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November 2018 - Newsletter

President's Message

Harlan Tranmer, CLFA President

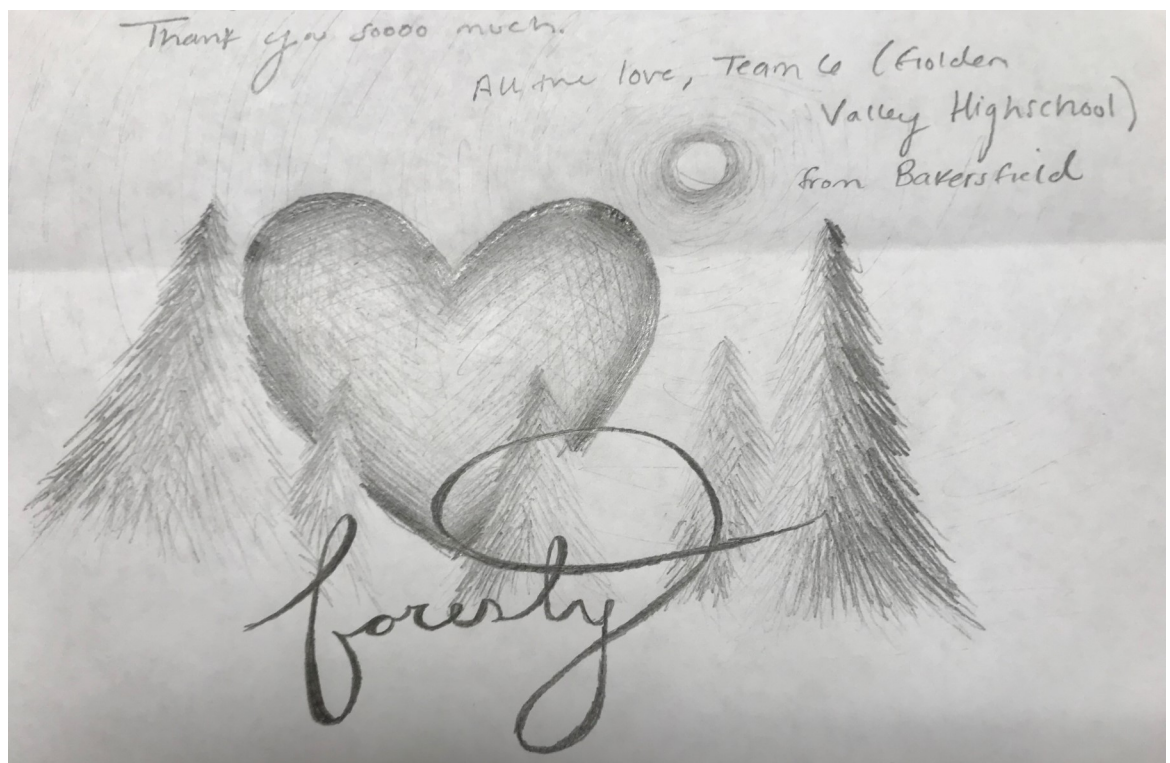
We're not out of the woods yet. It's still mostly dry as we approach November and although erosion control materials are pre positioned for deployment, equipment is still operating in the woods. It's good and bad. We're glad to have the extra time to finish jobs and button things up and some seasonal workers are glad to make a little more money before the winter layoff. At the same time, there are plenty of reasons to be uneasy about this dry fall season.

Casual observations of some foresters indicate that groundwater levels have not fully recharged following the recent drought. I am personally encountering and hearing reports of springs and wells that have unexpectedly dried up and stream flows that are unusually low. A statewide assessment of groundwater levels is tricky as the status depends on geographic location and usage.

It's still wildfire season. In some areas, right now is the peak of the season until sufficient rain arrives. Many permit exemptions designed to reduce hazardous fuels do not have authorized winter operations and therefore, operations have ceased. The recent legislation expanding harvest plan exemptions will be addressed by the BOF shortly. There are a lot of prohibitions with exemptions which is partly why those projects are exempt. However, when homeowners want to merchandise trees removed around the house or the power company wants to clear lines, winter operation prohibitions may prevent that work from being done. Proponents of those projects often don't have the luxury of pinning down the timing of operations.

Tree seedling needs are assessed and orders are placed long before we know what the next winter will look like. Without enough rain, seedlings planted in the forest will not survive. More than once, in excessively dry years, we've given our seedlings to the public for irrigated landscapes.

We depend on certain average annual rain fall amounts and the timing and of its delivery. Such is the nature of forestry. This November, join me in voting "yes" on periodic and moderate rain starting as soon as possible and ending abruptly at the end of March. If I could make it happen, I would run for governor. As a safeguard, let's also vote for a little flexibility as we prepare plans and tinker with the Forest Practice Rules this winter.





FOREST PRACTICE COMMITTEE

Chris Dow—Committee Chair

There was no Board of Forestry (BOF) meeting in October. The next meeting is November 6th and 7th. The agenda is available at:

http://bofdata.fire.ca.gov/board_business/meeting_agendas/2018bma/11_final_november_2018_agenda.pdf.

Stocking Standards:

The BOF Management Committee will discuss potential revisions to the stocking standards in 14 CCR 913. Board members will be attending CLFA's November workshops on the topic of stocking.

SB 901:

Implementation of SB 901 will be discussed at the full BOF meeting. Two workshops to develop regulatory text have been held so far and another is expected to be scheduled soon. The public and stakeholders were invited and CLFA participated. During the process of implementing the exemption revisions called for in the bill, the Board is considering simplifying other 1038 exemptions. The Forest Management Task Force is looking to provide input. The CLFA Board of Directors is part of the participating membership of the Task Force Working Groups. The BOF hopes to have these revisions to the Forest Practice Rules, including the new Small Landowner Exemption, in effect in January or February of 2019.

CalTREES:

CLFA sent a comment letter to the BOF regarding the undated memo from Board Staff distributed in early September, stating that CAL FIRE will not accept timber harvest documents submitted on the old form after December 31st, 2018. CLFA's position on the CalTREES rollout is that the forms are simply not ready for use at this time and considering the amount of time required to complete a plan, the Department should complete development of the system, including testing the product, and then allow foresters enough time to make the transition. The full letter has been sent to the membership for your review. Given the range of strong opinions on this issue we recommend that you send your own letters to the BOF at publiccomments@bof.ca.gov.

Legislation

Jason Wells—Committee Chair

No new legislative updates since the October newsletter.

Attention North Coast Members

The HSU Forestry Club will be selling Christmas Trees at the Wildberries Parking Lot starting November 26 through mid-December. Give the gift of your support and help sustain the next generation of California foresters! Or something along those lines.

Flyer is attached to the newsletter email.



Water & Wildlife

Elicia Goldsworthy —Committee Chair

WATER QUALITY

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

The Board last met on September 6 in Santa Rosa; there were no forestry items on the agenda. The next Board meeting is scheduled for November 14 in Santa Rosa; there are no new forest policy items on the agenda.

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

The Board met October 4-5 in Redding where an overview of relevant forest health initiatives was an informational item for Board discussion (i.e. per EO B-52-18: SB 901 and AB 2551); the meeting minutes are not yet available. The next meeting will be held December 6-7 in Rancho Cordova; the agenda is not yet available.

Refer to the Executive Officers report for a list of ongoing grants funded by the Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund (AB 1492) including: **Post-Fire Response to Forest Management (\$329,519)** - California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection will quantify the effects of post-fire management practices such as logging, ripping, and herbicide application on storm water runoff rates, sediment delivery, organic matter transport, and soil properties in the Boggs Mountain Demonstration State Forest. (Closing 05/31/2020)

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

The Board met on September 12-13 in South Lake Tahoe; no specific forestry topics were on the agenda. The next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 14-15 in Apple Valley; the agenda is not yet available.

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

The Board met September 20-21 in Watsonville; there were no forestry items on the agenda. The next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 8-9 in San Luis Obispo; the agenda is not available.

WILDLIFE

The Fish and Game Commission: <http://www.fgc.ca.gov/meetings/2018/index.aspx>

The Fish and Game Commission (FGC) met on Oct 17 in Fresno. The agenda included consent items related to Cascades frog and Upper Klamath-Trinity River spring run Chinook salmon for the purpose of granting review period timeline extensions. The next meeting is scheduled for Dec 12-13 in Oceanside.

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

The FGC initially received petition to list the UKTR spring run Chinook salmon ESU as endangered under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) on 7/23/2018. In its Oct 17 meeting, FGC staff recommended granting a 30-day extension to CDFW to evaluate the listing petition and submit written evaluation with a recommendation to the FGC; thus changing CDFW's evaluation due date from Oct 31, 2018 to Nov 30, 2018. National Marine Fisheries Service is also conducting a status review to address the petition to list the UKTR spring run Chinook salmon ESU as threatened or endangered under the Federal Endangered Species Act (FESA). It is anticipated that the 90-day finding will be published in the Federal Register in early Feb 2019.

Cascades Frog (*Rana cascadae*)

On Mar 1, 2017, FGC received a petition from the Center for Biological Diversity to list Cascades frog as a threatened or endangered species under CESA. On Oct 11, 2017 FGC determined listing may be warranted, initiating a 12-month review of the status of Cascades frog in California. Receipt of the status review was originally scheduled for the Dec 2018 FGC meeting; however in Aug 2018, DFW submitted a request that FGC grant a 6-month extension of time pursuant to Section 2074.6 of the Fish and Game Code. The extension allows time for further analysis and evaluation of the available science, completion of the status review, and peer review.



Water & Wildlife cont.

In its Oct 17 meeting, FCG staff approved DFW's request, thus changing the due date for DFW's report to Apr 27, 2019 (18 months from the date candidacy findings were published) and is now scheduled for receipt at the Jun 12-13, 2019 FGC meeting. The FGC will consider the petition, DFW's evaluation, and other information submitted to determine if listing is warranted at its Aug 7-8, 2019 meeting.

Humboldt Marten (*Martes caurina humboldtensis*) – no new information

The Fish and Game Commission, in their August meeting, determined that the information contained in the petition to list Humboldt marten (*Martes caurina humboldtensis*) and other information in the record before the Commission, warrants listing Humboldt marten as an endangered species under the California Endangered Species Act. The Commission voted unanimously to add Humboldt marten the list of endangered species in California; the findings will be adopted at a future meeting.

Foothill yellow-legged frog (*Rana boylei*) – no new information

CDFW report to FCG due January 7, 2019 (18 months from the date the candidacy filing were published). The FGC will consider the petition, DFW's evaluation and other information submitted to determine if listing is warranted at its April 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>

Mountain Yellow-Legged Frog (*Rana muscosa*) – no new information

The USFWS has announced that the *Endangered Mountain Yellow-legged Frog Draft Recovery Plan* is available for public comment. The document can be viewed at <https://go.usa.gov/xUNec>.

Western Pond Turtle (*Actinemys marmorata*) – no new information

Listing status is currently under review with the USFWS. An initial working group meeting has been scheduled to determine population status and conservation needs. Updates will be provided as they become available.



Anyone recognize this member's dog? She was invited to a special hunt!



COME CELEBRATE MS. LOIS KAUFMAN

THE 2018 RECIPIENT OF THE PRESTIGIOUS FRANCIS H. RAYMOND AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN FORESTRY

- ◆ **Date & Time of Formal Presentation:** November 7, 2018—during full BOF meeting
- ◆ **Reception:** November 6, 2018 @ 4:00 pm - after Board committee meetings
- ◆ **Location for Reception:** Iron Horse Tavern, 1800 15th Street, Suite B, Sacramento
this is a no host event: www.ironhorsetavern.net

The CLFA Board of Directors would like to congratulate Lois Kaufman!

CFPC Annual Meeting – November 13-14, 2018

Will California Forests Regain a Path Toward Recovery?

UC Davis Campus
Student Community Center Multipurpose Room
Davis, CA 95616

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

12:00 – 1:00 Registration
1:00 – 1:05 Welcome
1:05 – 2:30 Insect Committee Meeting
2:30 – 3:00 Break
3:00 – 4:40 Disease Committee Meeting
4:40 – 5:40 Pesticide Laws and Regulations
5:45 – 6:30 Poster Session and Social

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

7:30 – 8:30 Registration
8:30 – 8:35 Welcome
8:35 – 9:50 2018 California Forest Health – The Year in Review
9:50 – 10:30 Reports from the Governor’s California Forest Initiatives
10:30 – 10:55 Break
10:55 – 11:45 Focus on Southern California Tree Health
11:45 – 12:45 Lunch (provided)
12:45 – 2:15 Post Disturbance Forest Management Strategies
2:15 – 2:30 Break
2:30 – 3:30 Risks and Uncertainties of Assisted Migration
3:30 – 4:30 Animal Damage and Wildlife Health
4:30 – 5:00 CFPC Business Meeting (open to all)

For General Information: kim.camilli@fire.ca.gov



2018/2019 CLFA BOARD MEETING WORKSHOP/CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Board Meetings

- ◆ 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

- ◆ 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
- ◆ November 26, 2018 - Prep Class—Granzellas, Williams
- ◆ January 18, 2019—Annual Archaeology with CLFA & CAL FIRE—Granzellas, Williams
- ◆ February 21, 2018—Legislative meeting in Sacramento
 - ◆ This will replace the legislative meeting normally held in March at the annual meeting
- ◆ February 25—March 1, 2019—5-day Initial Archaeology Class, Gaia, Anderson— **CLASS IS FULL**
- ◆ March 8 & 9, 2019—Annual Workshop, Annual Conference, & Business Meeting, Gaia, Anderson
- ◆ March 27 & 28, 2019—Archaeology Refresher—Granzellas, Williams
- ◆ October 21—25, 2019—5-day Initial Archaeology Class, Gaia, Anderson
- ◆ November 6 & 7, 2019—Archaeology Refresher—Granzellas, Williams

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CLFA RPF EXAM PREPARATION SEMINAR

Monday, November 26, 2018
Granzella's Conference Room
391 6th Street, Williams, CA

Instructors:

Dan Stapleton – RPF #2707 – Assistant Executive Officer, Board of Forestry
George “YG” Gentry – RPF #2262 – Vice President Regulatory Affairs, California Forestry Assoc.
Len Lindstrand – RPF #624 – Retired Land Department Manager, WM Beaty and Assoc., Exam Grader

AGENDA

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| 8:30 - 9:00 AM | REGISTRATION |
| 9:00 - 9:10 AM | OPENING REMARKS/INTRODUCTIONS |
| 9:10 - 9:30 AM | FORESTERS LICENSING Brief History and Organization of Foresters Licensing Qualifications for Licensing The Application Process The Examination: Format, Grading & Strategies |
| 9:30 - 10:00 AM | STRATEGY FOR PREPARATION AND STUDY How to Prepare, Prioritizing Study Time, Study Methods |
| 10:00 - 10:15 AM | BREAK |
| 10:15 - 11:00 AM | REVIEW OF TEST MATERIAL REFERENCES Instructors Present Favorite Study Material |
| 11:00 – 12:00 PM | STRATEGY FOR ANSWERING QUESTIONS Selection of Questions to Answer, Budgeting Your Time, Outline the Answer, Write a Concise Essay Format Answer |
| 12:00 - 1:00 PM | LUNCH |
| 1:00 - 1:30 PM | GRADING PROCESS Answer Evaluation, Grader Conferencing, Appeal Process |
| 1:30 – 2:15 PM | EXAMPLE QUESTION (SHORT ANSWER) |
| 2:15 - 2:30 PM | BREAK |
| 2:30 - 3:30 PM | EXAMPLE QUESTION (ESSAY) |
| 3:30 - 4:00 PM | OPEN QUESTION PERIOD |
| 4:00 PM | ADJOURN |



REGISTRATION FORM

CLFA RPF EXAM PREPARATION SEMINAR

November 26, 2018

Registration Deadline: *November 10, 2018*

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

*CLFA Member @ \$160 (\$175/late – after 11/10) \$ _____

*Non-CLFA Member @ \$190 (\$225/late – after 11/10) \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

**Cancellation/Refund Policy: Refund of registration fee if request is received by 11/10/2018*

LODGING

Class participants will be responsible for making their own lodging arrangements.
No arrangements have been made through CLFA.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

CLFA Federal Tax ID #: 94-2707404

Check: Make check payable to: CLFA and mail with registration form to: CLFA, 2149 Carson Mesa Road, Acton, CA 93510.

Credit Card – On-Line: Go to: www.clfa.org, “Pay Online” and then follow prompts. This is a secure line.