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October 2019 - Newsletter

President's Message Chris Dow, CLFA President

"In Memorium"



The President's Message this month is dedicated to the memory of Hazel Jackson. In order to preserve and shine a light on all of the time and effort that Hazel invested in the future of forestry with CLFA, here are just some of the people who could speak to Hazel's dedication to all of CLFA, and all of the forestry profession:

"I can say that I had the pleasure to serve as CLFA's President twenty years ago. It was truly a pleasure because of the great work that Hazel performed on behalf of the Association, its Board of Directors and its members. Hazel was completely devoted to CLFA.

What I particularly remember was how much that Hazel cared that we would all be fed well at our meetings and workshops. She developed strong relationships with the hospitality staff at the venues. I can think of no time when the meals disappointed.

Sometimes, it can take a bit of persuasion to herd a volunteer Board of Directors and keep them on task. Hazel nurtured her board and made us all look good through her professionalism and attention to detail. Her years of service to CLFA are the roots of our organization, and that is why we still stand tall today. Rest in Peace" – **Paul Violet**

"My memories of Hazel – she was the glue that held CLFA together for most of its existence and she kept it going forward. She trained and mentored the "elected" officers as well as the new Board members. She was the living corporate history of the organization. It was a rare day that Hazel did not have a smile and a moment to check on all of the Board members and officers as well as the general membership, most of which she knew on sight. Hazel impact on CLFA and the profession was far greater than we could ever compensate her for. While we have continued to evolve and grow since her departure, I believe she built the foundation." – **Craig Tolmie**

"Hazel and I were both poker players and early fans of televised poker. I remember her writing to Phil Laak asking him to stop using his nickname out of deference to Gil Murray. It's a small gesture, and Hazel admitted that she did not expect much of a result, but I think it embodies both her love for our industry as well as the lesson to take an action you believe in, even if it's unlikely to yield a tangible result. I also appreciated her subtle and not so subtle "guidance" as Chair of CLFA. That early experience in navigating the external and internal politics of forest policy has benefited me greatly and Hazel had a critical role in helping shape that experience." – **Adrian Miller**

There are some who may not recall that Hazel began her intense support for the California Forest Products Industry in the 1980's grassroots movement with Women In Timber and the Alliance for Environment and Resources (AER), the latter which was initiated by Western Timber Association. It was always a pleasure to work with Hazel. She was a caring, effective leader for many years. May God bless Hazel and her family. – **Bill Dennison**



President's Message cont.

Many of the business practices of how the Board operates were developed under Hazel's guidance as the long-term Executive Director while CLFA matured into the organization we know today. Even though I served on the Board after her retirement, Hazel's contributions to the organization were still in place and relevant to the long-term success of CLFA. – **Kevin Conway**

Hazel Jackson was a wonderful, cheerful person and incredibly dedicated to CLFA. As the first Executive Secretary, she helped start and plan the CLFA Conferences and was involved in the start of the Archeology Training Programs. Hazel was the go-to person when CLFA was a young organization, she was always available by phone and was educated in many of the issue that CLFA was advocating; she always knew which Board Member was spearheading each issue and really help keep CLFA members in touch with each other before the internet. She worked tirelessly with Dan Foster, other Cal Fire (CDF at the time) Archeologists and Managers, and the CLFA Board to design and implement the Archeology Training Classes that became a requirement (I think in the 1980's) for RPF's doing Confidential Archeological Addendums for THP's. In 1995, I was elected to the CLFA Board for the first time and was appointed to the position of Treasurer for my 2-year stint. I worked closely with Hazel to make sure the CLFA books were balanced and finances were in order. She was a meticulous Bookkeeper and always had the ledgers balanced to the penny. Besides being a hard worker and advocate for CLFA, Hazel was a warm and caring person. She took the time to get to know many of the CLFA members and their families; she always asked about my family and me when we saw each other at Conferences or spoke on the phone. Hazel Jackson will be missed! – **Mike Bacca**

Hazel assumed many roles in the early days of the organization. She was secretary first but also organizer, peace keeper, communicator, and occasional nurse. Meetings could get a little unruly given the many strong opinions held by the combination of old guard foresters and newer members to the profession in those days. The forest practice act and rules were still relatively new and were followed by licensing and obligations that posed changes we all had to adjust to. Often many of us would gather the Friday evening prior to the Saturday meetings, held in the bank conference room in Sacramento, to calmly discuss issues of the day over a glass or two of one's drink of choice. Hazel being Hazel was aware of these Friday evening discussions and would have a bottle of aspirin sitting next to the gavel prior to the meeting on Saturday morning to be shared as necessary. She was like that. She had a great sense of humor and was kind almost to a fault, but at the same time insisted on professionalism and decorum as we conducted our business and represented the profession. She will be remembered fondly and gratefully acknowledged for her many contributions to the organization and to the forestry profession. – **Bernie Bush**

Hazel Irene Jackson, age 72, of Jackson, CA, passed away Saturday September 28, 2019 at Mark Twain Medical Center in San Andreas, CA. Hazel was born in Montana on April 2, 1947, a daughter of Florence Marie (Pace) and the late Gene Malcolm Allen.

Obituary

Hazel graduated from high school in Drummond, Montana in 1965 and received a business school degree from Deer Lodge Montana in 1966. Shortly after school she chose to start a new career and personal life in Northern California where she married a forester named Pat Jackson. Hazel was the executive director for the California Licensed Forester Association for many years which allowed her to make many forestry friends and gave her the opportunity to travel to Washington D.C. on their behalf. Hazel was renowned for her loyalty and her great administrative skills both of which served to make California Licensed Forester Association a force in the natural resource field during her tenure.



Forest Practice—BOF

Andrea Eggleton—Regulatory Rep to CLFA

See the agenda for the August meeting in Fresno on September 24-26 for topics covered:

https://bofdata.fire.ca.gov/media/9003/9-final-september-2019-agenda_ada_revised.docx

October is a dark month for the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. The next meeting will be November 5-6, 2019 in Sacramento.

The following is a list for items of greatest interest to the RPF community from the September Board of Forestry Meeting:

FULL BOARD MEETING

- All of the following regulatory action items from the agenda were passed unanimously: NTMP Amendments, Stocking and Silvicultural Standards Amendments, Permanent Post-Fire Recovery Exemption, Registered Professional Forester and Certified Specialty Amendments 15-day Notice, Licensing Fee Amendments 45-day Notice PFEC Nominations
- Frank Mulhair was appointed Vice-Chair of the PFEC
- James R. Christian Eggleton was appointed to a four-year term to the PFEC as a “Consultant” member
- The Board has requested new nominations for the open “Public” position and it remains unfilled at this time.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

- Potential Revision of Stocking Standards for the Southern Subdistrict of the Coast and Marin County
- Proposed revision of point count to 300 for consistency with rest of Coast
- Consideration of revision of current requirement to plant conifers under hardwood overstory (913.8 (b)(6))
- Proposed removal of requirement in 913.8(a) to retain 50% of trees between 12-18” DBH
- Potential Revision of Basal Area Stocking Standards within 14 CCR 913
- No action was taken on this item, as more time is needed to identify potential issues – Committee will re-visit the item in November meeting
- CLFA is working with Calforests and a group of RPF stakeholders primarily engaged in unevenaged management to identify the highest-priority issues and provide potential regulatory revisions. ***Comments from the membership are welcome! Email admin@CLFA.org.***
- Discussion of Limited Timber Operators License and Timber Operator Education
- CAL FIRE is interested in requiring all LTO license levels to attend the 2-day LTO class
- Consideration of additional limitations on B and C licenses – potentially only A licenses would be authorized to perform timberland conversions, road building, and crossing installation.

FOREST PRACTICE COMMITTEE MEETING

- CAL FIRE Annual Exemption Monitoring Report to the Legislature – the draft report will be available for public review by October or November
- Development of Non-Regulatory Action Supporting the Use of Feller-Bunchers within a WLPZ under Specified BMPs
 - A white paper has been developed by BOF staff to support harvesting in the WLPZ using low ground pressure equipment. The current draft of the white paper has extensive references to relevant research on the topic and can be found here: <https://bofdata.fire.ca.gov/media/9014/fpc-2-draft-feller-buncher-white-paper-91819.pdf>
If anyone has comments, now is the time to submit them!
- Steep-Slope Harvesting
 - The Board desires to consider regulatory action to clarify limitations on the use of ground-based equipment in cable and tractor yarding areas pursuant to 914.2 Tractor Operations and 914.3 Cable Yarding in order to address current logging technology and techniques including steep-slope tethered logging and shovel logging.
 - This item will be developed over the next few months and may result in a rule package to be included in the 2021 Forest Practice Rules.
 - The current rule plead is very rough but can be accessed here: <https://bofdata.fire.ca.gov/media/9031/fpc-3-draft-operations-rule-plead.docx>



Forest Practice cont.

Emergency Notice for Fuel Hazard Reduction – 14 CCR 1052.4

- The Board engaged in Emergency Rulemaking to expeditiously pass amendments to 1052.4 earlier this summer. **The emergency rules for the Emergency Notice for Fuel Hazard Reduction are currently in effect until February 11, 2020. This is a great opportunity – use it!!** The Board may extend these regulations for an additional 180 days. The rule text is available here: <https://bofdata.fire.ca.gov/media/8892/emergency-emergency-fuel-hazard-reduction-amendments-2019.pdf>
- During the September Meeting, the Board has begun to address issues that were tabled during the previous rulemaking effort in order to engage in regular rulemaking to make permanent revisions to this rule section.
- ***CLFA asks for member feedback in identifying potential scenarios in which the timeline for treatment of slash and woody debris (one year from the start of operations) would be problematic, besides burning. Email admin@CLFA.org.***

RESOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

- The committee continues to discuss potential revisions to Vegetation Clearance of Utility Infrastructure 14 CCR 1250

To: CLFA Board

From: Andrea Eggleton, Forest Resource Solutions and Technologies (FRST)- CLFA Regulatory Representative

RE: Report on Board of Forestry Meeting on September 24 and 26, 2019

CLFA Board Members,

I participated in the Board of Forestry Forest Practice Committee meeting on September 24th via webinar on behalf of CLFA as your Regulatory Representative. The meeting was held in Fresno, CA. A summary of topics covered and CLFA needed actions are included.

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CLFA Board Member Action Items and Next Month's Agenda Items:

- Continue to work with Calforests on Stocking Standards revisions for basal area standards by October 31, 2019.
- Feller Bunchers in WLPZ White Paper – November 5 is probably the last opportunity for comments, so please provide them to me if you have them. I will review the white paper in detail as well and provide comment if necessary.
- Tractor and Cable Yarding rules – if anyone is particularly interested or concerned about the revision of these rule sections, please let me know.
- Emergency Notice for Fuel Hazard Reduction
- Current emergency rules are valid until February 11, 2020 with a possible 180-day extension
- Chairman Wade has requested that foresters (looking at you, CLFA) provide comment on as many real-life situations regarding timing of required fuel treatments as possible. Rich is interested in providing additional flexibility. Current rules are written that fuel treatments must be completed within 1 year from the start of operations. Rich is open to even an open-ended timeframe that is dictated by the forester.
- Member Jani is asking for tree spacing recommendations for small diameter stands to withstand fire as an alternative to canopy cover.

Please let me know if you have any questions, comments, concerns, or requests.

Respectfully,

Andrea Eggleton
RPF #3003



Legislation Jason Wells —Committee Chair

The California Legislature concluded its business on September 13th after sending around 1,100 bills to Governor Newsom for consideration. The Governor has already acted on 400 bills and has until October 13th to sign or veto the remaining bills. The large bill on CLFA's radar is AB-5 (Gonzalez) was passed and signed by the Governor. This bill rewrites rules for determining when a worker is deemed an employee. The bill was primarily directed at "gig-economy" jobs, such as Uber and Grub Hub, but may likely have implications for those in the forestry sector; especially contract truckers, and single-jacks. CLFA opposed the bill and wrote letters to the author outlining our concern that the bill may impact small contractors ability to maneuver the job market in lean years. The bill also likely has major implications for large industrial landowners that have their own in-staff logging and trucking sides, which may limit their ability to work with small independent fellers and truckers.

Other bills on CLFA's radar were SB-1 (Atkins) which was a bill that intended to lock in environmental protections to those that were in place before the Trump Administration came into office. Governor Newsom vetoed the bill, stating that it "Limits the State's ability to rely upon the best available science to protect our environment" a position which CLFA shared.

AB-454 (Kalra) This bill dealt with the migratory bird act, and was initially opposed by CLFA and others in the forestry sector. CLFA's position was changed to neutral when the bill was changed to address concerns by the industry that the bill would only further restrict the taking of migratory birds. The bill has since been revised to allow California to recognize future changes to the Migratory Bird Act only if these changes are consistent with California law.

SB-69 (Wiener) This bill would enact the Ocean Resiliency Act to improve and protect watersheds and the Pacific Ocean. CLFA initially opposed the bill due to arduous regulations that would have disrupted the inter-agency review team process currently in place for timber harvest review, giving Water Board staff veto authority over other agency expert's decisions and requiring THP review by Water Board staff prior to approval by the Director. The bill also had included additional protections for Class III watercourses, and further restricted wet-weather trucking, and ground based operations. After considerable effort from CLFA and many partner organizations the bill was ultimately amended to closely match current regulations, and our concerns were met. The bill is currently on hold and will be reviewed next year, so it is still on CLFA's radar, but at this time our position is neutral.

SB-515 (Caballero) this bill seeks to expand the definition of high hazard fuel to include areas where biomass is diverted from moderate, high, and very high fire threat zones designated on Cal Fire's most recent Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map. Expanding the definition would allow facilities with existing contracts to meet their obligation to reduce hazardous fuel, reduce their costs to provide biomass to utilities, and continue to provide good jobs in rural areas by having their contracts extended by 5 years. CLFA supports this bill, and the bill has been held in committee until next year.

Notable bills that CLFA supported, which are now dead, are AB-343 (Patterson), AB-616 (Patterson), and SB-462(Stern). These bills would have provided financial assistance to offset the cost of transporting biomass fuels, required Cal-EPA to prepare and submit annual progress reports on implementation of the California Forest Carbon Plan, and required the California Community College Chancellor's Office to develop a forest and woodlands restoration workforce curriculum and programs to be offered by community colleges, respectively.



Water & Wildlife

Gwyndolyn Ozard — Committee Chair

WATER QUALITY

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

The Board last met on August 14-15 in Santa Rosa. No forestry action items were on the agenda. https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_info/board_meetings/08_2019/pdf/August_Agenda_ADA_Compliant_190717.pdf

The next Board meeting is scheduled for October 17 in Santa Rosa; the agenda is not yet available:

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

The Board last met on August 1-2 in Rancho Cordova; no forestry items were on the agenda.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 10-11 in Redding; the agenda is not yet available:

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

The Board last met on September 18-19 in South Lake Tahoe; 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/sept/sept2019_agenda_announcement.pdf

The next meeting is scheduled for November 20-21 in Barstow; the agenda is not yet available:

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

The Board last met on September 19-20 in Watsonville. Minutes from the meeting are not yet available but the agenda is: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board_info/agendas/2019/september/agenda/09_sep_agenda.pdf

The next meeting is scheduled for October in Sacramento; 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 September 3 via Teleconference. Minutes from the meeting are not yet available but the agenda is: <https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=174167&inline>

Meeting Items of Note: Melissa Miller-Henson was selected to serve as the Fish and Game Commission Executive Director.

The next FGC meeting is scheduled for October 9-10 in Valley Center; the agenda is available: <https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=174494&inline>

Agenda Item of Note: CONSENT ITEMS 3. Foothill yellow-legged frog. Receive the Department's one-year status review report on the petition to list foothill yellow-legged frog (*Rana boylei*) as an endangered or threatened species under the California Endangered Species Act.



September 27, 2019 - Proposition 68 Grant Program UPDATE

The California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68) was passed by voters in June of 2018. Proposition 68 funds are authorized through Public Resource code §80135(a) to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) for projects that provide ecological restoration of forests. Projects may include forest restoration activities and forest management practices that promote forest resilience to severe wildfire, climate change, and other disturbances. CAL FIRE has been awarded \$6 million of Proposition 68 funding for the California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP) for fiscal year 2019-2020.

CFIP is currently planning the roll-out of this grant opportunity to the eligible forest landowners of California. Prior to awarding CFIP Grants, CFIP is required to amend the CFIP Guidelines in-order to include the Proposition 68 funding requirements and allow a 30-day public review of the Proposition 68 CFIP Guidelines. The CFIP Guidelines have been amended to include the Proposition 68 Funding requirements. The complete Proposition 68 CFIP Guidelines are now officially posted for the required 30-day public comment period. The Proposition 68 CFIP Guidelines constitute the CFIP User's Guide (2019 Edition); Appendix A – CFIP Advancement Agreement Guidelines; Appendix B – CFIP 2019-2020 Proposition 68 Additional Guidelines. The **deadline for public comments is October 27, 2019. CAL FIRE CFIP** will accept written comments on the posted Proposition 68 CFIP Guidelines.

To submit written comments, please use the subject line: "Comment Letter – Proposition 68 CFIP Guidelines" and should be submitted to the attention of: Dale E. Meese, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection; 6105 Airport Road; Redding, CA 96002. Comment letters may be submitted to CAL FIRE CFIP via email (if less than 15 megabytes) at dale.meese@fire.ca.gov. If the electronic comment letter is greater than 15 megabytes, it may be submitted by fax at (530) 226-3983. Couriers delivering hard copies of comment letters must check in with lobby security personnel, who can accept and deliver the information to Dale E. Meese at (530) 226-8941.

In addition, CFIP will host three public meetings to provide opportunity for public review and comment of the Proposition 68 CFIP Guidelines. These three public meetings will be held on the following dates/locations:

- Fresno: TBD Check back soon for details
- Sacramento: November 11, 2019 1-3pm at the Resources building, 1416 9th Street, Sacramento CA
- Redding: TBD Check back soon for details

Upon completion of the public review/comment period, all comments shall be addressed. Once all comments have been addressed, CFIP will notify the public via the website that Proposition 68 funding is available for encumbrance of CFIP grant projects. The notification shall also identify the quarterly distribution of the Proposition 68 funds. At this time, we are estimating that an open application period will be open from early November until late November, with project funding decisions based on project ranking made immediately following the close of the application period. CAL FIRE will be releasing \$1.5 million per quarter. Only the highest ranked CFIP projects/applications will be selected for funding in each application period. Once the funds have been liquidated or encumbered for the designated quarter, all valid unfunded CFIP projects/applications shall be moved to the next funding cycle to compete with CFIP projects/applications that are submitted during that designated period. We expect to open a second application period immediately following the preceding one.

We expect to have application periods end on the following dates:

- November 30, 2019
- February 28, 2020
- May 30, 2020
- August 30, 2020

Please check back to this website as dates can potentially change.

CLFA will be sending a letter of support and ask that our members do as well.



Forest Practice GIS Data

In an effort to keep Forest Practice GIS data current and available to agency, tribal, and public users, the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection has launched an open data site on Esri's ArcGIS Hub platform where Forest Practice GIS data can be accessed: <https://forest-practice-calfire-forestry.hub.arcgis.com/>

This online venue requires no login or password and replaces our decommissioned ftp site.

Filter and download data in a variety of formats (Spreadsheet, KML, Shapefile, File Geodatabase) or visualize the data within the application itself. The department continues to enhance our eGIS infrastructure, and you can expect to see continued efficiencies in the frequency of data updates and access to data and information.

The Forest Practice Watershed Mapper and CalTREES are accessible directly from the Hub.

We hope you will find this a useful tool for downloading GIS data relevant to Forest Practice in California.

Data can also be accessed from the CAL FIRE Open Data Hub <https://hub-calfire-forestry.hub.arcgis.com/> and through the California Natural Resources Agency's Open Data platform: <https://data.cnra.ca.gov/>.

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2018/2019 CLFA BOARD MEETING WORKSHOP/CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

BOARD MEETINGS

- ◆ October 15, 2019—GoToMeeting—6:00 am to 8:30 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

- ◆ November 6 & 7, 2019—Archaeology Refresher—Granzellas, Williams
- ◆ November 8, 2019—Fall Workshop—Gaia, Anderson
- ◆ January 24, 2020—Cal Fire Archaeology Meeting—Granzellas, Williams—CANCELLED
- ◆ March 6 & 7, 2020—Spring Workshop—Gaia, Anderson
- ◆ March 23—27, 2020—Rescheduled 5-day Initial Archaeology Class—Gaia, Anderson

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

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