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California Licensed Foresters Association

June 2022 - Newsletter

Presidents Message

Joe Starr

The May “Spring” Conference was well attended and CLFA would like to thank everyone who came and supported us and donated to our Scholarship fund. The topic, unfortunately, was something we are all too familiar with these past several years: fire. We felt it was important for people to talk about what has been happening in California the past few years and discuss what needs to be done. Not just to clean up what we’ve lost, but also the preventative measures we need to take going forward. These measures will protect our investment in the future. I, like most of you, hope this is the last conference we ever have about fire but also fear that may not be the case. With the winter we are coming out of here in California I know a lot of people are worried about what the summer months may bring. All I can say is, be hopeful. I am hopeful that firefighting strategies will be aggressive and focused on putting fires out. I am hopeful that people will be smart when recreating and enjoying the outdoors. I am hopeful that landowners and agencies will continue to implement fuel reduction projects. I am hopeful that the State will continue to push for more funding and more infrastructure for these projects to be carried out. And I am hopeful that all of us, as Foresters and Resource Professionals, will continue to talk with all of the people of the State of California about the issues at hand and keep striving for healthier more fire resilient forests and aggressive firefighting.

This next year CLFA is excited to get back to a normal schedule. Not just for regular meetings of the Board of Directors, but also for regular meetings of Breakfast Groups and regular conferences/workshops. We are planning on holding a fall workshop in November followed by a spring conference in March. We are planning to be more engaged with local Breakfast Groups, Colleges, and Universities and encourage local field trips and simply getting out there more to see what all the different landowners and agencies are doing on their properties and explore different strategies and technologies. We want to encourage member involvement and input not only in Breakfast Groups but also at our CLFA Board meetings and alternative committee meetings. We want to encourage member involvement in Forestry Challenge, FFA, 4H, County Fairs, the State Fair, and any other educational opportunities that arise to not only recruit the new crop of foresters and resource professionals but to also inform communities and the people of California of the importance of what we do. The CLFA Board can’t operate successfully without knowing what its membership wants so lastly, we want to encourage member input and what we should be doing to better meet your expectations as a member of the California Licensed Foresters Association.

I am looking forward to being the CLFA president over this next year after serving on the board the past three years and I welcome any of you to reach out to me to discuss any issue you feel is important to Licensed Foresters in the State of California. Thank you for having me as your President; Joe Starr, RPF #3055.





Forest Practice—BOF

Andrea Eggleton—Regulatory Rep to CLFA

The Board of Forestry and Fire Protection met on May 3-5, 2022 in-person at the new Natural Resources Building in Sacramento. The next scheduled meeting is on June 7-8, 2022 and will be held in Sacramento. The ability to participate remotely via webinar is being maintained. The agendas for meetings are available at: <https://boffdata.fire.ca.gov/business/meeting-agendas-and-annual-schedules/>

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

Management Committee Business

CFIP Updates – Jon Ramaley and Stewart McMorrow

- Proposal for Mini Management Plans for burned properties
 - This proposal is for streamlining the ways in which a small landowner can obtain a qualifying Forest Management Plan to begin use of CFIP funding for on-the-ground practices after a wildfire. The proposal was approved by the Full Board during the Full Board Meeting on 5/5.
- Interim CFIP Rate Increases
 - Cal Fire staff presented a rate increase schedule for CFIP practices to take immediate effect on new contracts in order to address the current steep inflation.
 - The presenters noted that the CAL FIRE Landowner Assistance Staff is working on a more comprehensive overhaul of CFIP Rates, and acknowledged that the currently proposed rate increases did not address the fact that CFIP rates have been lagging behind actual landowner costs for years. Please participate in [this survey](#) regarding CFIP rates if this is an issue you face with your clients.
 - The interim rates were approved by the Full Board.

Timberland Conversion – Less Than Three Acre Exemption

- Board Staff completed a Conversion Feasibility Analysis document to identify potential areas within their authority where revisions to the Less Than Three Acre Exemption could be made to address a number of letters submitted during their annual Call for Regulatory Review:
 - Builders Coalition Letter
 - County of Nevada Letter
 - RPF Dean Loftus Letter
- A new definition of “Conversion Maintenance” was presented, which is a combination from many of the ideas explored at the April meeting. The definition states that Conversion Maintenance on parcels meeting the following restrictions would not be considered timber operations:
 - Non-TPZ
 - The parcel is less than 3 acres in size
 - The existing nontimber growing use of the parcel is residential or commercial
- Concerns over definition of “building”/“Structure” and Cal Fire was not present, so need their input before the committee can move forward.

Unevenaged Stocking Revisions Update

- YG presented the results of working group with a preliminary draft plead
 - Consideration of snags and hardwoods in unevenaged stocking
 - Reduce the size of snags that can be used for stocking to help in cases where the larger snags do not exist
 - Is there a problem with MSP if Group B are included? Question to Cal Fire
 - Group B species revisions
 - Revision of the 8-18s standard to remove the reference to 8-18s
 - Higher use of group selection
 - Jim Able method - increase from 20% of the area to 30% of the area
 - By the time you get to third entry, initial groups need to be thinned and that can be a problem in the rules. This will be addressed in the next plead.



Forest Practice/BOF cont.

Forest Practice Committee Business

Botanical Resources Scoping Guidance

- This item has been off of the Committee’s agenda for 6 months before coming back into Committee in April. It went into a closed-door negotiation with the CA Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) general counsel over the winter upon the agency’s “significant legal concerns” with the previous draft of the Board’s guidance document.
- The version of [the document](#) before the Committee at this meeting reflects those discussions. CAL FIRE notes that they were not included in those discussions. No changes were made between the April and May meetings.
 - EPIC and CNPS submitted a joint [comment](#) that the guidance was still too permissive; two other comments received expressing similar point of view ([Cohen](#), [Stone](#)). CNPS attended the May meeting to expand on many of these concerns.
 - Committee Members, Cal Fire and many industry and small landowner (Forest Landowners of CA) representatives voiced concern over underground regulation, survey costs for small landowners, and maintaining flexibility within what is allowed or required by CEQA.
 - The item was closed with remarks by Member Wade that he was not optimistic that the current document was going to be able to be moved forward based on a lack of stakeholder consensus on the following items.
 - PRC 15380(b) species
 - Scoping – 9-quad search
 - Member Jani was interested in possibility of working with CLFA to create a Botanical Scoping/Survey training such as the Archaeological Training that we already host

Northern Spotted Owl Update

At the March 2022 BOF meeting, CAL FIRE Biologist Stacy Stanish gave an overview of the NSO rules in the FPAs and current status on how various landowners comply with them, what challenges exist, and made recommendations to the Board for areas that landowners could benefit from rule revisions, if the Board desires to make revisions.

- Ideas for rule changes identified by Stacy
 - Prior to making changes to rules for habitat, conduct range-wide habitat analysis and compare with NSO ACs to help guide any need for rule changes.
 - Make rules less prescriptive and more outcome based by removing all 919.9s and 919.10 and just allow Director to reject plan if it results in a take.
 - Bear in mind that our current rules don’t consider other NSO limiting factors other than habitat (ie Barred Owl impacts), which don’t include rapidly changing science and habitat conditions.
 - Would be helpful to clarify what a “site of listed species” is in consideration of emergencies and exemptions.
- In response, the Board provided the following [summary document](#) and a revised (from April) potential draft [rule plead](#). The Board Staff is going to continue with some additional reporting and research on these items. Board Staff and Stacy will keep working on minor regulatory changes that can be accomplished (NTMPs in SORPs, removing rules that are erroneous).
- The 919.9 rules really are just a requirement to show how a landowner is accomplishing Take Avoidance, which is not required for any other species. There are also many new ways of TA that are not reflected in the current FPRs.
- Goal is to incorporate language that allows NTMP or WFMP lands to demonstrate TA under a SORP. Another goal is to update the rules and to make modest changes that could assist small landowners.
- The Board would like to know if any landowners in NSO country would be negatively affected by the changes being proposed (and also if these changes would help). This is primarily to learn what any impacts on small landowners would be, since the larger companies are all fairly engaged and also unaffected by these rule changes due to having HCPs.

Site Preparation

- This item was not covered due to unavailability of key Cal Fire staff. It will be on the agenda for the June meeting again.



Forest Practice/BOF cont.

Full Board Meeting 5/3/22

- Executive Session – No reportable actions taken.
- Consent Calendar Items – Motion confirmed unanimously to approve consent calendar items including the [Rulemaking Matrix](#).
- Monthly Board Reports
 - Report of the Chairman, Dr. Keith Gilliss
 - Many thanks for all associated with the Rulemaking Workshop yesterday on the 0-5' zone immediately around structures.
 - Diversity of opinions trying to balance science along with ease of inspections, along with owner's disruptions/costs. Urges everyone to participate early in this process.
 - Goal to be able to implement new rulemaking by July 1 implementation of new construction legislation.
- CAL FIRE [Director's Report](#), given by Matthew Reishman (9m20s)
 - YTD thru Apr 29, we had 1400 fires covering 6500 acres, last year same time, 1600 fires covering 4700 acres.
 - Watershed Protection Program Update:
 1. Staff presented a talk on post-fire mitigation measures to the California Stormwater Quality Association.
 2. Watershed emergency response teams has opening due to a budget increase.
 - Demonstration State Forests Program
 1. The Cow Creek and Bear River transaction, along with the Bear Yuba Land Trust transaction are both scheduled to be considered by the Public Works Board on June 10, 2022. If approved, escrow would close by the end of June.
 - Mountain Home
 1. Mountain Home has begun their 2022 planting efforts and hosted a reporter from the San Francisco Chronicle on April 26, 2022.
 2. 217,000 seedlings were delivered to Bear Creek Station on April 20, 2022.
 - Prescribed Fire
 1. Cultural Burning Awareness Class for State Employees is proceeding. A future class in Orleans is tentatively planned for June and additional opportunities are being discussed with Tribal cultural burn collaboratives.
 - Lewis A. Moran Reforestation Center (LAMRC)
 1. Just sowed 80,000 seedlings (mainly redwood and Sequoia) our last sowing operations for the year.
 2. A grant award with American Forests was recently executed for \$1M to create a statewide reforestation network and to create a cone corps comprised of individuals involved in cone surveying and collection.
 - California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP)
 1. The CFIP program continues to offer grant funding selections every 2 months, with \$1-\$2 million being made available for contracts with landowners. The next funding cycle ended on April 30, 2022, with selections to be announced within the next 2 weeks.
 - Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force
 1. The Task Force Monitoring, Reporting, and Assessment Work Group hosted a workshop on April 21, 2022, to review the draft framework for the [Forest & Wildland Stewardship Inter-agency Tracking System](#). The Tracking System is intended to provide a common database for state and federal land management efforts toward stated acreage targets, and provide data that can be used for planning, assessment, and science. Hoping to be finalized within the next month or so. The workshop was recorded and can be accessed on the Task Force [website](#).
 - Forest Health Grants
 1. Total of 98.4m being pushed out. Twenty-two awardees are going to be notified/announced later today May 3, 2022.
 - Wood Products & Bioenergy Program
 1. BOF received over 50 grant applications in our first solicitation for workforce and business development projects had some innovative businesses apply, only have \$24 million is available so nice to see.
 - Fire and Resource Assessment Program (FRAP)
 1. Pre and post fire effects sampling is underway in advance of the watershed-scale prescribed fire operations at Calaveras Big Trees State Park. South Grove Natural Preserve leading the effort. The goal is to burn 1,300 acres.



Forest Practice/BOF cont.

- Fire Protection: Conservation Camp Program
 1. Crew numbers are significantly down. There are 46 CDCR crews staffed out of a total of 152 funded, and 16 CCC Crews staffed out of 29 total allocated. That leaves CAL Fire with a total of 62 Type I Hand Crews available for statewide response out of 181 CDCR and CCC funded crews.
 2. One of Cal Fire's Captains said his crews are so exhausted that they have become significantly inefficient, a consideration about fire season going forward.
- Training
 1. Monday, May 9 starts the Regions and Training Center plan to staff and deliver surge Academies including three additional Company Officer Academies and four additional Firefighter Academies at the Training Center. This training will add a potential 144 additional Company Officers and 48 additional Firefighter II's to the field.
- Fire Protection Operations
 1. The Hired Equipment Program is continuing to sign up new suppliers for the 2022 fire season. More than 400 new pieces of equipment and close to 200 new vendors statewide have been added into the Hired Equipment Management System.
 2. Our Command Centers have completed their yearly training in the Interagency Resource Ordering Capability (IROC) system. IROC is utilized nationally for resource ordering and tracking between fire agencies. Nearly 400 employees have completed this training over the past two weeks.
- Community Wildfire Preparedness and Mitigation Division
 1. Daniel Berlant was announced as the Deputy Director of the Community Wildfire Preparedness and Mitigation Division as mandated by Assembly Bill (AB) 9. Very happy to have him in that position and look forward to working with him.
 2. The first State Fire Marshal's Wildfire Mitigation Advisory Committee, as mandated by AB 9, was held on Tuesday, April 19, 2022. The Committee provides a means of communication between the CAL FIRE-Office of the State Fire Marshal, representatives of industry, state agencies, the fire service, and other stakeholders. Visit the [State Fire Marshal's Wildfire Mitigation Advisory Committee page](#) for more information.
- Wildfire Prevention Grants
 1. The Wildfire Prevention Grants open solicitation for grant applications closed on February 9, 2022. The Department received 240 applications for nearly \$241.5 million, with up to \$120 million in available funding. Applications are still in the review process with award announcement anticipated for early June 2022. Visit the [CAL FIRE - Wildfire Prevention Grants page](#) for more information.
- Wildfire Preparedness
 1. Privacy regarding defensible space data. When this is requested, we usually remove the location data so we are not giving specific locations or sites.
 2. Hope to have online burn permit requests by the end of the month.
- Demonstration State Forests: Jackson
 1. The Jackson Advisory Group will meet in the Caspar 500 area on May 2, 2022. Working to have a tribal co-management perspective, and including the community in the process. Hiring a Public Information Officer to assist with this.
 - Q: Virtual Incident Procurement (VIPR) needs to be overhauled; interfering with getting equipment in. What can be done?
A: Equipment needs to be ready and located at the Unit level.
- [Executive Officer Legislative Report](#)—Edith Hannigan
 - Still working to hire new Land Use Planning Officer coming soon. Having difficulty bring on a potential hire because she is Canadian.
 - Continuing to track pending legislation. If you have any questions please let me know.
- Report of the Regulations Coordinator –
 - a) Board consideration of options for “State Minimum Fire Safe Regulations, 2021” rulemaking, including potential rule plead changes and approval of 15-Day Notice – motion approved.
 - After several workshops, public comment, and much work, as addressed in the [Supplemental Statement of Reasons](#) the Board now intends to simply promote compliance with the revisions to PRC 4290 within SB 901 (Chapter 626, 2018), and to improve the clarity of certain administrative processes within Article 1 of the existing regulations. The narrowed purpose of the proposed action is to:
 1. Establish standards for fuel breaks and greenbelts near communities;
 2. Establish measures for the preservation of undeveloped ridgelines;
 3. Improve clarity regarding the inspection and enforcement agencies;
 4. Promote local jurisdiction compliance with the Fire Safe Regulations and to clarify the process by which that occurs;
 5. Increase the flexibility offered to local jurisdictions in implementing the minimum standards provided in these regulations.



Forest Practice/BOF cont.

- This requires the Board to expand the [State Minimum Fire Safe Regulations, 2021 \(draft\)](#).
 - b) Board consideration of readoption of the [findings](#) of emergency and [rule text](#) for the emergency rulemaking action titled “Santa Cruz and San Mateo Weekend Emergency”, amendments to 14 CCR §§ 926.9, 926.10, 928.5, and 928.6 – motion passed.
 - Report of the Standing Committees
 - See committee business above
 - The Board approved the [CFIP Cap Rate increases](#) as presented in the Management Committee.
 - Report of the Board’s Advisory Committees
 - Effectiveness Monitoring Committee, Elizabeth Forsburg Pardi, Co-chair
 - Updating EMC Research Plan
 - There are two open seats – seeking nominees with expertise in ecology, silviculture, and forest operations.
 - Funding for research projects will transition from a contracting process to a grant process- FY 22/23 RFP will be released in July
 - Range Management Committee, Dr. Kristina Wolf, Board staff
 - Grazing License Land Management Plan and Guidance Booklet draft for Grazing Agreements (DRAFT) on State Lands will not be available in June
 - Working on committee priorities on May 12 meeting
 - At March meeting, they had a presentation on pathways to 30x30 within rangelands, as well as Chris Zimny presenting on EQIP, and Roger Ingram from Wool Growers Association
 - Public Hearing “Meadows and Wet Areas, and Cutover Land Amendments” The proposed action is amendments to existing Forest Practice Rules to remove references to “Cutover Land” from the Rules and combine the definitions for “Meadows and Wet Areas” for the Northern and Southern Forest Districts and extend that definition to cover all forest districts in California, as well as to improve clarity using defined terms within “Aspen, Meadows and Wet Areas Restoration” special prescription, and within rules specific to the High Use Subdistrict.
 - Public Comments
 - [EPIC](#)
 - [Alan Levine/Coast Action Group](#)
 - [NCWOCB](#)
 - [CAL FIRE](#)
 - The Board moved to accept the current language to make simple modifications, though it is expected that the Water Board will request the additional revisions to be considered as part of future rulemaking efforts during the annual call for regulatory review.
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CLFA Spring Conference



Conference Meeting on May 20, 2022 @ the Gaia, Anderson CA



Charll Stoneman presenting Zakary Schall with the \$2,500 CLFA Scholarship



Joe Starr presenting Jason Wells w/outgoing President Plaque



CLFA President, Joe Starr presented George "YG" Gentry with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his dedication to the RPF License & love of forestry.



Oldest & Youngest Licensed Forester
Oldest License—Ralph Osterling- #38
Youngest License—Skyler Twohig—#3152



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Nomination of CLFA Outstanding Forester Award – Ryan Stewart RPF #2924



Dear CLFA Board of Directors

My name is Kirby D. Molen, RPF #2313, and I am a forester for Sierra Forest Products in Terra Bella, California. It would be my honor to nominate Ryan Stewart, RPF #2924, as the **Outstanding Forester of the Year**. My reason for his nomination is listed as follows.

Ryan is the Forest Manager for the 22,000-acre Southern California Edison Tree Farm located in, and around, Shaver Lake, Fresno County, California. Ryan is a great forester, and he excels at all levels of forestry, however I am nominating him mainly based on his leadership as a crisis manager.

On Friday September 4, 2021, a small fire started close to the small Eastern Fresno County community of Big Creek. The fire soon grew to 500 acres and, since

Southern California Edison timberlands were in the vicinity, he was called to the incident command post by Cal-Fire in the early morning of Saturday, September 5. This small fire grew over the next two months to be called the Creek Fire. At 379,895 acres, it became the largest single fire incident in California history.

From Ryan's initial contact with the Calfire Incident Command Center, he went into action and began to make strategic decisions. I, myself, received a call from Ryan at about 5 a.m. on Saturday September 4, with instruction to start having my contract loggers move equipment out of harm's way as it was his opinion that this fire was going big and we needed to move to save equipment. This initial phone call allowed several million dollars of logging and forestry equipment to be moved to safety by several logging contractors that work for our company. The fire would overrun the locations of our logging operations within 24 hours of his call.

The following day, Sunday September 6, 2021, Ryan was about the town of Shaver Lake coordinating bulldozers and crews to protect the Southern California Edison facilities, campground, timberlands, and the entire town of Shaver Lake. The fire had already burned through the town of Big Creek causing great damage to homes and the elementary school and was now headed towards Shaver Lake. It is my opinion that the actions of Ryan Stewart, in addition to many other brave firefighters, saved the town of Shaver Lake from destruction.

On Monday September 7, 2021 Ryan continued to assist in coordinating both his own SCE employees and CalFire crews. I know this because I was on the phone with him numerous times during the day as we both coordinated logging contractor equipment to battle the fire, which at this point was burning with abandon and under no control.

On this same Monday evening, he contacted me to say he had heard that his own rural home had burned. He was unable to get to his home to confirm the rumor. As we spoke, his character was still strong and unwavering. As a side note, he later found out that his home was intact and had not burned, however many, many of his neighbors on Peterson Road had lost their homes. In all, the Creek Fire burned or damaged 927 homes and structures.

At this point, he stated that he needed to join his family that had been evacuated elsewhere to rest and ponder. It should be noted that Ryan is married to another forester, Julie Stewart RPF #2922. After a day away from the fire, Ryan stated he had spoke to his family and needed to return to the Southern California Edison timberland that he was responsible for. Upon return he was conscripted by CalFire to coordinate logging crews that were frantically building fuel breaks to protect the eastern flank of the resort town of Shaver Lake.

Along with his duties coordinating contractors he started filing Emergency Timber Harvest Plans for Southern California Edison timberlands that had burned in the first several days. All this work was done with limited power and internet due to the entire town being without electric power as well as working out of a borrow house as his home was initially unlivable.

With the filing and approval of the initial Emergency Timber Harvest Plan, he negotiated the sale of his logs and the first load of logs flowed from the SCE timberlands on October 1, 2021. The logs could have flowed earlier, however State Highway 168 was closed to truck traffic due to the presence of heavy fire equipment. He filed a second Emergency Timber Harvest Plan and using an existing Timber Harvest Plan proceeded to oversee the harvest of approximately 8,500 MBF of sawlogs in the fall of 2020. Harvests on SCE timberlands stopped on December 24, 2020 due to adverse weather conditions.



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With the sawlogs coming from his employer's property well in hand, he started coordinating slash piling with contractors, rehabilitation of burned lands and pressing the SCE nursery to increase their seedling production to be prepared for the spring 2021 planting season. He was available early and late to oversee the existing logging operations on the SCE timberland. While my employer, Sierra Forest Products, purchased many of the burned logs coming off the SCE timberlands he did a great job of watching out for his employers best economic interests while still understanding the flexibility needed to get the job done.

Ladies and Gentlemen of the CLFA Board of Directors, this young man is a perfect example of a California Registered Professional Forester. He has integrity, intelligence, patience, and understands the book answer as well as the dirt solution. As an RPF myself for many years, he is a better forester than I am, and I continually learn from him. Board Members, this is an impressive forester and, in my opinion, is well due to be considered for the CLFA Outstanding Forester Award.

Sincerely,

Kirby D. Molen
RPF #2313



2022/2023 New CLFA Board Members



Kieran O'Leary

Originally, I grew up in the Bay Area. After graduation, I fled the urban life and headed for the forest. Most of my work experience took place in the Northern Sierra Nevada area. I worked for Beaty & Associates in Susanville and Redding in the early 1990s. Tried a year of forestry consulting in 1994. Worked for Sierra Pacific Industries from 1995-2018 on the Stirling District (east of Chico). On November 8, 2018, the Camp Fire claimed our home in Magalia, and my wife, Diane, and I became “Flatlanders” again by settling in Chico. After the Camp Fire, I had a desire to help victims and landowners impacted by that devastating fire. Since that time, I have worked for Sierra Timber Services-Oroville, Mountain G Enterprises-Chico, and the Butte County Fire Safe Council-Paradise on various projects that involve tree removal or brush clearing within the Camp Fire footprint. My favorite hobby is to rest my weary body in a hot tub after a long field day of flagging and listening to songs from the early '80 (accompanied by an adult beverage).



Mike Tadlock

Mike has worked as a licensed forester in California for more than 22 years and has more than 30 years of experience in forest management. He has successfully prepared and administered dozens of projects for private landowners and has lead inventory, reforestation, GIS, and botanical resource departments managing thousands of acres of industrial timberland. He holds a B.S. In Forestry from Humboldt State University and has served on the board of the California Licensed Foresters Association.



Chris Dow

Chris currently works for Sierra Pacific Industries as the South Sierra Vegetation Management Specialist. This work spans three company districts from the Rubicon River south to Yosemite, and involves the planning, implementation and long term management of SPI's fuelbreak network. In addition, this work involves coordinating work with USFS, CALFIRE, and multiple Fire Safe Councils. Chris also serves on the El Dorado County RAC, Past President and current Board member for CLFA, as well as being an RPF and PCA. He obtained a Master of Forestry from UC Berkeley, and is a CSU Chico graduate. In the span of his work, he has been involved in the American Fire, King Fire, Trailhead Fire, Fork Fire and most recently the Caldor Fire; he has also co-authored several papers with members of the Stephens Lab at UC Berkeley.



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Frank Barron

Frank was born and raised in the San Fernando Valley. His camping experiences in Boy Scouts and Explorers influenced his decision to seek a career in the outdoors upon graduating from high school. He graduated from U. C. Berkeley in 1977 with a BS in Forestry, followed by a Master of Forestry degree from Oregon State University in 1979.

His first work experience in forestry was at Blodgett Experimental Forest in 1974. In 1976 and 1977, he cruised timber for Kimberly-Clark from Lake Almanor to the Scott Valley and points in between. In 1977, following a Kimberly-Clark cruising job, Frank and his partner got a contract with Georgia-Pacific in Fort Bragg to cruise redwood. Beginning in the spring of 1979, he started a permanent job with Kimberly-Clark in Anderson, CA as an Assistant District Forester. Kimberly-Clark soon morphed into Roseburg Forest Products. For the next 2.5 years he cruised Forest Service timber sales. In the spring of 1982, he started as a forester with Crane Mills where he has been ever since. He became Chief Forester in 2005. Since January 1, 2022, Frank is semi-retired, which means that he works full-time except when he doesn't!

Frank obtained his RPF license in 1981 (#2007). His professional work experience has included, and still does include, THP preparation, timber cruising, timber marking, inventory supervision and design, GIS development and supervision, logging and road construction/maintenance supervision, timber sale contracts, cost-share road accounting, use permits, northern spotted owl surveys, reforestation supervision, yield taxes, and public education about forestry.

Frank has been a member of CLFA since 1981 and SAF since 1977. His professional awards include the 1998 Francis Raymond Award and SAF Fellow in 2001. Those awards were the result of his forestry education efforts as the 60 Second Forester on KPAY (Chico, CA) from 1994 to 2013 and Arbor Day school programs in Tehama County beginning in 1984 (up to the present). Frank served on the Board of Directors for the California Forest Products Commission from 2001 to 2008, and was its Chairman in 2006. Frank, and his wife, Kathie (a Cal Forester, Class of '78), live in Corning, CA. They have 5 children, 3 grandchildren, and 1 grandchild on-the-way. They enjoy camping, baseball, kayaking, and Civil War re-enacting. They are both actively involved in First Baptist Church, Corning.

Brita Goldstein

Cory Munger



Announcement

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION BELOW

Dear Friend of the Forest,

Summer is almost here, and we are excited to announce that the California State Fair is back for 2022! The Fair will be held from July 15-31, and we once again need your help at The California Forest Center – our one-acre forest education exhibit – to teach Californians about the value of sustainable forests for today and the future.

It has been a while, but the last fair welcomed thousands of people to the California Forest Center, and we are looking forward to doing it again this year. With your help, we'll be able to highlight the issues that impact California's vast, diverse, and abundant forestlands and educate visitors on the importance of healthy forests and how they help the environment and our economy.

NOTE: If you are a manager or supervisor, who would like to reserve an entire shift block for your team, contact me directly and we will reserve a group date/time slot for you.

Shifts available from July 15-31, 2022 at the following times:

Monday – Thursday	EARLY 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (8 avail)	LATE 3:15 to 7:15 p.m. (7 avail)
Friday – Sunday	EARLY 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (8 avail)	LATE 2:45 to 7:15 p.m. (7 avail)

Setup and teardown shifts are also needed on July 14th from 8:00 to 12:00 and July 31st from 8:00 to 12:00.

Interested in signing up? Follow the link here: <https://signup.com/go/pmEvjZA>

We hope to see you at the 2022 California State Fair. Please let us know if we can count on your help and we will send you more information as the date gets closer. Thank you in advance for your consideration.



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Mark Pugsley — Committee Chair

WATER QUALITY

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

Drought Information and Updates

The SWRCB has readopted emergency curtailment measures for the Russian River Watershed. Article. The Board last met on June 7th in Sacramento. No forestry action items were on the agenda. Minutes are not yet available, but the agenda is. Agenda The next meeting is scheduled for July 6th; the agenda is not yet available.

Region 1-North Coast - The Board last met on May 11 in Santa Rosa. No forestry action items were on the agenda. Minutes are not yet available, but the agenda is. Agenda. The next meeting is scheduled for June 9th in Santa Rosa; A report will be presented to the Board regarding post-fire timber salvage operations. Agenda

Region 2- San Francisco Bay - The Board last met on May 11th in Oakland. No forestry action items were on the agenda. Minutes are not yet available, but the agenda is. Agenda. The next meeting is scheduled for June 8th in Oakland.

Region 3-Central Coast - The Board last met on April 21st in San Luis Obispo. No forestry action items were on the agenda. Minutes are not yet available, but the agenda is. Agenda. The next meeting is scheduled for June 16th in San Luis Obispo; the agenda is not yet available.

Region 5-Central Valley - The Board last met on April 21st in Fresno. No forestry action items were on the agenda. Minutes are not yet available, but the agenda is. Agenda. The next meeting is scheduled for June 9th via teleconference; the agenda is not yet available.

Region 6-Lahontan - The Board last met on March 9th via teleconference. No forestry action items were on the agenda. Minutes are not yet available, but the agenda is. Agenda. The next meeting is scheduled for May 11th in Rancho Cordova.

WILDLIFE

On May 31st an appellate court issued an opinion that bees fall under the California Endangered Species Act protection under the category of Fish(FGC Chap. 1§ 45). With this ruling the candidacy for 4 of native bumblebees (the Suckley cuckoo bumblebee, Franklin's bumblebee, Crotch's bumblebee, and the Western bumblebee) can progress. Article & Court Opinion

California Fish and Game Commission - The Commission last met on May 19th via a hybrid meeting. No forestry action items were on the agenda. Minutes are not yet available, but the agenda is. Agenda. The next meeting is scheduled for May 19th via teleconference.



Forestry Challenge Update

by Diane Dealey Neill

We are pleased to announce that the Forestry Challenge was just awarded two state grants:

- ◆ California Climate Investments (CCI) Fire Prevention Grant—This grant will primarily support employee wages and facility fees for the fall 2022 event season. It will also support the purchase of supplies, volunteer mileage, reimbursement, and substitute teacher pay. The grant amount is \$114,136.
- ◆ CalFire Workforce and Business Development Grant—This grant will cover the portion of the facility fees not covered by other grants and also support a staff position to recruit schools. The goal of this grant is to bring all events to capacity attendance. The grant amount is \$454,000 over four years.

While these grants support the large items like facility fees & wages, there are many categories of expenses that grants do not support, and we still rely on the generosity of our sponsors to cover these items. The following entities have already made contributions in 2022:

- ◆ Associated California Loggers
- ◆ Bordges Timber
- ◆ California Forestry Association
- ◆ Crane Mills
- ◆ Emerson Logging
- ◆ J&R Logging
- ◆ Jefferson Resource Company
- ◆ Placer Co. Resource Conservation Dist.
- ◆ Redwood Empire
- ◆ Robinson Enterprises
- ◆ Shasta Forests Timberlands
- ◆ Sierra Cascade Logging Conference
- ◆ Sierra Pacific Foundation
- ◆ Special Projects - Mike & Vicki Albrecht
- ◆ Timber Products
- ◆ Trinity River Lumber Company
- ◆ Woolery Timber Management

Lastly, we are still actively recruiting schools for the fall events. If you know a teacher, please encourage them to [pre-register](#) using the easy form on the website. Pre-registering does not obligate a school and serves as a placeholder.



2022 CLFA BOARD MEETING WORKSHOP/CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

BOARD MEETINGS

2022

- ◆ June 7, 2022—6:00pm - 8:00 pm—GoToMeeting
- ◆ July 22, 2022—6:00 pm—7:00 pm—Audit—Granzellas, Williams, CA
- ◆ July 23, 2022—9:00 am to 2:00 pm—Granzellas, Williams, CA

CLFA WORKSHOPS / CONFERENCES

2022

- ◆ October 3-7, 2022—5-day Initial Archaeology, Gaia Hotel & Spa—
Class is Full—accepting registrations for the waiting list—contact Kathleen Burr
- ◆ November 9 & 10, 2022—Archaeology Refreshers, Gaia Hotel & Spa, Anderson

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

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