

# California Licensed Foresters Association

March 2022 - Newsletter

## Presidents Message

Jason Wells

*If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants – Isaac Newton*

There's something to be said about the impact that those who have come before us have had on our lives, both professionally and personally. Most of us have at least one colleague they consider a mentor, an inspiration, or at least an example by which they want to emulate in order to be successful in their lives. Myself, I have an ever-growing list of colleagues that I deeply respect on both personal and professional levels from whom I have learned and grown by their association. I'll resist the urge to name drop because I'd surely underrepresent their impact on my life. Something that I've noticed about the real standouts is that they each have taken time, above and beyond their official roles, to make sure that I was set up to succeed. Professors met outside office hours, one of them even set up a mock job interview with me to calm my nerves. Supervisors spent time in the woods explaining the intricacies of a timber mark and layout. Licensed colleagues spent their own time hosting RPF exam study sessions. Employers supported CLFA's mission and encouraged my participation and professional development. I think it's hard to recognize in the moment the impact that you have on those around you.

I'd have a hard time chronicling the more subtle impacts that colleagues have had on me, but I've learned quite a lot from many of you who may be reading this and my attempts to garner your respect (or at least not completely lose it) have driven me to become a better forester. A forester I worked under was insistent that I know the answer to every question he could ask me about plans I worked on. If a watercourse was Class II he wanted to know where exactly it broke into a Class III, regardless of my experience making such a call, it was my responsibility to be able to justify my decision and be confident in my conviction. This attitude really began my post-university study on forest management, and my continuing education has no end. It wasn't until much later that another respected colleague told me that I didn't need to know the answer to every question, but I should promise to try and find out. This doesn't work on a PHI, but it's an essential piece of advice for most professional scenarios.

I've tried, and continue to try, to pay forward the generosity and display the professionalism that others have granted me. It's important that those who follow in our footsteps find that our examples provide a pathway that they can envision leading to success.



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## Forest Practice—BOF

Andrea Eggleton—Regulatory Rep to CLFA

The Board of Forestry and Fire Protection was dark in February and is meeting on March 1-2, 2022 via webinar. The agenda for the March meeting is available at: <https://boffdata.fire.ca.gov/business/meeting-agendas-and-annual-schedules/>

The Management Committee held a workshop on Less Than Three Acre Conversion Exemptions on February 7, 2022.

The workshop considered the letters received from a [Building Coalition](#), [Nevada County](#), and [RPF Dean Loftus](#), which all raised issues surrounding this type of exemption.

- No decisions were made about specific revisions to rule language. The committee adjourned with direction to the Board Staff to consider which of the concerns raised that the Committee would like to work to mitigate and to look within the statutory requirements to see what kinds of revisions are possible.
- This issue will be substantively covered at the March BOF meeting.
- The Board is considering such issues as removing the 30 feet surrounding approved and legally permitted structures from the definition of Timberland in observance of the PRC 4291 requirements for defensible space, as suggested by Dean Loftus. The Board is also considering extending the time frame of viability to 5 years for timber operations and 2 years for conversion activities, with a potential 2 year extension.

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## Legislation

Joe Starr—Committee Chair

February 18th marked the deadline for legislators to introduce new bills. Many of these bills are “spot bills” at this point, meaning they at best have a title that reflects what their intent is (which isn’t always what they end up being about). Authors have 30 days to amend these bills, so we should be finding out more information about what is coming up this legislative season in the near future.

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## Harold Biswell Memorial Scholarship

Attached to the newsletter is the overview and application for the Biswell Scholarship. Please feel free to forward to friends and colleagues.



## Water/Wildlife/Botany

Mark Pugsley — Committee Chair

### WATER QUALITY

#### STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

The Board last met on February 15th 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 March 1<sup>st</sup>.](#)  
[Agenda](#)

#### Region 1-North Coast

The Board last met on February 3rd 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 April 7th via teleconference; the agenda is not yet available.](#)

#### Region 2- San Francisco Bay

The Board last met on February 9<sup>th</sup> 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 March 9th via teleconference.](#) [Agenda](#)

#### Region 3-Central Coast

The Board last met on February 17th 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 April 21<sup>st</sup> in San Luis Obispo; the agenda is not yet available.](#)

#### Region 5-Central Valley

The Board last met on February 17th 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 April 21st via teleconference; the agenda is not yet available.](#)

#### Region 6-Lahontan

The Board last met on January 12th 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 March 9th via teleconference.](#) [Agenda](#)



## Water/Wildlife/Botany cont.

### WILDLIFE

#### **California Fish and Game Commission**

The Commission last met on February 16<sup>th</sup> via teleconference.

- The Commissions continued the decision to determine listing of the Southern California steelhead as Endangered under the California Endangered Species Act.
- The Commission continued the decision to ratify the Northern California summer steelhead as endangered under the California Endangered Species Act.
- The Commission received a petition from the Humane Society of America to eliminate open hunting season for black bear until CDFW updates the Bear Management Plan to include a population census. The petition was referred to CDFW. [Agenda](#) & [Summary](#).

The next meeting is scheduled for April 20th via teleconference. The agenda is not yet available.

#### **California Department of Fish and Wildlife**

[CDFW Awards \\$13 Million For Coho Recovery Projects on The North Coast](#)

[Pilot Project to Return Salmon to Their Historical Habitat Above Shasta Dam Receives Initial Funding](#)

#### **US Fish and Wildlife Service**

- The Service conducted a 90-Day finding for the Variable Cuckoo Bumblebee (*Bombus variabilis*) and determined the petition contained substantial information indicating listing may be warranted under the Endangered Species Act. California is listed as being part of Variable Cuckoo Bumblebees range. [Proposed Rule](#).
- The Gray Wolf (*Canis Lupus*) is yet again protected under the Endangered Species Act in 44 states, including California, after a ruling by the US District Court for the Northern District of California issued on February 8, 2022. [Article](#).





## Forestry Challenge

Volunteer foresters are needed for the Forestry Challenge Championship event on April 21 to 23 at Camp Sylvester in Pinecrest. We anticipate having 14 teams from 8 schools from all parts of the state, including Los Angeles, Visalia and Foresthill. These are the top teams from around the state and will be fun to work with. To sign up, email Diane at [dianedealeyneill@gmail.com](mailto:dianedealeyneill@gmail.com)



*CLFA member Steve Q. Cannon during Ask a Forester at the 2019 Championship event*

Pre-registration has started for four Forestry Challenge events in the fall of 2022:

- Shasta - September 28 to October 1 - Mountain Meadows Camp east of Redding
- Santa Cruz - October 12 to 15 - Redwood Glen near Loma Mar
- El Dorado - October 26 to 29 - Leoni Meadows Camp south of Placerville
- San Bernardino - November 9 to 12 – Hume SoCal near Lake Arrowhead

If you know any high school teachers who might be interested in participating, please pass this information along to them. Teachers can now complete pre-registration for any fall event in less than 5 minutes with our easy online form. The link to the form is front and center on the Home page of the Forestry Challenge website. Forms submitted before June 30 qualify their group for a registration fee discount. Schools can attend any event that is best for location, school schedule, and student interest.



## 2022 CLFA BOARD MEETING WORKSHOP/CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

### BOARD MEETINGS

#### 2022

- ◆ March 15, 2022—6:00 pm to 8:00 pm—GoToMeeting
- ◆ April 19, 2022—6:00 pm to 8:00 pm—GoToMeeting
- ◆ May 19, 2022—6:00 pm—7:00 pm—Audit—Gaia Hotel & Spa, Anderson
- ◆ May 19, 2022—9:00 am to 2:00 pm—Gaia Hotel & Spa, Anderson

### CLFA WORKSHOPS / CONFERENCES

#### 2022

- ◆ March 28—April 1, 2022—5-day Initial Archaeology—Gaia Hotel & Spa—***Class is Full***
- ◆ May 4 & 5, 2022—Archaeology Refreshers—Gaia Hotel & Spa, Anderson
- ◆ May 20 & 21, 2022—Spring Workshop/Annual Meeting—Gaia Hotel & Spa, Anderson
- ◆ October 3-7, 2022—5-day Initial Archaeology, Gaia Hotel & Spa—***Class is Full—accepting registrations for the waiting list***
- ◆ 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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