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President's Message

Harlan Tranmer, CLFA President

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Fire is on everyone's mind. Californians are trying to figure out what to do about it. There is a widespread nonpartisan effort to reduce fuel loads and increase the acreage of prescribed burning. You can read more about the recent legislation illustrating that effort in the Legislation article in this newsletter. CLFA is currently representing you by serving on the governor's Forest Management Task Force which was created in response to last year's fires. A new governor will be elected this year but we've heard from Sacramento that whoever is elected is expected to keep the Task Force intact. Please voice your opinion on the wildfire issue and fuel management in particular. The politician's ears are open right now so give them your opinion at http://www.legislature.ca.gov/your_legislator.html. Some points that are not often addressed in the media, are addressed below. I realize I am preaching to the choir here, but I wanted you to know what we've been saying.

We need roads. Forest management requires access whether it is for treating fuel, fire suppression, prescribed burn containment, monitoring, research, or rescue. We are often limited by topography as to where forest roads can feasibly be located. We need flexibility on this issue.

Diameter limits are not necessary. We're trying to get the message out that increased tree diameter does not always correlate with increased wildlife habitat. The discussion should be about habitat characteristics. We can encourage creation of those characteristics where appropriate but arbitrary cut-offs are not helpful.

Large trees may be more fire resilient than smaller trees but there are other considerations and thinning large trees can still reduce fire hazard as opposed to the no-project alternative. For example, many homes are located within watercourse protection zones. The conditions in these zones often cause trees to grow large quickly, surrounding and overtopping homes and their infrastructure. With a mandated increase in quadratic mean diameter and a no-cut stream buffer, these homeowners find themselves surrounded by hazards with no means of economically mitigating it. We need flexibility for tree retention decisions.

Let us know what messages you want conveyed to the Task Force and others. Remember that any of you are welcome to attend our board meetings. The simplest way is to attend the face to face meetings. For the past several years we have been meeting by remote connection roughly every other month which can be attended by internet or phone. Contact Kathleen Burr to get the connection information for a particular meeting.

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FOREST PRACTICE COMMITTEE

Chris Dow—Committee Chair

Plan Submissions (through 07/31/2018):

- **THP submissions:** The number of THP submissions through July 2018 was 11% higher than July 2017 (129 compared to 116 in 2017).
- **NTMP submissions:** The total number of NTMP submissions for July 2018 was 50% higher than July 2017 (15 compared to 10 in 2017). One-hundred thirteen (113) NTOs were submitted in July 2018 compared to ninety-one (91) for July 2017.
- **Exemption Notice submissions:** Exemption submissions were approximately 20% lower compared to July last year (1,238 compared to 1,549 in 2017). The number of Drought Mortality Exemptions filed through July this year is approximately 72% lower than last year (157 compared to 564 in 2017); the acreage covered was approximately 68% lower (20,625 acres compared to 65,325 acres in 2017).
- **Emergency Notice submissions:** Emergency Notice submissions were significantly higher in July 2018 than July 2017 (140 compared to 49 in 2017).
- **Plan Approval:** 80 THPs were approved in July 2018 compared to 121 in July 2017. The number of NTMPs approved in July 2018 was nearly identical to the number approved in July 2017 (8 compared to 7 in 2017).

Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund (TRFRF) Activities: [Updated from the TRFRF Database (01/01/2018 through 06/30/2018)]

Since January 1, 2018, the Department has expended 79,497 hours in conducting Forest Practice Program activities funded by TRFRF. An additional 5,761 hours of Forest Practice Program activities not funded by TRFRF has also been completed. Combined, Department staff has recorded 85,258 hours of Forest Practice-related activities through June 30, 2018.

Update on reporting to legislature on Exemptions and Emergency Notices

39 of 50 voluntary sites are completed, 5 of which have no harvesting. Of the sites, 60% were 10 acres or less, largest was approximately 300 acres. Further information should be available by September Board meeting, as well as a possible case study of 1038(c) that is located within the footprint of the Carr Fire.

Northern Spotted Owl

Proposed concept of Technical Rule Addendum No. 6 with an outline for performance based approach, that gives a basis to review.

Provides guidance and the goal is to streamline the process through conclusion based, evidence supported treatment of NSO. CAL FIRE believes in having a small land owner approach with this document, instead of for large industry, as the industrial side can use attachments A and B.

Further Forest Practice Committee assignments

NSO and Stocking Standards are absolute priorities, but will take extensive time to address. The Forest Practice Committee are going to move next to Watercourse and Lake Protection Rule Review, most notably whether mechanical feller-bunchers should be classified as “heavy equipment” in WLPZ’s. CLFA wrote and presented a letter of support at the August Board of Forestry meeting on this subject.

2018 Strategic Fire Plan for California

Voted and approved to adopt the 2018 Strategic Fire Plan – recommended by Matt Dias to start dovetailing resource protection issues for the Board with the Strategic Fire Plan.

Emergency Declaration and Regulation for Properties within the Carr and Mendocino Fires

To be brought to the Board at the September meeting, will likely mimic the emergency regulations that were used for the Sonoma fires.



FOREST PRACTICE COMMITTEE cont.

BOF Rulemaking Status Table 2018
8/8/2018

RULE PACKAGE	NOTICE ACTION DATE	OAL FILING DATE	45-day NOTICE DATE	INITIAL HEARING DATE	RE-NOTICE DATE	RE-NOTICE HEARING	BOF ADOPTION	FINAL OAL/NOD FILING	OAL APPROVAL DATE	CURRENT STATUS
Emergency Rulemaking to Facilitate Post-Fire Recovery Efforts within Counties of Napa, Sonoma and Mendocino	1/05/18	1/16/18	5-Day Notice: 1/8/18	N/A	N/A	N/A	1/05/18	1/16/18	1/25/18	Approved by OAL. Effective 1/25/18, Re-Approved by OAL 7/5/18 (Expires 10/24/18)
Cumulative Impacts Assessment Checklist, Technical Rule Addendum No. 2 and Appendix Amendments	12/17/17	12/19/17	12/29/17	3/07/18	6/27/18	7/19/18				15-Day Hearing on 7/19/18
Exemption Amendments 14 CCR Sec 1038 & 1038.1, 2018	5/10/18	5/21/18	6/01/18	7/19/18	7/27/18	8/22/18				15-Day Hearing on 8/22/18
Timberland Conversion Amendments 14 CCR 1104.1, 2018	5/10/18	5/21/18	6/01/18	7/19/18	N/A	N/A	7/19/18	7/26/18		Submitted to OAL on 7/26/18, Awaiting Approval
Fire Safe Development Regulations Revisions 14 CCR § 1270	7/19/18	7/31/18	8/10/18	9/27/18						45-Day Notice Published 8/10/18, Awaiting Initial Hearing on 9/27/18
RPF and Certified Specialty Fee Amendments, 2018										Within PFEC Development
PTEIR for Carbon Sequestration and Fuel Reduction (SB 862)										Tabled by MGMT Committee until further notice
Certified Rangeland Manager Update 14 CCR 1651	8/08/13									ON HOLD per the request of the Society Of Rangeland Management

Board of Forestry – August 2018

Report of the Chairman / Report of the Director / Report of the Executive Officer

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Boggs Mountain Demonstration State Forest

Voted and approved the draft initial study and negative declaration for the Boggs Mountain
Voted and approved the 10-year management plan for Boggs Mountain

Pacific Union College

Voted and approved securing the working forest lands of Pacific Union College

Cumulative Impacts Assessment Checklist TRA #2

Voted and approved final rule text of TRA #2

Forest Practice Committee

Report to Legislature on Emergencies and Exemptions

NSO – Emphasized that the movement on this is in reaction to the trials and tribulations of small landowners
Watercourses – CLFA presented draft testimony to the BOF on allowing harvesting equipment within watercourses.

Board Comment – Analytical tools used during the first iteration of WLPZ etc. were rough at best and given new analytical techniques, better decision making processes can be made now to address this issue.

Board Comment – Water Quality issues, soil compaction, are issues

Board Comment – Blodgett Research Forest data, as well as possible use and analysis on demonstration forests



FOREST PRACTICE COMMITTEE cont.

Management Committee

Updates to NTMP and Exemptions – Some or all of existing exemptions should be allowed on NTMP?
Mapping requirement changes to reflect and match WFMP
Further discussion into changing singularity of WFMP when it comes to landowner(s) etc.

Resource Protection Committee

Nothing really here that would involve CLFA

Effectiveness Monitoring Committee

Information from Russ Henley on Class II-L being summarized and will be presented to Forest Practice Committee as soon as it is available
September 18 for project approval, and possibly throughout the year with the new funding protocol
September 18 EMC at Blodgett – Battles (Snag retention guidelines as well as fire and public study), Rob York (WLPZ vegetation management utilizing some heavy equipment)

CALTREES

CAL FIRE initial Roll out of internal CalTREES FPS was for September 27, 2018, has been pushed back to October 1.

No other parts have been pushed back.

There will be an option to improve synchronization and include necessary information for LSAA and WDR's (Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement, Waste Discharge)

Information will be available to begin approval by the agencies upon submittal

Goal is that within 5 working days of CALFIRE approval of THP, permits would be approved

Program Administration would like to see that the new harvest document forms be required as close to release as possible.



Legislation

Jason Wells—Committee Chair

The legislative season is officially over. I'm deeply grateful for the opportunity I've had to work with the CLFA on legislative affairs over this legislative year. As we approach the anniversary of the Fall wildfires that ravaged California last year, we should reflect not only on the tragedy that occurred, and the warning signs that were missed, but also on the good work that we as foresters can do to mitigate fuel hazards going into the future. For the first time in more than a full rotation, the public is truly interested in forest management, and as awful as the events of last October were, the silver lining is that we may finally have the public support to do the work that needs to be done to protect lives, structures, and the environment. Being in the State capitol when the Governor addressed forest management as a top priority is something I will never forget, and I'm truly grateful to have been able to work with members on the CLFA board, FLC, and CFA, to provide necessary guidance to help our legislators craft a regulatory framework that better works for foresters and landowners on the ground in California.

The end of August was a whirlwind of activity at the State capitol. With the deadline to pass bills through both houses falling on the 31st, a huge number of bills came down to the last day before finally receiving a vote. The most notable last-minute change was that of SB-901 (Dodd) which was originally a bill requiring electrical utilities to develop wildfire mitigation plans, and wasn't on the radar of the CLFA. The bill went into a conference committee on wildfire back in July and was finally released just in time for the text to meet the 72 hour minimum requirement for review. This bill is extensive, and is likely the most ambitious reform related to forest practice that has been passed in the legislature since Z'Berg Nejedly. SB-901 passed both the Senate and Assembly in the late hours of August 31st, and is now on the way to the Governor for signature. The highlights are provided below:

Creates new THP exemption for small landowners. Small landowners (60 acres on the coast, 100 acres inland) will be allowed to cut trees up to 32" stump diameter for forest fire prevention activities as long as QMD increases as a result of the operations, operations remain in one watershed, and no more than 6 of the largest trees are taken per acre.

Allows for construction and access of temporary roads. Expands upon the existing Forest Fire Prevention Pilot Program by allowing for construction of up to 600 feet of temporary roads for purposes of treating and thinning overstocked forests. This provision rendered AB 425 (Caballero) redundant, and killed that bill.

Provides a CEQA exemption for prescribed burns. For burns taking place on Federal land, under the "good neighbor authority" burn activities will be exempt from CEQA as long as a NEPA analysis has been conducted.

Provides 5-year funding to address forest management. Provides potentially \$1 billion (\$200 million over the next five years) for healthy forests, forest management and fuel reduction projects.

Allows multiple landowners to jointly sign on to NTMPs so long as their acreage remains under 2,500 acres. Clarifies language that WFMP may have multiple landowners.

Reduces the number of acres that a WFMP may have from 15,000 to 10,000; removes the discussion requirement for significant sediment discharge to watercourses, but gives considerable power to local water boards to set individual requirements for the plan.

Allows the Board of Forestry to set how long slash from fire prevention exemptions may sit prior to being declared a nuisance; rather than the 45 day period that was previously law.

Allows timber that does not meet the current definition of "timber operations" to be sold if operations meeting that criteria are pursued by public agencies or non-profits. Which will allow for small timber to be sold from shaded fuel breaks and community fire breaks.

The following section gives an in-depth description of the status, support from CLFA, and summary of the bills that were tracked by CLFA this year. Instead of the usual table format, each bill received its own paragraph to give a more detailed description, considering the timing within the legislative season. For further information, any of these bills can be searched on www.leginfo.legislature.ca.gov.



Legislation cont.

AB 425 (Caballero) CLFA Supported (Inactive DEAD) This bill would have expanded the Forest Fire Prevention Pilot Project exemption to allow the construction or reconstruction of temporary roads on slopes of 40% or less if certain conditions are met, including that a registered professional forester designates temporary road locations, landing locations, associated class III watercourse crossings, unstable areas, and connected headwall swales, including convergent slopes, on specified maps. The bill would have required, on or before December 31, 2020, the department and the board to review and submit a report to the Legislature on the trends in the use of, compliance with, and effectiveness of, the exemption, including an assessment of the construction or reconstruction of temporary roads. The provisions of this bill were covered in SB-901 (Dodd) which has been sent on to the Governor.

AB 1954 (Patterson) CLFA Supported with a letter (Signed by Governor) This bill will extend the sunset date for the 150-300 foot defensible space exemption 14 CCR § 1038(c)(6). It will eliminate CAL FIRE's reporting requirement related to the exemption.

AB 1956 (Limon) CLFA Supported with a letter (PASS) This bill would require the department to establish a local assistance grant program, funded upon appropriation by the Legislature, for fire prevention activities, as defined. The bill would require the department to prioritize projects that are multiyear efforts. The bill would also require, contingent on the enactment of AB 3160 of the 2017–18 Regular Session, the department to prioritize local assistance grant funding applications from local agencies based on the “Fire Adapted Community” list, as provided. **The bill would authorize the director, until January 1, 2024, to authorize advance payments from a grant, not to exceed 25% of the total grant award, as provided.** The bill would require the director, on or before January 31, 2022, to hold a public workshop to, among other things, review activities funded by the local assistance grant program and program outcomes, and discuss and recommend possible improvements to the program. The bill would require the department to report a summary of the findings of the public workshop to the appropriate committees of the Legislature on or before July 1, 2022.

AB 2091 (Grayson): CLFA Supported with a letter. (PASS) The bill would require the Forest Management Task Force or its successor entity, on or before January 1, 2020, and in coordination with the Department of Insurance, to develop recommendations for the implementation of an insurance pool or other mechanism for prescribed burn managers that reduces the cost of conducting prescribed fire while maintaining adequate liability protection for lives and property when conducting prescribed burns.

AB 2208 (Aguilar-Curry) CLFA Supported with a letter (DEAD) This bill would require that not less than an unspecified percentage of the incremental procurement requirements for each compliance period be satisfied with geothermal, biogas, or biomass energy resources procured on or after July 1, 2017, until either an unspecified percentage of the total electricity products procured to satisfy the overall procurement requirements are from those energy resources or December 31, 2030, whichever occurs first. The bill would require an unspecified portion of this increment to be procured from the Salton Sea Known Geothermal Resources Area.

AB 2551 (Wood) CLFA Supported with a letter (PASS) This bill allows for CAL FIRE to have more autonomy over the rates at which they issue loans to non-industrial landowners. This bill would also authorize the director to enter into an agreement with any person who has legal control of any property, or any public agency with regulatory or natural resource management authority over any property that is included within any wildland, or any nonprofit organization to conduct joint prescribed burning operations that serve the public interest and are beneficial to the state.

This bill would authorize the Natural Resources Agency and the California Environmental Protection Agency to jointly develop and submit to the Legislature a specified plan for forest and watershed restoration investments in the drainages that supply the Oroville, Shasta, and Trinity Reservoirs, as prescribed. The bill would also authorize those agencies to jointly develop and propose to the relevant policy committees of the Legislature a pilot project for the coordinated, multiagency permitting of specified watershed restoration activities. The bill would establish the Headwaters Restoration Account in the General Fund and would authorize the deposit of funds into the account for use, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for those forest and watershed restoration purposes.



Legislation cont.

AB 2627 (Kalra) CLFA Opposed (DEAD)

This bill would have created a prohibition on the take of migratory non-game birds. It would have required incidental take permits be issued for legal practices outside of a farm, ranch, or otherwise routine agricultural activity.

AB 2889 (Caballero) CLFA Supported with a letter (PASS) This bill would require the department to provide guidance and assistance to ensure the uniform and efficient implementation of processes and procedures regulating the filing, review, approval, required modification, completion, and appeal of decisions relating to timber harvesting plans, as provided. The bill would also require the department to issue guidance to achieve greater timber harvesting plan review accuracy and efficiency and to avoid duplication of efforts, as provided.

SB 49 (De Leon) CLFA Opposed with a letter (DEAD) This bill was designed to strengthen state policies that cover the areas of air quality, water quality, endangered species, and workers rights should federal policies that were on the books prior to January 1, 2016 be weakened.

SB 100 (De Leon) CLFA Watched (PASS) This bill would set a state-wide goal that energy utilities meet a 50% renewable resources target by December 31, 2026, and to achieve a 60% target by December 31, 2030. The bill would require that retail sellers and local publicly owned electric utilities procure a minimum quantity of electricity products from eligible renewable energy resources so that the total kilowatt hours of those products sold to their retail end-use customers achieve 44% of retail sales by December 31, 2024, 52% by December 31, 2027, and 60% by December 31, 2030. This bill would state that it is the policy of the state that eligible renewable energy resources and zero-carbon resources supply 100% of retail sales of electricity to California end-use customers and 100% of electricity procured to serve all state agencies by December 31, 2045.

SB 1260 (Jackson) CLFA Supported with a letter (PASS) This bill strengthens requirements for local municipalities to treat high fire hazard severity zones. It requires additional consultation with fire agencies prior to county and local general plan approval. This bill allows CAL FIRE to enter into an agreement, including grant agreements, with private, public, or non-profit organizations that have control over a property, to conduct prescribed burns. This bill would provide that compliance with the provisions of law relating to prescribed burning-operation agreements with the director or with a permit authorizing the private burning of lands under specified circumstances shall constitute prima facie evidence of due diligence with respect to the above provision relating to fire liability. This bill allows CAL FIRE to designate burn bosses outside of the department and generally eases requirements that projects must meet to enter into VMP agreements. This bill allows for slash disposal within a mechanized burner to occur in any county, regardless of population size. This bill requires the State Air Resources Board to provide a public awareness campaign regarding prescribed fire. This bill requires the State Fire Marshal to establish a program of fire prevention training for fire prevention inspectors employed by local fire protection agencies, and, with CAL FIRE, to develop a program for a burn boss certification program.

SB 1453 (McGuire) CLFA Supported with a letter (PASS) This bill increases the statute of limitations for violations of the forest practice rules and act, for non-permitted violations, and violations related to the conversion of timberland to non-forestry related agricultural uses.



Water & Wildlife

Elicia Goldsworthy —Committee Chair

WATER QUALITY

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

The next Board meeting will be held September 6 in Santa Rosa; there are no forestry items on the agenda.

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

The Board met August 2 in Rancho Cordova; no forestry topics were discussed. The next meeting will be held October 4-5 in Redding; the agenda is not yet available.

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

The next meeting will be held September 12-13 in South Lake Tahoe; no specific forestry topics are on the agenda. Refer to the Executive Officers report on the 3rd Annual Water Board Data Science Symposium where the effects of climate change, fire and the role of forest management were among the topics of discussion: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/board_info/agenda/2018/sept/item_9_eo_rpt.pdf

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

The next meeting will be held September 20-21 in Watsonville; there are no forestry items on the agenda.

WILDLIFE

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

The FGC met in Fortuna on August 22-23. Topics related to forestry included listing of the Humboldt marten and Lassics Lupine as State Endangered (see below). The next meeting will be held in Region 4 (Fresno) on October 17-18; the agenda is not yet available.

Humboldt Marten (*Martes caurina humboldtensis*) – listed as State Endangered

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.

Lassics Lupine (*Lupinus constancei*) – listed as State Endangered

The Commission has determined that designating Lassics lupine as an endangered species under CESA is warranted and that Lassics lupine, for purposes of its legal status under CESA and further proceedings under the California Administrative Procedure Act, shall be listed as endangered.

This listing is unlikely to affect projects permitted under the Forest Practices Act; however RPFs with projects in Humboldt and Trinity Counties with serpentine-influenced soils and in the vicinity of the Lassics Mountains, may be required to give consideration for this species.

Coast Yellow Leptosiphon (*Leptosiphon croceus*) – listed as State Endangered

The Commission has determined that designating coast yellow leptosiphon as an endangered species under CESA is warranted and that coast yellow leptosiphon, for purposes of its legal status under CESA and further proceedings under the California Administrative Procedure Act, shall be listed as endangered.

This listing is unlikely to affect projects permitted under the Forest Practices Act; however, RPFs and CRMs with projects on the immediate coast in Region 3 (Bay Delta Region) may be required to give consideration for this species.



Water & Wildlife cont.

Upper Klamath-Trinity River (UKTR) Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) Evolutionarily Significant Unit (ESU) – petition to list as endangered

The Fish and Game Commission received petition to list the UKTR spring run Chinook salmon ESU as endangered under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) on July 23, 2018. The FGC transmitted the petition to CDFW for review and will receive the petition at its next meeting on October 17-18 in Fresno. For more information or to submit comment: <https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=160872&inline>

National Marine Fisheries Service is currently 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); or, alternatively, to create a new ESU to describe Klamath Spring Chinook salmon and list the new ESU as threatened or endangered under the ESA. The Petitioners also request designation of critical habitat concurrently with the listing. It is anticipated that the 90-day finding will be published in the Federal Register in early February 2019.

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

Background: On December 14, 2016, FGC received a petition from the Center for Biological Diversity to list foothill yellow-legged frog as a threatened species under CESA. On June 21, 2017, FGC voted to accept the petition for further evaluation and to initiate a 12-month review of the status of foothill yellow-legged frog in California. On May 21, 2018 DFW requested that FGC grant a six-month extension of time to complete its review. FGC staff recommended to approve DFW's request on June 21, 2018 thus changing the due date for the Department's report to 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. Comments and information will be accepted until September 17, 2018. The document can be viewed at <https://go.usa.gov/xUNec>. Send comment to: Field Supervisor, Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2177 Salk Avenue, Suite 250, Carlsbad, California 92008; or email: fw&cfwocomments@fws.gov

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.



Outreach Committee

Chris Dow—Committee Chair

The Board of Directors would like to welcome its newest members into the ranks of CLFA. We hope that all future and current foresters continue with their support, as new recruitment into CLFA remains important. These new members are the future of forestry, and CLFA. The Board would like to recognize all of its membership who provides potential new members with the information necessary to join the association!

Rober Agüero – RPF #3062

Michael Esposito – RPF #3067

Richard Kyle Keller – RPF#3066

James Woodside – RPF #3065

Ryan Wimmer – RPF #3060

Brita Rustad – RPF #3061

Allison Erny – Associate

Kyle Mills – Associate

Dana Dysthe – Student

The Board would also like to recognize opportunities for CLFA membership to interact with students and future forestry professionals. Forestry Challenge is a great way to interact, a great way to promote the profession, a rewarding way to give back to the local community, and is right around the corner. Information regarding the California Forestry Challenge, as well as locations and dates of events, can be found at www.forestrychallenge.org.

If there is an event that promotes the profession, whether through high school participation, or through the associated colleges with forestry programs, located within the area you work in, information regarding these events is welcomed by CLFA for publication in our newsletter. Please email clfa@volcano.net with information.



Save the Dates . . .

CLFA's Brown Bag Lunch Field Trips this fall 2018

The subject is reevaluating point count stocking standards that were established in the 1970s by touring working forest plantations. Those standards are still in use today. We have accumulated a lot of data since the standards were established and the science and technology have evolved tremendously.

- ◆ **Friday, Nov. 2** – Green Diamond Resource Company, Korbel, CA
- ◆ **Friday, Nov. 9** – Blodgett Experimental Forest and SPI Camino District Georgetown, CA
 - ◆ Carpooling and Caravan mode of transportation
 - ◆ BYOB, B your own brown bag lunch

Register will be through the CLFA Website beginning September 1st.

California Forestry Challenge Diane Dealey Neill

Thank you to the following foresters for volunteering to mentor schools—Ted James, Glen Rouse, Tim Robards, John Kessler, Dan Craig, Chris Quirnbach, Tim Morin, Len Lindstrand, Russell Garrison, Dennis Garrison, Bryan Taylor, Tyler Hullquist, Bill Snyder, Chad Arseneau, Josh Soderlund, Jim Kral, Tim Treichel, Brian Rueger, David Van Lennep, Bob Pinto, Robert Little, Patrick McDaniel, John LeBlanc, Dan Stapleton, Russ Henley, Bob Broderick, Kevin Conway, Tom Francis, Ariel Thomson, Kathleen Edwards, David Haas, Justin Kephart, and Dan Cullinane.

County	School	Event
Amador	Argonaut	El Dorado
Fresno	Sunnyside	Santa Cruz
Kern	Foothill	San Bernardino
Kern	Ridgeview	San Bernardino
Lassen	Westwood	Shasta
Los Angeles	Bell Gardens	San Bernardino
Los Angeles	Granada Hills	Charter HS, Santa Cruz
Los Angeles	Marco Antonio Firebaugh	San Bernardino
Madera	Mountain Oaks High	Shasta
Orange	Katella	San Bernardino
Placer	Del Oro	El Dorado
Plumas	Greenville	Shasta
Riverside	Arlington	San Bernardino
Riverside	Citrus Hill	San Bernardino
Riverside	Ramona	San Bernardino
Sacramento	Cordova	Santa Cruz
Sacramento	Folsom	El Dorado
Santa Clara	Santa Clara County 4-H	Santa Cruz
Siskiyou	Etna	Shasta
Tuolumne	Sonora	San Bernardino

Lastly, if you're available to volunteer at an event, please fill out the [online form](#). Link is at the top of the [web-site](#)



2018/2019 CLFA BOARD MEETING WORKSHOP/CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Board Meetings

- ◆ September 22, 2018—Board Meeting @ Granzellas
- ◆ October 16, 2018—GoToMeeting
- ◆ 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

- ◆ October 22—26, 2018—5-day Initial Archaeology Class, Gaia, Anderson—**CLASS IS FULL**
- ◆ 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—Granzella’s, 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—5-day Initial Archaeology Class, Gaia, Anderson
- ◆ March 8 & 9, 2019—Annual Workshop, Annual Conference, & Business Meeting, Gaia, Anderson

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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

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



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CLFA RPF EXAM PREPARATION SEMINAR

November 26, 2018

Registration Deadline: *November 10, 2018*

Name: _____

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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

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