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February 2020 - Newsletter

President's Message

Chris Dow, CLFA President

"CLFA Spring Conference"

For those of you who have not looked over the Annual Spring Conference agenda, the Board has put together a fantastic line-up of speakers that apply to foresters of all types. For the new forester, to the seasoned veteran, the Board has put together several speakers and topics that serve not only to educate the profession on new guidance, new documentation procedures, and new practices in forestry that are applicable to all. From watercourse classification guidance, updates to archaeology forms, mapping programs, new technologies in harvesting, and guidance on THP and CEQA planning documents. With all of the new guidance coming forward, and the changes that have come in the past few years regarding documentation, it should serve well to refresh the experienced foresters who have been in the profession since before CALTREES, and should also aid even the newest of foresters who have yet to join the ranks of Registered Professional Forester.

In addition to the Friday conference, the Saturday portion of our event will feature guidance from professionals in industry, as well as agency, on the new Northern Spotted Owl protocols. This has long been an issue for the profession, and clarification on guidance using Attachment A and B for Northern Spotted Owl should be a welcome to many in our profession.

This is of course not to downplay the highlight of Friday evening. A night to spend with other foresters, whether catching up after a year of practice, or introducing yourself to the profession, Friday night's awards, memorials, auction and social is the event of the year. Over the past few years, Tony Gomez has truly brought our raffle and auction to a whole new level. The Board has stepped up as well, with a line up of fantastic raffle and auction items. This hard work has shown high dividends over the past few years, as the Board has been able to increase scholarship amounts, and the number of scholarships that we give. All of the earned monies go straight to our scholarship programs, and in turn serve to facilitate the development of new foresters who have not yet joined us in the profession. I am looking forward to the entire event, am excited to catch up with all of those that I have come to regularly see at our conference, as well as see some new faces that are joining us for their first conference. Please mark your calendars and register for the event of the year, March 6th and 7th at the Gaia Hotel in Anderson, CA!

CLFA New Website

The CLFA board has been hard at work improving our online presence and ability to provide resources to the membership. As a result we are pleased to announce the launch of our [new website](#). Our domain has not changed, but you will notice significant changes to the website content. Given the transition to a new website platform please be patient as we work through any kinks. We welcome all feedback regarding our website and suggestions on how we can better serve our membership and represent the forestry profession.

A few things to keep in mind as you explore the new site:

- Be sure to check out *Forestry News* to see regular updates on current forestry topics in the news and new resources for RPFs.
- A *Forester's Forum* has been added to facilitate communication among our membership and sharing of ideas and resources.

You'll notice certain information is password protected. **Meeting Minutes, Newsletters, and Legislation Notes** will be available online to dues-paying members only. Passwords will be distributed after receipt of membership dues. You will be contacted soon if payment has already been received for this year. Please visit clfa.org to explore the changes that have been made!



Forest Practice—BOF

Andrea Eggleton—Regulatory Rep to CLFA

Robert Little, CLFA Board Member, attended the Forest Practice and Management Committee Meetings on January 21 on behalf of the membership. Andrea Eggleton, CLFA Regulatory Representative, attended the January BOF Regulatory Workshop regarding the Emergency Notice for Fuel Hazard Reduction held on January 7, 2020. Both RPFs Little and Eggleton provided extensive commentary/testimony to the Board on behalf of the membership on these dates. See the following agenda for the January meeting in Sacramento which was held on January 21-22 for topics covered.

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

February is a dark month for the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. The next board meeting is currently scheduled for March 2-3 in Sacramento. The agenda is not yet posted.

The 2020 Forest Practice Rules are now available online on the CAL FIRE website at https://bof.fire.ca.gov/media/9478/2020-forest-practice-rules-and-act_final_ada.pdf

Summary of revised rule packages that are now in effect in the 2020 FPRs:

- Stocking and Silvicultural Amendments (including revisions to point count minimums, commercial thinning standards, and a provision allowing RPFs to propose an alternative stocking standard for any regeneration method, intermediate treatment or special prescription)
- NTMP Amendments
- Permanent Post-Fire Recovery Exemption

Additionally, copies of the Forest Practice Rules back to 1996 are now available on the CAL FIRE website at <https://bof.fire.ca.gov/regulations/bills-statutes-rules-and-annual-california-forest-practice-rules/>

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

FULL BOARD MEETING

- 20 applicants successfully passed the RPF exam! Overall pass rate was 43% on the October 2019 test.
- CAL FIRE reports that the Governor's budget includes 650-700 new firefighter positions being added to the Department over the next 5 years.
- The USFS reported that through Stewardship Agreements, \$75 million from CCI funds is going to federal lands in CA. In 2019, the USFS cut 375 MMBF and treated 217,000 ac with fuels reduction projects; they are projecting to cut 40 MMBF in 2020. Reforestation has not been a success, with only 7,035 ac planted in 2019 out of a total 257,000 acres in need.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

- Re-assessment of existing "Group A" and "Group B" commercial species (14 CCR 895.1)
- Monterey Pine and Eucalyptus issues were brought up to the Board during the July 2019 BOF meeting in San Luis Obispo. A problem statement will be brought to the Board at the March meeting for continued consideration.
- Discussion also touched on black oak and giant sequoia.
- Limited Timber Operators License and Timber Operator Education (14 CCR 1022.1 and 1024)
- The Board continues to pursue revisions to these code sections in order to: Restrict LTO Class B and C licensees from certain operations such as road construction and site prep. Require that applicants to all license categories attend the 2-day LTO education course which is currently only required for Class A applicants Potential Revision of Basal Area Stocking Standards
- Calforests, CLFA, Forest Landowners of CA, and numerous industry and consulting RPFs who primarily practice unevenaged management are engaged in a work group to provide a problem statement and recommendations to the BOF. This is expected to be brought back to the Committee in April.



Forest Practice—BOF cont.

FOREST PRACTICE COMMITTEE MEETING

- Review of 2020 Committee Priorities
 - CDFW is requesting a botanical review process and standards in THPs. The Committee indicated that they need CDFW to bring them a concrete problem statement. CLFA will continue to watch and provide comment on this issue when appropriate.
- Steep-Slope Harvesting – 14 CCR 914.2 and 914.3 et seq.
 - The Board continues to consider revisions to the FPR to clarify limitations on the use of ground-based equipment in cable and tractor yarding areas 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 is expected to result in a rule package to be included in the 2021 Forest Practice Rules.
- Emergency Notice for Fuel Hazard Reduction – 14 CCR 1052.4
 - The Board has extended the Emergency Rules for another 6 months, making them available for use into August 2020. The rule text is available within the 2020 Forest Practice Rules.
 - The Board continues to work to address issues that were tabled during the previous emergency rulemaking effort and work towards permanent revisions to this rule section. CLFA continues to be a key stakeholder in committee discussions and regulatory workshops with the goal of passing a permanent rule package that provides an effective regulatory tool for facilitating the creation of fuelbreaks in strategic locations.



Water & Wildlife

Gwyndolyn Ozard — Committee Chair

WATER QUALITY

North Coast: <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast> - The Board last met on December 18-19 in Santa Rosa. No forestry action items were on the agenda. Agenda: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_info/board_meetings/12_2019/

The next Board meeting is scheduled for February 6-7; the agenda is available: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_info/board_meetings/02_2020/February%206%202020%20Agenda_200109_MSJ_Revised.pdf

Central Valley: <https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/> - The Board last met on December 5-6 in Rancho Cordova; no forestry items were on the agenda. Agenda: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/2019/1912ag.pdf

The next meeting is scheduled for February 20-21 in Rancho Cordova; the agenda is not yet available.

Lahontan: <https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/> - The Board last met on November 20-21 in Barstow; no forestry items were on the agenda. Agenda: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/board_info/agenda/2019/nov/final_november_agenda_announcement.pdf

The next non-closed session meeting is scheduled for March 11-12 in Barstow; the agenda is not yet available.

Central Coast: <https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/> - The Board last met on January 30-31 in San Luis Obispo. No forestry action items were on the agenda. Agenda: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board_info/agendas/2020/01_jan/index.html

The next meeting is scheduled for March 5-6 in Watsonville; the agenda is not yet available:

WILDLIFE

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

The Fish and Game Commission (FGC) last met on December 11-12 in Sacramento. Minutes from the meeting are not available. Agenda: <https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=175139&inline>

The next FGC meeting is scheduled for February 21 in Sacramento; the agenda is available: <https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=177021&inline>

February meeting **CONSENT ITEMS** of Note:

ITEM 7: Mountain lion: Receive Department's 90-day evaluation report for the petition to list mountain lion (*Puma concolor*) as a threatened or endangered species under CESA.

ITEM 8: Shasta snow-wreath: Receive Department's 90-day evaluation report for the petition to list Shasta snowwreath (*Neviusia cliffonii*) as a threatened or endangered species under CESA.

ITEM 9: Foothill yellow-legged frog: Consider ***ratifying findings*** for the listing decisions for foothill yellow-legged frog (*Rana boylei*) under CESA.

Decision to list the Southwest/South Coast, West/Central Coast, and East/Southern Sierra clades as endangered

Decision to list the Northeast/Northern Sierra and Feather River clades as threatened

Decision ***not*** to list the Northwest/North Coast clade

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

New Petitions:

Petition to uplist Clara Hunt's milkvetch (*Astragalus claranus*) from Threatened to Endangered.



2020 CLFA Outstanding Forester Award

The Board is currently considering candidates for the 2020 Outstanding Forester Award. The award can be bestowed in recognition for achievements spanning over one's career or for significant achievements occurring within the preceding year. If there is someone you would like to be considered for the award, please contact a CLFA board member, or e-mail a nomination along with a written justification to admin@clfa.org by February 15th.

The California Licensed Foresters Association Outstanding Forester Award is intended to recognize the forester who best displays dedication to the practice of forest management in the State of California.

Criteria:

- The recipient shall exhibit good moral character and have a good reputation for honesty and integrity.
- The award can be issued in recognition for achievements spanning over one's career or for significant achievements occurring within the preceding year.
- One forester is to be chosen each year.
- Recipient should be, or have been, a California Registered Professional Forester.

Process:

- Candidates shall be submitted to the CLFA Board of Directors, whereby the Board shall determine which person is most deserving of the award for that year.
- Each submission shall have a written justification for why the candidate is deserving of recognition.
- The recipient shall be approved by the CLFA Board of Directors at a Board meeting where a quorum is present.
- The award shall be presented Friday night at the annual conference dinner.

Timeline:

- Nominations due to CLFA by February 15, 2020.
- CLFA Awards Presentation — Friday, March 6, 2020.



Licensing News **Ricky Shurtz, Committee Chair**

We are please to announce the new class of Registered Professional Foresters of California. The CLFA would like to congratulate the following individuals.

- ◆ RPF No. 3092 Nicholas Alegria
- ◆ RPF No. 3093 Paul Cheng
- ◆ RPF No. 3094 Sophia Lemmo
- ◆ RPF No. 3096 Tori Norville
- ◆ RPF No. 3098 Rhianna Dutra
- ◆ RPF No. 3100 Tyler Brown
- ◆ RPF No. 3102 Robert Desotle
- ◆ RPF No. 3104 Sam Wheeler
- ◆ RPF No. 3106 Cole Humphrey
- ◆ RPF No. 3108 Ryan Tompkins
- ◆ RPF No. 3110 Carter Krewson
- ◆ RPF No. 3095 Julia Gowin
- ◆ RPF No. 3097 Mark Pugsley
- ◆ RPF No. 3099 Colin Campbell
- ◆ RPF No. 3101 Erik Snow
- ◆ RPF No. 3103 Kyle Niederer
- ◆ RPF No. 3105 Christopher Kirk
- ◆ RPF No. 3107 Jonathon Leonard
- ◆ RPF No. 3109 Jacob Miller
- ◆ RPF No. 3111 Keefer Hokanson

There were 20 successful applicants this exam resulting in a 43% pass rate. All new RPF's will be given a free years membership to the CLFA.

Stay tuned for more licensing news following the next FPEC meeting.

Legislation

Jason Wells—Committee Chair

January 31st was the last day for each house to pass carry-over bills from last year. February 21st will be the last day for new bills to be introduced for this year. CLFA is still waiting to see what bills will be put forth before we make any decisions on what to track, support, or oppose. It is still early to determine what key issues will be put forth this year in the legislature, but wildfire management is still likely to be a priority considering statements made by the governor. The Governor is proposing millions of new dollars from the General Fund, and from Cap-and-Trade funds to support climate and wildfire resilience. The administration is also proposing a \$4.75 billion climate resilience bond for the November ballot, intended to support investments in natural and man-made infrastructure. In addition to wildfire mitigation, the administration is also looking to improve the State's infrastructure related to electric utilities, focusing on safe and reliable clean energy. This is certain to bring up discussions related to biomass power generation and its feasibility/necessity; CLFA will continue to support development of alternative forest product markets including biomass energy.



Forestry Challenge Update

With the fall 2019 event season behind us and the 2019-2020 Championship event just a few months away, students are already honing their measurement skills and asking about the focus topic for the event. While not yet determined, we are working with local groups in Tuolumne County to identify new projects and we welcome your ideas.

Here are the schools confirmed for the Championship event, April 16 to 18 at Camp Sylvester in Pinecrest:

Northern California

Anderson New Technology
Mt. Shasta
Shasta Charter Academy
Trinity

Central California

Amador
Coalinga
Del Oro (Loomis)
El Dorado (Placerville)
Folsom
Foresthill
Golden Sierra (Georgetown)
Minarets (O'Neals)
Nevada Union (Grass Valley)
Ponderosa (Shingle Springs)
Vista del Lago (Folsom)

Southern California

California Academy of Mathematics and Science (Carson)
Charter Oak (Covina)
Granada Hills
John W. North (Riverside)
Oxford Academy (Cypress)

Volunteers are needed and welcomed for this high-level event. If you are interested in volunteering, please send an email to dianedealeyneill@gmail.com so you'll be notified when the online volunteer registration form is available.



2020 CLFA BOARD MEETING WORKSHOP/CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

BOARD MEETINGS

- ◆ February 19, 2020—GoToMeeting—6:00 pm
- ◆ March 5, 2020—Gaia Hotel & Spa, Anderson—11:00 am to 4:00 pm
- ◆ April 15, 2020—GoToMeeting— 6:00 pm
- ◆ May 15, 2020—CLFA Audit—Granzellas, Williams—6:00 pm
- ◆ May 16, 2020—Granzellas, Williams—9:00 am—1:00 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
- ◆ April 8 & 9, 2020—Archaeology Refreshers—Gaia, Anderson
- ◆ October 26-30, 2020—Initial 5-day Archaeology Class—Gaia, Anderson – ***Class is Full***
- ◆ November 11 & 12, 2020 Archaeology Refreshers—Gaia, Anderson

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

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