



CALIFORNIA  
LICENSED  
FORESTERS  
ASSOCIATION

*The Voice of  
California's  
Licensed  
Foresters*

### **Inside this issue:**

Presidents Message  
Forest Practice  
Legislation—none  
Water & Wildlife  
Forestry Challenge  
Calendar 2020

### Attachments:

◆ None

CLFA  
2149 Carson Mesa Road  
Acton, CA 93510  
Phone: 916.913.9970  
Cell: 661.789.7683  
Fax: 661.269.5513  
Email:  
Kathleen Burr — [admin@clfa.org](mailto:admin@clfa.org)  
Chris Dow — [president@clfa.org](mailto:president@clfa.org)

[www.clfa.org](http://www.clfa.org)

# California Licensed Foresters Association

January 2020 - Newsletter

## President's Message Chris Dow, CLFA President

### “A Call to Service”

In a few short months, many of us will find ourselves at the Annual Spring Conference. This year, I am especially excited for our speakers, and a new format to the afternoon that will allow our membership to choose the topics that they are most interested in, or need some refreshing in. It is a new way to do things that the Board has come up with, so that we may better provide for our membership. The Board was able to fit more speakers within the same allotted time frame, and we hope to provide speakers at times and availabilities that are suited for a greater number of the membership. As always, we will have our annual reception to follow, which given the past two years as evidence, should prove to be entertaining, as well as provide the opportunity to engage with foresters we know, and foresters we are seeing come up through the ranks of our profession.

In the light of doing things a new way, we are approaching the Saturday Business meeting in a new way. Typically, this is where we receive nominations for those wishing to serve on the Board for the following 2 years. These nominations are usually done at the recommendations of the Board, and this has been a successful way to encourage new Board members to serve their profession. However, during the years I have been on this Board, there have not been enough members looking to serve on the Board so as to hold a vote and have our membership decide on who they believe would be the best to represent their interests. As is typical, we will hold nominations at the Saturday Business Meeting, and all of those who attend will have the opportunity to nominate those that they believe would be best to serve as representatives of our profession. However, this does not provide the greatest opportunity for nominations. The change this year is as follows:

The Board would like to call for open nominations to all of its membership prior to the Annual Spring Conference. It is our membership that we serve, and it is because of our membership that we get the opportunity to do so. If you are a Voting member of CLFA, and you have somebody that you feel would well represent the profession and the interests that we all share, please feel free to send in your nominations. In addition, if you are a CLFA Voting member, and you have interest in serving on the Board, and feel that this service is something that would benefit the membership and your own interest in the profession, please contact the Board, whether through our email ([admin@clfa.org](mailto:admin@clfa.org) or [president@clfa.org](mailto:president@clfa.org)), through contact with a Board member, or Breakfast Group leader. We look forward to your recommendations and nominations, and hope to receive enough interest to provide our membership with the opportunity to vote for their new representatives.

In addition, CLFA has gone through many advancements and changes in order to keep up with the ever-growing opportunities that are presented to us via technology, or the generosity of our membership. We have added two additional scholarships in as many years, one of them being an open video competition. The Board has also been busy building a new website with which we can have a much more proactive and engaged approach to reaching our membership. We will now have the ability to constantly update information including job openings and news, as well as provide better access to the myriads of photos and videos that Board members have available. With this change, also comes the updates to our Facebook page, and a Twitter account, where we focus on (forgive me for this it's my first time) #forestryfriday. We believe these changes will carry us into the future, and garner greater interest in the forestry profession. In order to keep up with these changes, and hopefully the sheer volume of information we expect, we would like to open up the opportunity for our Associate members to volunteer service. These Associate members would not be able to vote on Board issues, but would gain valuable experience and knowledge of the profession, while providing support to the Board in keeping up with our ever-changing technological landscape. Hopefully, with time, these Associate member volunteers will not only pass their RPF exam, but move forward into full representation of our membership as Board members. If any of our membership, Associate or Voting Member, would like to volunteer or recommend a member for this venture, please feel free to contact us via email, reach out to your local Board member, or a Breakfast Group Leader. We look forward to seeing all of our members at our Annual Spring Conference.



## President's Message cont.



What an odd job we do! – Photo by Kim Tiesen, SPI District Forester



## Forest Practice—BOF

### Andrea Eggleton—Regulatory Rep to CLFA

RE: Report on Board of Forestry Meeting on December 30, 2019

I observed the Board of Forestry Forest Practice Committee meeting on December 30, 2019 via webinar on behalf of CLFA as your Regulatory Representative. The meeting was held in Sacramento, CA. A summary of topics covered and CLFA needed actions are included.

The next meeting is January 21-22 in Sacramento. Additionally, there is a Board Workshop to discuss permanent rule-making revisions to the Emergency Notice for Fuel Hazard Reduction on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in Sacramento, which I plan to attend. February is a dark month for the Board.

#### CLFA Board Member Action Items

Review the “Emergency Notice of Timber Operations Monitoring and Report on Exemption Usage” if you have a chance, as YG has recommended that we keep tabs on this item: [https://bofdata.fire.ca.gov/media/9493/full-5-a-draft-emergencymonitoring\\_exemptionreport\\_dec\\_23\\_board\\_copy\\_ada.pdf](https://bofdata.fire.ca.gov/media/9493/full-5-a-draft-emergencymonitoring_exemptionreport_dec_23_board_copy_ada.pdf)

#### Meeting Summary

12/30/2019 BOF Full Meeting (1/2 hour of public session)

Closed session items followed the agenda (conference with Board’s legal counsel regarding pending litigation) Revisions to the Cal VTP EIR made by the Board’s consultant in response to public comments received were presented. **Motions to certify the Final Program EIR for the Cal VTP and approve the Cal VTP passed unanimously.**

#### EMERGENCY NOTICE OF TIMBER OPERATIONS MONITORING AND REPORT ON EXEMPTION

- Comments by agencies and SPI presented at Dec 11 BOF Meeting
- CAL FIRE Chief Huff mentions that the Department has addressed the comments and feels the report is very positive towards timber harvest impacts on water quality now. Cal Fire doesn’t believe that post-fire salvage operations are wrong, just the post-fire landscape is very different than the forested landscape and we have to act accordingly.
- Chase – thank you for addressing the concerns. Wishes CAL FIRE would have made the comment about the post-fire landscape being very different from forested landscape in the Executive Summary to set up the context from the beginning better, though it was added throughout the document.
- Motion by Gillies to add such a statement to the Executive Summary; also move Appendix 2 into the Executive Summary to highlight it (statement from CAL FIRE that only 5 violations were reported after 274 inspections). Motion passes unanimously.
- CLFA will continue to monitor this program within CAL FIRE to ensure that our membership is aware of the ways in which monitoring data will be collected and used in the future during inspections of Emergency Notices.
- Joint Institute for Wood Products Innovation (Institute) Update
- The Joint Institute for Wood Products Innovation (Institute) is in the final stages of developing a draft of its required report. The report will include a forest product innovation literature review and research gap analysis, potential strategic partnerships with external stakeholders, and a summary of near-term priorities and barriers to in-state production of mass timber as well as other innovative forest products. The draft final report will be presented to the Board at the January 2020 meeting and finalized by February 28, 2020.
- Based on findings from the reporting cycle, the Institute and the Advisory Council developed recommendations for the 2020 Scope of Work (SOW), which will be reflected in the final report. Recommendations focus on those areas identified as of greatest need, including organic and inorganic composites, solid wood/mass timber, extractives, and wood conversion.
- Funds for the 2020 SOW include \$650,000 to be encumbered by June 30, 2020 and spent by June 2022.
- Comment by Richard Geinger (same comment as in 2018) – Board thanked him for the comment but did not address further. The following comment was taken from Mr. Geinger’s blog:
  - “Treating symptoms of ‘unhealthy forests’ with thinning and prescribed fire is all well-and- good—but, the standards for ‘healthy forests’ need to be established with implementation and incentives moving forward. These standards must incorporate credible cumulative impacts evaluation and response, and high quality forests that include significant portions of older, larger, mature trees that meet the needs of wildlife and carbon sequestration. This would also start to meet part of the intent of the 1973 Forest Practice Act for high quality timber products.”



## 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. Minutes from the meeting are not yet available, but the agenda is: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board\\_info/board\\_meetings/12\\_2019/](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 not yet available:

**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. Minutes from the meeting are not yet available but the agenda is: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_info/meetings/2019/1912ag.pdf](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. 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](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 December 12-13 in San Luis Obispo. Minutes from the meeting are not yet available but the agenda is: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board\\_info/agendas/2019/december/index.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board_info/agendas/2019/december/index.html)

The next meeting is scheduled for January 30-31 in San Luis Obispo; 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>

### DEC. Meeting Items of Note

ITEM 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 recommended that this item be continued to a future meeting.**

ITEM 22. Foothill yellow-legged frog (*Rana boylei*). Consider and potentially act on the petition. **The FCG voted at the December meeting that the proposed listing is warranted utilizing DFWs clade recommendations from their status review report.** See recommendations and map below.

DFW's recommendation of listing the foothill yellow-legged frog 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 Northernwest/North Coast clade; listing is **not warranted** at this time.



## Water & Wildlife cont.

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

**NOTE: These findings still need to be adopted at a future meeting. As such, the FYLF is treated as a candidate species until the future vote.**

The next FGC meeting is scheduled for February 20-21 in Sacramento; the agenda is not yet available

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

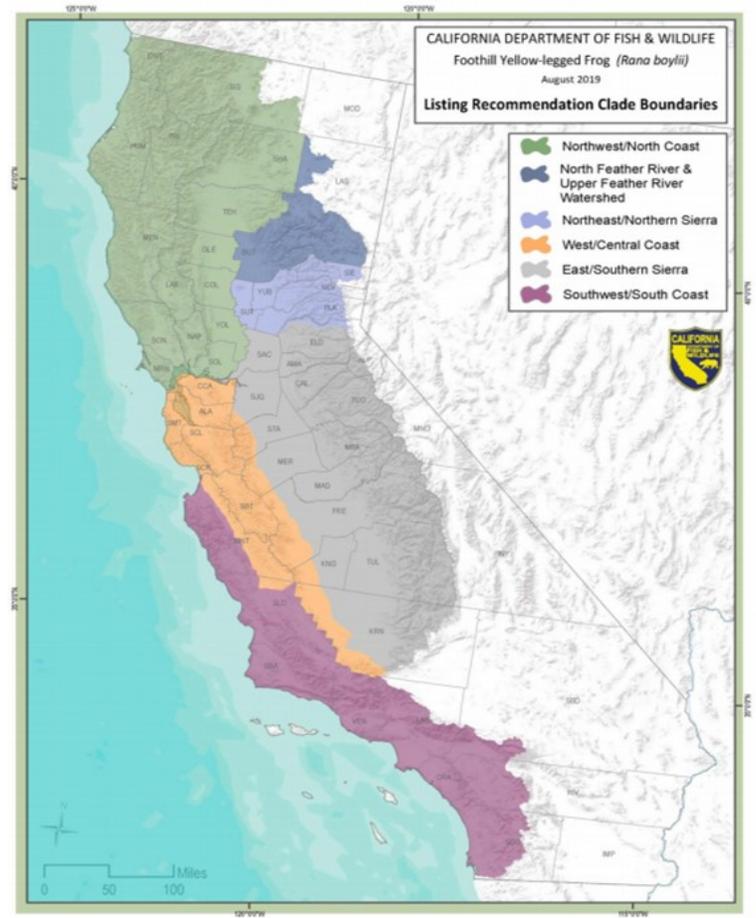


Figure 6. Foothill Yellow-legged Frog clade boundaries for management purposes and the Department's listing recommendation



## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

### **CLFA Spring Conference & Workshop March 6—7, 2020**

Date: March 6, 2020

Place: Gaia Spa & Resort, Anderson, CA

Topic: March 6th—Guidance, Technology, & The Basics

Afternoon sessions will be selected by attendees

Hosted reception following, Outstanding Forester 2020 presentation, scholarship fundraiser -  
gun & chainsaw raffle, as well as outstanding auction items!

Date: March 7, 2020

Place: Shasta College Health Services Building Conference Room

Topic: Panel Discussion on Contracts

CLFA Scholarship Presentations

CLFA Annual Meeting

2020/2021 Board Nominations

Brochure will be forthcoming.



## 2019 California Forestry Challenge

Hello Friends of the Forestry Challenge,

Thank you for all you do in supporting the Forestry Challenge. Here are a few notes about the 2019 event season for you. Attached please find a one page summary of the 2019 year.

### COMPOSITE PHOTO

Here is this year's composite photo. It is also posted on the website under the annual summary tile on the left-hand side of the home page.



The albums have school photos, action photos, and photos from some of the students who shared with us. Thank you to Dan Cullinane for his excellent photography! He has even more photos from all events on his Flickr account at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/dancullinane/> These albums, along with many other items, are now linked on the summary pages under each event tab on the Forestry Challenge website.

On top of a new Flickr account, we are also adding an Instagram profile to our social media presence. We will be posting photos from events and other current news regarding the Forestry Challenge. Follow us: @forestrychallenge

### SEASON RESULTS

The following is the final ranking of the top teams from all four events combined that scored 195 or above. These teams have been invited to the 2019-2020 Forestry Challenge Championship event April 16 to 18, 2020 at Camp Sylvester in Pinecrest, Tuolumne County. Teams that scored 190+ will be invited if some 195+ teams cannot attend.



## 2019 California Forestry Challenge cont.

Rank	Event	School	Total (250)
1	SB	J.W. North	233.2
2	ED	Foresthill	224.3
3	SB	Charter Oak	222.3
4	SB	Oxford	221.5
5	ED	Folsom	213.5
6	SB	CAMS	213.0
7	ED	El Dorado	211.8
8	ED	Amador	209.7
9	ED	Ponderosa	208.7
10	ED	Vista del Lago	208.5
11	ED	Golden Sierra	206.7
12	SB	CAMS	205.5
13	SH	Nevada Union	205.2
14	SH	Anderson New Tech	204.3
15	SB	CAMS	204.2
16	ED	Foresthill	203.3
17	SC	Del Oro	203.2
18	SB	Charter Oak	202.7
19	SH	Trinity	202.3
20	SC	Minarets	200.0
21	SH	Shasta Charter Academy	199.7
22	SH	Anderson New Tech	197.8
23	SC	Coalinga	196.8
24	SH	Mt. Shasta	195.7

I would like to thank all of you for your support and encouragement and look forward to your continued involvement. A detailed 2019 annual report will be finalized in the next few months and will be available on the Forestry Challenge website.

Thanks,

Diane Dealey Neill



**Diane Dealey Neill**  
**Executive Director**  
**Forestry Educators Incorporated**

3140 Sierrama Drive  
Shingle Springs, CA 95682  
[dianedealeyneill@gmail.com](mailto:dianedealeyneill@gmail.com)  
(530) 417-1960  
[forestrychallenge.org](http://forestrychallenge.org)



## 2020 CLFA BOARD MEETING WORKSHOP/CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

### BOARD MEETINGS

- ◆ 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**
- ◆ ARC Refreshers will be scheduled by the February newsletter  
*Please note—your certificate is valid through December 31st of each year.*

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

### 2018/2019 CLFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### CLFA BOARD OFFICERS

Chris Dow—President  
Jason Wells—Vice President  
Paul Violett—Treasurer  
Ariel Thomson—Secretary

#### COAST DISTRICT

Elicia Goldsworthy  
Tony Gomez  
Harlan Tranmer - Past President  
Jason Wells

#### NORTHERN DISTRICT

Emil Mason  
Rob Little  
Ariel Thomson  
Gwyndolyn Ozard  
Paul Violett  
Joe Starr

#### SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Christopher Dow  
Ricky Shurtz  
Ariel Thomson