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# California Licensed Foresters Association

July 2019 - Newsletter

## President's Message Chris Dow, CLFA President

### "Signs of Changing Times"

I started my career climbing through the shrub growth of 10 year old, large, high severity fire patches located in the Plumas and Lassen National Forest. This led to some interesting debates, such as when is a shrub tall enough to count as canopy cover, how long until we have GPS guided jet packs to get from plot to plot, and most of all, where were all the seedlings we were looking for... Without sunlight, heavy competition for nutrients, and reliance on natural seeding, we struggled to find any natural regeneration. Following that, the most destructive fires in California history have occurred. Rim, King, Butte, Lake, Mendocino, Sonora, Napa, Hirz, Delta, Carr, and Camp, just to name a few.

However, the response to this has been a coalition of forces on both sides of the table, finding new ways to work together for all that are invested in forests and natural resources, in order to accomplish more. The task assigned: increase pace and scale of fuels reduction, protect our communities, and protect our natural resource. SB 901 provided tools to work through and overhaul our Exemptions. The Emergency Notice for Fuel Hazard Reduction is being overhauled under emergency rulemaking, in order to give foresters an additional opportunity to utilize the same type of tool that was used for the fuel break that saved portions of the Paradise community. Greater opportunity for working collaboratively with other agencies, including the US Forest Service, are coming to light. A memorandum of understanding has been signed by industry and agency alike, fire safe councils are stepping up pace and scale in our communities, and all are seeking to protect not only our communities and the values that they provide, but also one of the greatest renewable resources that we have in California, our forests.

The CLFA Board has been extremely active in the promotion of increasing pace and scale. From overhaul of the Exemptions, to new stocking standards guided by science, work to further the Working Forest Management Plan, CALTREES, and the Emergency Notice for Fuel Hazard Reduction. The work and time invested have begun to show fruit. And yet, with new tools, and a changing demographic of foresters, we must not forget that it is the investment into the future that governs our workforce. RPF fees have not increased in 28 years.

To capture the drastic change we have seen in that time, gasoline was just over \$1 per gallon the last time we saw an increase. The fees that we pay, help to represent us, and aid in our own protection. Licensing fees are a necessary source of funding to protect our license, to further our profession, and to encourage new natural resource professionals. Nobody enjoys discussing increasing fees. I have found myself avoiding this specific topic for several months. The CLFA Board has been active in this process, working with the PFEC to find alternative cost saving options, including an emeritus license, or reduced fees for RPF's in good standing. However, at the same time, we have also seen testing facilities for our RPF exam reduce to one site. The CLFA Board stepped up, and we found additional testing sites, with volunteer proctors, all to protect the future of the RPF. As I considered how to write about this topic, and reviewing all the materials, this is one fact that I could not escape. These fees and the associated increase are merely an investment. As we have fought so hard to protect the investment that we plant in the ground, and the communities we live in, we may have forgotten the investment into our own profession. RPFs work throughout the state to protect an investment that most of us will likely never see come to age and rotation. This is the same with our licensing fees. We are investing in protecting the future of the RPF, an investment that may not grow in front of our eyes, but is evident all around us, and one must merely look at the RPF exam results in July or January, to find the rewards of our investment.



*Spring Burning with CALFIRE on the oldest VMP in the state.  
This occurred within the Fire Adapted 50 project, protecting Pollock Pines, CA.*



# Forest Practice—BOF

Andrea Eggleton—Regulatory Rep to CLFA

## Forest Practice Program

### Plan Submissions (through 05/31/2019)

- **THP Submissions:** The number of THP submissions through May was approximately 9% lower than the number of submissions through May of last year (86 compared to 95 in 2018).
- **NTMP/WFMP Submissions:** The total number of NTMP submissions so far this year was approximately 33% lower than the number of submissions through May of 2018 (6 compared to 9 in 2018). About 21 NTOs have been submitted this year; approximately 61% less than the 54 NTOs submitted through May 2018. The first WFMP has been received for a project area in the Cascade Region.
- **Exemption Notice Submissions:** Exemption submissions were approximately 5% lower through May compared to the same period last year (801 compared to 841 in 2018). Nearly 204 Butte Post-Fire Recovery Exemptions have been accepted to date, covering an area of approximately 600 acres. About 10 Forest Fire Prevention Exemptions have been accepted to date, encompassing approximately 1,441 acres.
- **Emergency Notice Submissions:** Emergency Notice submissions were approximately 8% higher through May of 2019 than submissions over the same period last year (118 compared to 109 in 2018). Approximate acreage in Emergencies this year has increased by approximately 134% (18,253 acres compared to 7,806 in 2018).
- **Plan Approval:** The number of THPs approved through May is approximately 18% lower than the number approved for the same period of 2018 (92 compared to 112). The 6 NTMPs approved as of May 2019 is the same as the number approved during the same period of 2018.

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

1. Revision of Stocking Standards within 14 CCR 913 et. seq.
  - Some minor revisions to the rule language were made for consistency
  - Stocking survey – procedures were reviewed by Tim Robards, PhD of Cal Fire for statistical efficacy and relevance and he concurred that the numbers work and are conservative (ie stocking is well assured if the survey is passed)
  - Nadia Hamey presented a letter regarding stocking in the Southern Subdistrict. The Board appreciated the input and plans to address it when they address the basal area standards or perhaps on its own.
  - **Motion to adopt the language passed in Full Board** – it is now within 45-day public notice
  - The committee will now switch focus to a review and potential revisions of basal area standards, beginning at the July meeting.



## Forest Practice cont.

### Summary of Proposed Point Count Stocking Standard changes

Districts	FPR Site				
	I	II	III	IV	V
Northern, Southern	125	125	125	100	100
Coast	200	200	125	100	100
Coast, Southern Sub-district	300	300	200	200	200

### FOREST PRACTICE COMMITTEE

1. “Exemption Emergency Regulations, 2019” 14 CCR 1038 et. seq.
  - Minor changes of spelling, capitalization, grammar, sentence structure, etc were made to clean up the 1038 regulations that were adopted as emergency rulemaking earlier this year pursuant to SB 901.
  - A motion was made to approve the revised language and go to OAL for approval.
2. Discussion of Regulatory Amendments to 14 CCR § 1052.4 “Emergency Notice for Fuel Hazard Reduction”
  - CLFA has remained extremely active in revision of rule text for the Emergency Notice for Fuel Hazard Reduction. The goal is to adopt revisions to the rule structure and text to facilitate expanded use and effectiveness of the Notice to increase pace and scale of the implementation of fuelbreaks around communities and infrastructure at risk of catastrophic wildfire.
  - Additional substantive changes to the text were made at the Committee Meeting and need to be incorporated and reviewed at next month’s meeting. The Committee hopes to bring it for a vote in July for emergency rulemaking. This would mean the revisions would be valid for a period of 180 days with a potential for a few extensions, but would then have to go through regular rulemaking to become a permanent rule package.
  - CLFA President Chris Dow attended the meeting with CLFA Regulatory Representative Andrea Eggleton and provided testimony on various portions of the rule package. It was impactful for the Board to hear from multiple and varying members of the organization, and they have been receptive to input from CLFA.
3. Timber Operations in the WLPZ –
  - The advisory document is coming together and will be ready within a month or two.
  - It is available for review in its current form at: <https://bofdata.fire.ca.gov/media/8697/fpc-3-low-ground-pressure-equipment-in-wlpzs-paper.pdf>

### RESOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

1. Review of Existing Board Regulations for Maintenance of Utility Right of Way – CAL FIRE has asked the Board to review existing regulations pertaining to the maintenance of utility rights of way. The Board recognizes that their rules are outdated with current CPUC policies and current electrical equipment, and they want to have consistency between each set of regulations. The Board has also identified the need to address the issue of “conversion” versus “maintenance” of rights of way. The Committee is working on these regulations with nearly full engagement of all utility companies, CPUC, and other stakeholders. The goal is to bring a plead for new regulatory text to the full Board in the fall for utility exemptions.



## Election Explanation

**Below is copied from the CLFA bylaws.**

### ARTICLE VII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section Ten: ELECTION - The Board of directors shall be elected by mail ballot in accordance with the provisions of Article X. The ballot shall contain all candidates nominated by the nominating committee and by active members from the floor of the preceding Annual Meeting of Members. Directors shall be elected by a majority of the voting members from within the district represented, provided that at least 33 - 1/3 percent of the members within the particular district shall have voted. In cases of an uncontested election, the Board of Directors shall have the authority to approve the nominee(s) without requiring a vote of the members. Prior to Board approval of uncontested nominee(s), notification of the uncontested election shall be provided to the membership at the Annual Meeting and via mail.

**Below is copied from the May newsletter.**

2019/2020 CLFA Board of Directors

Section Ten: Election of CLFA Board members allows that in cases of an uncontested election, the Board of Directors shall have the authority to approve the nominee(s) without requiring a vote of the members. Prior to Board approval of uncontested nominee(s), notification of the uncontested election shall be provided to the membership at the Annual Meeting and via mail.

The Board was unable to provide this information at the annual meeting held on May 9, 2019. The current members that will sit on the 2019/2020 CLFA Board of Directors:

Chris Dow  
Paul Violet  
Elicia Goldsworthy  
Emil Mason

Non-contested serving an additional one year term:

Tony Gomez  
Ariel Thomson  
Jason Wells  
Ricky Shurtz  
Harlan Tranmer

New Board members:

Joe Starr  
Gwendolyn Ozard

Robert Little was appointed at the May Board meeting.

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## Licensing

Ricky Shurtz—Committee Chair

The PFEC is looking to finalize the new RPF licensing fee at \$350 based upon multiple surveys this seems to be the sweet spot. In discussion with the executive officer, the CLFA has written a letter proposing a \$100 fee deduction for those senior RPF's who have held a valid and good standing RPF license for 35 years. The PFEC is considering adopting this idea. Since the PFEC has reduced the exam locations one location in Sacramento, the CLFA has also proposed to help proctor and provide RPF exam locations. The two additional locations at this point are Butte Community College and Humboldt County Ag. Extension. The CLFA will be looking for members to help proctor the exams, which needs to be finalized by August for the Oct 4<sup>th</sup> exam.



## 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 Non-point 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 Regional Water Board anticipates that the final adopted version of the Order will be available soon and will be sent out to the lyris email list and posted on their web page.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for August 14-15 in Santa Rosa; the agenda is not yet available.

**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. Minutes from the meeting are not yet available but the agenda is:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_info/meetings/2019/1906ag.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/2019/1906ag.pdf)

The next meeting is scheduled for August 1-2 in Rancho Cordova; the agenda is not yet available:

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

The Board last met on June 12-13 in Barstow in ; 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/jun/agenda.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/board_info/agenda/2019/jun/agenda.pdf)

The next meeting is scheduled for July 10-11 in Bishop; the agenda is available:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/board\\_info/agenda/2019/jul/20190710agenda.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/board_info/agenda/2019/jul/20190710agenda.pdf)

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

The next meeting is scheduled for July 18-19 in Santa Barbara; 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 June 12-13 in Redding. Minutes are not available from the June Meeting, but the Agenda is:

<https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=169143&inline>

The next full FGC meeting is scheduled for August 7-8 in Sacramento; the agenda is not yet available.

The following CESA updates occurred during the June Meeting:



## Water & Wildlife cont.

### **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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# California Forestry Challenge

## Diane Dealey Neill

Summer is a relatively slow time of the year for Forestry Challenge, but we are still at work behind the scenes, anticipating the start of school just 6 weeks from now. One item we are working on is finding foresters to mentor schools that requested one. Thank you to the following foresters who have already agreed to mentor a school.

Tom Francis  
 Justin Kephart  
 Len Lindstrand  
 Mark Pritchard  
 Ariel Thomson Roughton  
 Brian Taylor  
 Tim Treichel

Russ Henly  
 John Kessler  
 Kelly Palvica  
 Chris Quirmback  
 Jimi Schied  
 David Thompson  
 Matt Waverly

The following schools are still in need of a forester:

Event	School	County
Shasta	Accelerated Achievement Academy	Mendocino
9/25 to 9/28	Anderson New Tech	Shasta
	Developing Virtue Secondary School	Mendocino
	Hoover	Fresno
	Shasta Charter Academy	Shasta
Santa Cruz	Benicia	Contra Costa
10/9 to 10/12	Delta	Yolo
	Granada Hills	Los Angeles
	Mission	San Francisco
	Napa New Technology	Napa
	Pacific Valley School	Monterey
	Ridgeview	Kern
	San Lorenzo Valley	Santa Cruz
El Dorado	Antioch	Contra Costa
10/23 to 10/26	Argonaut	Amador
	Carson	Los Angeles
	Cordova	Sacramento
	Del Oro	Placer
	Eleanor Roosevelt	Fresno
	Fusion Charter	Stanislaus
	Grant	Sacramento
	Independence	El Dorado
	Mountain Oaks School	Calaveras
	Placer High	Placer
	Rosemont	Sacramento



## California Forestry Challenge

Diane Dealey Neill

Event	School	County
San Bernardino	Alta Loma	San Bernardino
11/6 to 11/9	Anaheim	Orange
	Arlington	Riverside
	Bethel Baptist School	Orange
	Calvary Chapel	Orange
	CAMS	Los Angeles
	Citrus Hill FFA	Riverside
	Colony	San Bernardino
	Cypress High School	Orange
	Hawthorne Math and Science Academy	Los Angeles
	John W North	Riverside
	Marco Antonio Firebaugh	Los Angeles
	Orange Vista High School	Riverside
	Ramona	Riverside
	San Jacinto Valley Academy	Riverside
	San Pasqual High School	San Diego
	Sonora	Orange

If you are able to make one or two visits to one of these schools between the time school begins and their event date, please email Diane at [dianedealeynell@gmail.com](mailto:dianedealeynell@gmail.com) Thanks!





## 2018/2019 CLFA BOARD MEETING WORKSHOP/CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

### BOARD MEETINGS

- ◆ July 27, 2019—Lyme Redwood, Ft. Bragg—9:00 am to 3:00 pm
- ◆ 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 15, 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!***

### ***2018/2019 CLFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS***

#### **CLFA BOARD OFFICERS**

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

#### **COAST DISTRICT**

Elicia Goldsworthy  
Tony Gomez  
Harlan Tranmer - Past President  
Jason Wells

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

#### **SOUTHERN DISTRICT**

Christopher Dow  
Ricky Shurtz  
Ariel Thomson