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President's Message

Harlan Tranmer, CLFA President

The old guy was right! He's right a lot of the time but not always. This time I was sure he was wrong. I thought he was out of touch on this one but, in the end, it was I who walked away wiser. This was a particular recent incident that went completely differently than I anticipated. It happens to all of us. Sometimes it's the old lady who's right. Sometimes it's the young whippersnapper. Being middle aged, I find myself in both the old and young categories depending on the situation. It's a reminder to listen, keep your mind open, and have some humility.

Forestry is, by nature, a profession that invites debate. There are so many variables and such long time frames that often there isn't one right answer. I remember discovering this as a student and being drawn to it. Listening to the experienced professionals debate made me realize that it's not just about memorizing scientific principals and doing the math. It's about making your case. Whoever can make the best case usually wins the debate. Maybe debate should be part of the forestry degree curriculum. You might win the debate, get your way, and still be wrong. In that case, the best thing to do is eat crow. Everyone knows you were proved wrong and admitting it should gain back some respect. Also, that's one less crow to prey on endangered species.

The debate could be over how to constructing a stream crossing, how to protect a species, which trees to cut, or how many trees to plant. We've seen the recommendations on these topics change over time and they will continue to change. Knowing this, we can't shrug our shoulders on land management decisions. We have to convince ourselves, convince others, and implement the management activity. It's a little like jumping off a cliff which makes it stressful but exciting.

Go forth with your strong opinions but keep listening to others. Be willing to change. It's one thing you can be sure to get right.

Harlan Tranmer
CLFA President





Legislation

Jason Wells—Committee Chair

July 6th was the last day for policy committees to meet and report bills; the legislature has gone into Summer recess to reconvene August 6th. Many of the bills CLFA has been tracking that are moving forward relate to vegetation management and prescription burning.

The CLFA sent letters of SUPPORT to three bills this month:

- ◆ AB-2091 (Grayson) – Prescribed Burns
- ◆ SB-1079 (Monning) – Grant Funding
- ◆ AB-2551 (Wood) – Forest and Wildland Health Improvement and Fire Prevention Program



FOREST PRACTICE COMMITTEE

Jason Wells—Committee Chair

Plan Submissions (through 04/30/2018)

- THP Submissions: The number of THP submissions through April 2018 was five (5) more than April 2017 (68 compared to 63 in 2017).
- NTMP Submissions: The total number of NTMP submissions for April 2018 was five (5) more than April 2017 (8 compared to 3 in 2017). Twenty-two (22) NTOs were submitted in April 2018 compared to sixteen (16) for April 2017.
- Exemption Notice Submissions: Exemption submissions were approximately 8% lower compared to April last year (639 compared to 692 in 2017). The number of Drought Mortality Exemptions filed through April this year is approximately 53% lower than last year (93 compared to 200 in 2017); the acreage covered was approximately 76% lower (8,877 acres compared to 37,321 acres in 2017).
- Emergency Notice Submissions: Emergency Notice submissions were approximately 75% higher in April 2018 than April 2017 (78 compared to 26 in 2017).
- Plan Approval: 94 THPs were approved in April 2018 compared to 66 in April 2017. Three (3) NTMPs were approved in April 2018 compared to four (4) approved in April 2017. Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund (TRFRF) Activities
- Since January 1, 2018, the Department has spent 52,720 hours in conducting Forest Practice Program activities funded by TRFRF. An additional 3,816 hours of Forest Practice Program activities not funded by TRFRF has also been completed. Combined, Department staff has recorded 56,536 hours of Forest Practice related activities through April 30, 2018.

These reports can be found on the Board of Forestry website under June Board—Forest Practice Committee reports:

- FPC 2 Request for Designation of Experiment Forest Land Blodgett (4.4MB PDF)
- FPC 3(1) Staff Memo and Appendix NSO Timeline (4.5MB PDF)
- FPC 3(1)(a) NSO Timeline Appendix 2 (868KB PDF)
- FPC 3(2) NSO Activity Center Plead 12-05-12 (96KB PDF)
- FPC 3(3) Draft NSO No Take Guidelines (137KB PDF)

FPC 2: Request for Designation of Experimental Forest Land – Blodgett Forest

Blodgett Forest requested for WLPZ land, approximately 250 acres of the property located east of Georgetown, be granted designation as Experimental Forest Land. Forest Practice Committee considered information presented by Rob York, Ph.D. and the recommendation by Dennis Hall (CAL FIRE) that this request be granted. The Board voted unanimously to approve.

FPC 3: NSO (Staff Memo, Timeline, Activity Center Plead, No Take Guidelines)

The Board, as well as the Forest Practice discussed the issue of NSO and the problems associated with NSO Activity Centers, definition of Take, and small landowners. The Forest Practice Committee heard presentation from Ken Hoffman, who presented that on the current framework for take avoidance of the NSO, and how the Attachment A could possibly be changed.

The Forest Practice Committee, Fish and Wildlife Service, CDFW and other stakeholders agreed that this is a pressing issue, which is very complicated in nature. Moving forward, the committee will work with stakeholders to identify issues and problems, as well as possible solutions, for presentation at the Board of Forestry meeting that will be located in Yreka during the month of September.

Effectiveness Monitoring Committee

The EMC is requesting for member applicants. There are currently 4 vacancies; 2 Academic, 1 Wildlife, and 1 Water Board.

Executive Order B-52-18

The current status of Executive Order B-52-18 as it pertains to the Board of Forestry and CAL FIRE; increase the pace and scale of fuels and fire management to 500,000 acres per year, this is double what is currently in place. The Board of Forestry, University of California, and California State University shall establish a Joint Institute for Wood Products Innovation, and \$750,000 has been dedicated to this idea through staffing. The first meeting was Monday, June 11th, to discuss the current assessment of assets.



Water & Wildlife Committee

Elicia Goldsworthy —Committee Chair

WATER QUALITY

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

The Board met on May 17th in Santa Rosa. No forestry topics were presented in the open session. The board met in closed session to consider evidence received in closed session to discuss initiated litigation in the following matters (Gov. Code, § 11126, subd.(e)): Petitions of: Jesse Noell, Stephanie Bennett, Kristi Wrigley and Elk River Residents Association; Pacific Coast Federation of Fisherman's Association; and Environmental Protection Information Center and North Group of the Redwood Chapter Sierra Club for Review and Stay of Order No. R1-2016-0004, 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 (December 30, 2016). The next Board meeting will be Wednesday July 11, 2018 in Santa Rosa. No specific forestry items are on the agenda.

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

The Board met May 31 – June 1 in Rancho Cordova. No forestry topics were discussed. The next Board meeting will be held August 2-3 in Rancho Cordova; the agenda is not yet available.

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

The Board met May 16 -17 in Bishop. No forestry topics were discussed. The next board meeting will be held July 18-19 in Bishop. No forestry related topics are on the agenda.

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

The Board met June 28-29 in Santa Barbara. No forestry topics were discussed. The next meeting will be held September 20-21 in Watsonville. The agenda is not yet available.

WILDLIFE

The Fish and Game Commission: <http://www.fgc.ca.gov/meetings/2017/index.aspx>

The Fish and Game Commission (FGC) last met June 20-21 in Sacramento. The final meeting agenda and minutes were not available at the time this report was prepared; an update will be provided in the next newsletter. The next FGC meeting will be held on August 22-23 in Fortuna, when the status of the Humboldt marten will be decided.

Foothill yellow-legged frog (*Rana boylei*)

Foothill yellow-legged frog was advanced to candidacy as threatened under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) on 07/21/2017 and the status review is ongoing. Throughout the candidacy period, foothill yellow-legged frog(s) will be afforded listed species protection (no take). The status review period has been extended with the FGC scheduled to make a final determination at the January 2019 meeting. A general guidance document for CDFW staff, project proponents and consultants is available online: *Considerations for Conserving the Foothill Yellow-Legged Frog* <https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=157562&inline>

Humboldt Marten (*Martes caurina humboldtensis*)

The CDFW has completed their status review report, which has recommended listing the Humboldt marten as endangered under CESA. This report was provided to the FGC at their June 20-21 meeting in Sacramento. The final determination on whether the listing is warranted will be made during the August 22-23 FGC meeting in Fortuna.

Western Pond Turtle (*Actinemys marmorata*)

Listing status is currently under review. An initial working group meeting has been scheduled to determine population status and conservation needs.

Upper Klamath-Trinity River (UKTR) Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) Evolutionarily Significant Unit (ESU)

National Marine Fisheries Service is currently conducting a status review to address the petition to list the UKTR spring run Chinook salmon ESU as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA); or, alternatively, to create a new ESU to describe Klamath Spring Chinook salmon and list the new ESU as threatened or endangered under the ESA. The Petitioners also request designation of critical habitat concurrently with the listing. The public comment period closed on April 30, 2018.



HAROLD H. BISWELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP Pioneer of Fire Ecology

2018/2019 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION & INSTRUCTIONS



The California Licensed Foresters Association (CLFA) is pleased to announce that we are currently accepting and facilitating scholarship applications for the **2018/2019 Harold H. Biswell Memorial Scholarship**. The scholarship is available to students pursuing an education in Forestry and who will be attending, full time during the 2018/2019 school year, a University or College with a Forestry Program accredited by the Society of American Foresters (SAF) **OR** a Junior College with transferable credits to an accredited Forestry Program. The application must be sponsored by a voting member of CLFA, a Professor of a University or College with a Forestry Program accredited by the Society of American Foresters (SAF) or a Junior College with transferable credits to an accredited Forestry Program. The student must be entry level, either a recent high school graduate, or student who will be attending their first year of a college program in the 2018/2019 school year.

The successful applicant will be awarded a \$1000 scholarship and a complimentary admission to the CLFA Annual Conference, to be held in March-2019, in Anderson, CA. To receive payment the successful applicant will be required to submit an enrollment verification form to CLFA during the Fall Semester of 2018.

This scholarship has been named the Harold H. Biswell Memorial Scholarship in honor of Professor Harold H. Biswell, pioneer fire ecologist. To represent all that Harold stood for to all those who were touched by this great man is a humbling experience. The profession of fire management underwent a paradigm shift in the 1960's, and the man who, more than any other, actually shifted the focus of the fire culture was Harold Biswell. Professor Biswell pioneered much of his fire ecology work while at the University of California, Berkeley. The idea of underburning forests to prevent more destructive wildfires was a revolutionary idea in California at the time, although fire was routinely used in some shrublands. Despite Dr. Biswell's contributions to our profession, he was widely criticized for the same ideas, presented in the same way, for which he received so much favorable response later in his career. Because some of his monikers, like "Harry the Torch" or "Dr. Burnwell," were acquired during the early days of controversy he nevertheless pursued his passion despite the odds against him.

Complete the following Application Form and return to CLFA postmarked no later than **August 1, 2018**. A receipt of application will be sent upon CLFA's receipt of your scholarship application. The successful applicant will be notified in June.

Electronic application forms are available from CLFA at www.clfa.org. Applications must be submitted in paper form to:

**MAIL TO: California Licensed Foresters Association
Scholarship Application Committee
2149 Carson Mesa Road
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*Application for this scholarship is an attachment to the newsletter.
You can also go onto the CLFA website at www.clfa.org to download the application.*



Outreach

Chris Dow—Committee Chair

With the season well into summer, busy season is upon us, and the availability for Outreach opportunities to participate in dwindles. This month, however, there is an opportunity to participate in not only the education of future foresters, but the general public. CLFA has engaged the public in several ways over the past few years, including adapting the 60 second forester into short videos, as well as creating short video spots that have appeared on local TV stations. This month, the California State Fair and the Forest Foundation, are looking for volunteers to guide the public through the California Forest Center and its one acre forest demonstration. Volunteer shifts are available July 13th through July 29th, and include free admission into the fair as well as free parking. Consider volunteering, and having a bit of summer fun at the same time!

Shifts available from:

- ◆ July 13-29, 2018 at the following times:
- ◆ Monday – Thursday 3:15 to 7:15 p.m.
- ◆ Friday – Sunday 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 2:45 to 7:15 p.m.

To volunteer, please contact our office at 1-866-241-TREE (8733), or email Michele Vesely at michel-ev@calforestfoundation.org.

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Watercourse Crossing Design and Considerations Workshop

Registration is now open for the Registration is now open for the Watercourse Crossing Design and Considerations Workshop. Agenda's are attached for each workshop location. This workshop is intended to provide a summary of [Designing watercourse crossings for passage of 100-year flood flows, wood and sediment \(updated 2017\)](#) in timberlands. Topics include bridge, culvert and rock crossings, hydrology, potential debris impacts and biological considerations. Agency and Industry personnel are encouraged to attend. Participants will get the most of this workshop if they have read the ENTIRE document prior to attending - including the newly added sections on bridge & rock armored crossing design, post-fire hydrology AND concentrating on any topic(s) you have not been exposed to. This one day workshop will include an approximately 3 hour morning classroom session and 3 hour afternoon field module, with a short 1 hour lunch/travel window.

To register, please click on the link below.

<http://timbertraining.resources.ca.gov/course/index.php?categoryid=30>

Or, go to timbertraining.resources.ca.gov and select the WORKSHOPS link at the bottom of the page. Once you have selected the workshop you wish to attend, you will be prompted to Login. If you have not used the site before, please register as a new user. You will then be able to register for the selected workshop and will need to enter the corresponding enrollment key/code (EUREKA, RANCHO, REDDING, WILLITS). You will receive a confirmation email upon completion and may receive future workshop details or updates. If you have any questions or issues during registration, please contact Talmadge.Robinson@wildlife.ca.gov. PLEASE NOTE – Class size is limited to 45 people.

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Buena Vista Biomass Power is scheduled for July Auction

IONE, CALIFORNIA June 14, 2018. Maas Companies of Rochester, MN will sell the Buena Vista 18 Megawatt Biomass Power Plant via auction. Maas Companies specializes in the liquidation of specialized and renewable assets for private companies, courts, banks and lenders nationwide. The assets will be sold via a sealed bid auction; the deadline for offers is Thursday, July 19 at 4 PM CDT. The plant is located at 4655 Coal Mine Road, Ione, California.

The plant has 18 megawatts of base-load electric generating capacity and is capable of powering 16,000 homes. The facility is located on 40± Acres with a long term land lease. The plant was re-powered in 2012 to accept sustainable biomass waste wood. In recent years biomass plants assisted the State of California with reducing emissions from uncontrolled forestry and agriculture fires and providing a form of renewable energy. This plant is currently idle however on May 10th California Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. issued an executive order to look at long term use of small biomass generators. The goal is to address the amount of record breaking forest fires. The order also asks the California Public Utilities Commission to review and update its procurement programs for “small bioenergy renewable generators”. The state’s revised budget includes \$96 million to support these activities.

Tyler Maas, director of sales and marketing for Maas Companies, states, “Located an hour east of Sacramento, this plant sits along a hillside and offers beautiful views of the surrounding county. The plant has gone through a multi-million dollar upgrade and has been professionally maintained.”

Bidders interested in the plant should contact the auction company to receive access to all the due diligence documents prior to submitting a sealed bid.

Potential buyers are encouraged to schedule an inspection of the property and equipment during the below noted times or by private appointment:

Tuesday, June 19	9 AM – 3 PM
Wednesday, July 18	9 AM – 3 PM
Other times by appointment.	

Details of the sale are available at the auction website, www.powerplantauction.com or by contacting the auction company directly at 507-285-1444. Contact Allison Guyton.

The auction brochure is attached to the newsletter email.



2018/2019 CLFA BOARD MEETING WORKSHOP/CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Board Meetings

- ◆ July 21, 2018 - Board Meeting @ Green Diamond
- ◆ August 21, 2018—GoToMeeting
- ◆ September 22, 2018—Board Meeting @ Granzellas
- ◆ October 16, 2018—GoToMeeting
- ◆ November 8, 2018— Board Meeting @ Blodgett
- ◆ December—Dark
- ◆ January 19, 2019—Board Meeting @ Granzellas
- ◆ February 19, 2019—GoToMeeting
- ◆ March 7, 2019—Board Meeting @ Gaia in Anderson
- ◆ April 16, 2019—GoToMeeting
- ◆ May 17, 2019—Audit Committee @ Granzellas
- ◆ May 18, 2019—Board Meeting @ Granzellas

CLFA WORKSHOPS / CONFERENCES

- ◆ October 22—26, 2018—5-day Initial Archaeology Class, Gaia, Anderson—**CLASS IS FULL**
- ◆ November 2, 2018—Coast Field Day—Green Diamond—Stocking Standards
- ◆ November 9, 2018—North Field Day = Blodgett—Stocking Standards
- ◆ November 14 & 15, 2018, Archaeology Refresher—Granzellas, Williams
- ◆ January 18, 2019—Annual Archaeology with CLFA & CAL FIRE—Granzellas
- ◆ February 21, 2018—Legislative meeting in Sacramento
 - ◆ This will replace the legislative meeting normally held in March at the annual meeting
- ◆ March 8 & 9, 2019—Annual Workshop, Annual Conference, & Business Meeting, Gaia, Anderson

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