures confines, finding the best way possible to mimic the natural processes of our environment. Whether it is replicating small stand replacing fires with mechanical treatments, creating fuelbreaks to protect our forests, communities, and wildlife, regenerating trees for future generations, or finding new unique ways to lower our impacts in the forest, the forester is a true environmentalist.

This time of year, we are counting our blessings at the holidays, and reflecting on the year that has gone by, which is usually much faster than any of us anticipated. As president of CLFA, I can't count my number of blessings, but there are a few that should be shared with all. Thank you, to the foresters who have worked with small landowners to protect or preserve their forests when they can't. Thank you, to the foresters who protect our forest from fire and environmental degradation. Thank you, to the foresters that provide clean drinking water with proper forest management. Thank you, to the foresters that spend hours finding ways to protect our resources. Thank you, to the foresters that reach out and seek to educate the next generation of foresters, whether through mentorship, or by way of supervised designee. Thank you, to all foresters who give of themselves to represent, promote and protect the sanctity of the Registered Professional Forester. Thank you, to all of those that have spent even the smallest amount of time educating the public on proper forest management and the work we do to protect our forest resource. Thank you, to all foresters at all levels in their careers, for giving so much to protecting our natural resources for the future.



A winter morning view too beautiful to describe....



President's Message cont.

Forest Song

By: William Henry Venable, read at the first meeting of the American Forestry Congress,
in Music Hall, Cincinnati, April 19, 1882.

A song for the beautiful trees!
A song for the forest grand,
The Garden of God's own hand,
The pride of His centuries.
Hurrah! for the kingly oak,
For the maple, the sylvan queen,
For the lords of the emerald cloak,
For the ladies in golden green.
For the beautiful trees a song!
The peers of a glorious realm,
The linden, the ash, and the elm,
The poplar stately and strong,—
For the birch and the hemlock trim,
For the hickory staunch at core,
For the locust thorny and grim,
For the silvery sycamore.

A song for the palm,—the pine,
And for every tree that grows,
From the desolate zone of snows
To the zone of the burning line;
Hurrah! for the warders proud
Of the mountainside and the vale,
That challenge the thunder-cloud
And buffet the stormy gale.

A song for the forest, aisled,
With its Gothic roof sublime,
The solemn temple of Time,
Where man becometh a child,
As he listens the anthem-roll
Of the voiceful winds that call,
In the solitude of his soul,
On the name of the All-in-All.
So long as the rivers flow,
So long as the mountains rise,
May the foliage drink of the skies;
And shelter the flowers below;
Hurrah! for the beautiful trees!
Hurrah! for the forest grand,
The pride of His centuries,
The Garden of God's own hand.



Hazel Jackson – Celebration of Life



A celebration of life service is being held in memory of Hazel Jackson on **December 14, 2019**. The event will be held at the **Hilton Arden West in Sacramento, 2200 Harvard St. from 11:30 until 3:00 PM**. Appetizers and drinks will be provided at no cost. A group rate has been set up for all attendees who would like to stay in Sacramento. In support of Hazel Jackson’s hard work with CLFA, we will be accepting donations to be used for the Hazel Jackson Scholarship, but donations are not necessary. More importantly, bring your memories, your photos, and your videos to share with the group in loving memory. These things may also be sent to admin@clfa.org, and will be displayed at the celebration. Please RSVP to admin@clfa.org, and we look forward to an afternoon of celebrating a life that has touched all of those in forestry.

Hazel graduated from high school in Drummond, Montana in 1965 and received a business school degree from Deer Lodge Montana in 1966. Shortly after school she chose to start a new career and personal life in Northern California where she married a forester named Pat Jackson. Hazel was the executive director for the California Licensed Forester Association for many years which allowed her to make many forestry friends and gave her the opportunity to travel to Washington D.C. on their behalf. Hazel

was renowned for her loyalty and her great administrative skills both of which served to make California Licensed Forester Association a force in the natural resource field during her tenure.

Hazel is survived by her mother Florence Allen; brothers, Ed Allen and Roy Allen (Cathy), several nieces and nephews all of Billings, MT; her forestry family with California License Forestry Association; Charlene Davis and the Hilton staff at Arden West; and her long-time friend Jose Cena.

The Holiday Party Rate - To Make Guest Room Reservations

- Guests can call to the Hotel Reservations at (916) 922-4700 ext. 1 and mention group rate code “**ROOM**” to make their guest room reservations.
- Guests can utilize the link below to make their guestroom reservations.

Group Name	“Holiday Party Rate”
Group Code	ROOM
Group Dates	November 28, 2019 to December 22, 2019
Rate (Based on Availability)	\$109.00
Parking	Discounted Parking \$5.00

Link to Make Reservations

<http://bit.ly/hiltonroom2019>

Please RSVP to admin@clfa.org



Forest Practice—BOF

Andrea Eggleton—Regulatory Rep to CLFA

The following agenda for the November meeting in Sacramento which was held on November 5-6 for topics covered. Andrea Eggleton, CLFA Regulatory Representative, attended the Joint Committee Meeting on Nov 5 and Harlan Tranmer, CLFA Board Member and Past President, attended the Full Board Meeting on Nov 6.

<https://bofdata.fire.ca.gov/business/meeting-agendas-and-annual-schedules/>

October was a dark month for the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. The December meeting will be held on December 10-11, 2019 in Sacramento and the agenda can also be found at the link above.

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

FULL BOARD MEETING

- The Board has passed the threshold for new rulemaking to be effective by January 1, 2020, so the following items will be effective Jan 1, 2021 if they are adopted.
- All of the following regulatory action items from the agenda were moved forward unanimously to the phase noted: “Fire Safety Survey, 2019” – 15 day notice; “Subdivision Map Findings, 2019” – 15 day notice; “Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone Adoption, 2019” – 15 day notice; “Registered Professional Forester and Certified Specialty Amendments, 2019” 15-day Notice with minor modifications, “Southern Subdistrict and Marin Co. Point Count Amendments” – 45 day notice, with support from County of Marin; “Categorical Exemption Amendments, 2019” – approval of Initial Statement of Reasons; “Appeal Amendments, 2020”, 45 day notice.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

- A joint committee meeting was held amongst all three board committees (Management, Forest Practice, and Protection).
- No action was taken on Management Committee items during this meeting, and there are not scheduled for the December meeting.
- CAL FIRE Annual Exemption Monitoring Report to the Legislature – the draft report will be available for public review shortly. Another update will be given to the Board at the December meeting.
- Steep-Slope Harvesting
 - The Board desires to consider regulatory action to clarify limitations on the use of ground-based equipment in cable and tractor yarding areas pursuant to 914.2 Tractor Operations and 914.3 Cable Yarding in order to address current logging technology and techniques including steep-slope tethered logging, tethered falling and bunching under cable systems, and shovel logging.
 - This item will be developed over the next few months and may result in a rule package to be included in the 2021 Forest Practice Rules.
 - The Full Board received presentations from Miller Timber Services and Campbell Global on the use of tethered systems occurring in California to date.
 - Emergency Notice for Fuel Hazard Reduction – 14 CCR 1052.4

The Board engaged in Emergency Rulemaking to expeditiously pass amendments to 1052.4 earlier this summer. **The emergency rules for the Emergency Notice for Fuel Hazard Reduction are currently in effect until February 11, 2020. This is a great opportunity – use it!!** The Board may extend these regulations for an additional 180 days. The rule text is available here: <https://bofdata.fire.ca.gov/media/8892/emergency-emergency-fuel-hazard-reduction-amendments-2019.pdf>

The Board worked to address issues that were tabled during the previous rulemaking effort in order to engage in regular rulemaking to make permanent revisions to this rule section. It is expected that a final plead may be available for review at the December meeting.



Water & Wildlife

Gwyndolyn Ozard — Committee Chair

WATER QUALITY

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

The Board last met on October 17 in Santa Rosa. No forestry action items were on the agenda. https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_info/board_meetings/10_2019/October%2017%20Agenda_190920.pdf

The next Board meeting is scheduled for December 18-19; the agenda is available: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_info/board_meetings/12_2019/December%2019%20Agenda_191125.pdf

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

The Board last met on October 10-11 in Redding; no forestry items were on the agenda.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 5-6 in Rancho Cordova; the agenda is available: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/2019/1912ag.pdf

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

The Board last met on November 20-21 in Barstow; 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/nov/final_november_agenda_announcement.pdf

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

The Board last met on September 19-20 in Watsonville. Minutes from the meeting are not yet available but the agenda is: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board_info/agendas/2019/september/agenda/09_sep_agenda.pdf

WILDLIFE

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

The Fish and Game Commission (FGC) last met on October 9-10 in Valley Center. Minutes from the meeting are not available. Agenda: <https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=174494&inline>

Agenda Item of Note:

CONSENT ITEMS 3. Foothill yellow-legged frog. The FGC received the Department's one-year status review report on the petition to list foothill yellow-legged frog (*Rana boylei*) as an endangered or threatened species under the California Endangered Species Act.

Findings: (See Figure 6 of the report below for DFW's clade recommendations.)

In addition to evaluating the petitioned action to list the species as threatened or endangered, DFW evaluated whether listing the species was warranted for six unique genetic clades (a clade being a group of organisms that consist of a common ancestor and all its lineal descendants). The status review contains DFW's recommendation that listing the foothill yellow-legged frog is warranted at this time for five of the six genetic clades, with three specific recommendations:

List the Feather River and Northeast/Northern Sierra clades as **threatened**;

List the East/Southern Sierra, West/Central Coast, and Southwest/South Coast clades as **endangered**;

Do not list the Northwestern/North Coast clade; listing is **not warranted** at this time.

The full Status Review Report is available on the DFW webpage: <https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=174602&inline>



Water & Wildlife cont.

Tentative Expected Timeline for Action and Implementation

The FGC received DFW's status review of the Foothill yellow-legged frog at the October meeting. The FGC may vote at the December 11-12 meeting to determine if the proposed listing is warranted. If they vote, findings will be adopted at a later future meeting.

The next FGC meeting is scheduled for December 11-12 in Sacramento; the agenda is available: <https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=175139&inline>

Agenda Item of Note for Dec Meeting:

CONSENT ITEMS 6: Mountain lion: Receive 90-day evaluation report from the Department for the petition to list mountain lion (*Puma concolor*) as a threatened or endangered species under CESA. (Pursuant to Section 2073.5, Fish and Game Code) The Department will recommend that this item be continued to a future meeting.

*Status Review of the Foothill Yellow-legged Frog in California
California Department of Fish and Wildlife—September 20, 2019*

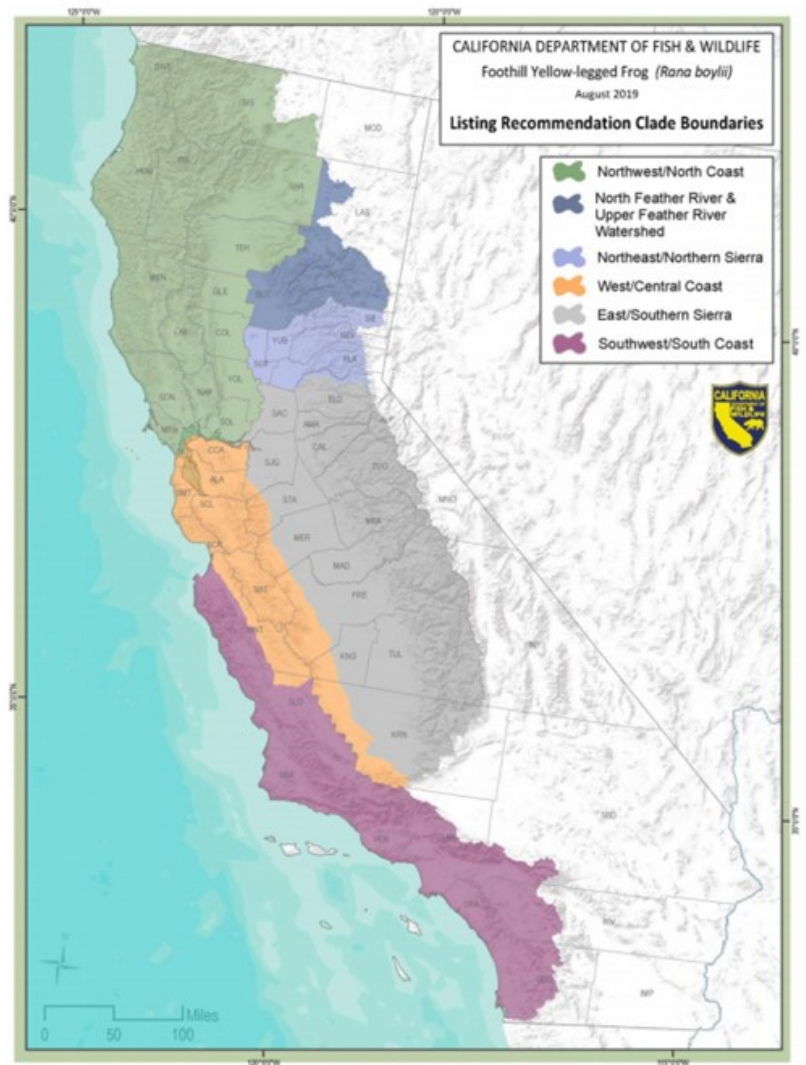


Figure 6. Foothill Yellow-legged Frog clade boundaries for management purposes and the Department's listing recommendation



2018/2019 CLFA BOARD MEETING WORKSHOP/CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

BOARD MEETINGS

- ◆ 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

- ◆ March 6 & 7, 2020—Spring Workshop—Gaia, Anderson
- ◆ March 23—27, 2020—Rescheduled 5-day Initial Archaeology Class—Gaia, Anderson—
Class is Full

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

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