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President's Message

Chris Dow, CLFA President

"Giving Back to Secure the Future"

It is no secret in the RPF community that we are facing a shortage of Registered Professional Foresters now, and the issue will likely only grow worse in the next 10-15 years with a cohort of foresters that will be approaching retirement. The PFEC is extremely active in promoting the forestry field to students throughout the state, working with Cal Poly, Humboldt State and UC Berkeley programs, as well as junior colleges with forestry programs. Introductory forestry courses are now being offered in several varieties, including, but not limited to, Forestry Challenge, Watershed Education Summit, WoodEd, Sierra Cascade Logging Conference, and many more. Along with those events, there is the volunteer work in participating, or preparation of students for these events. For example, Forestry Challenge has 4 regular events this year; Shasta, Santa Cruz, El Dorado, and San Bernadino, as well as the Forestry Challenge Championship next spring. There is always a need for volunteers at these events, and it is an excellent chance to spread the word about forestry, and the availability of future jobs in our field. In addition, there is also the chance to volunteer outside of the events, at specific high schools, in order to prepare the students for these events.

The California Licensed Foresters Association is no stranger to these events. The chance to help educate a potential new cohort of foresters, as well as giving back to our own profession, is something that most of the RPF community participate. I myself will be attending the El Dorado Forestry Challenge, Watershed Education Summit, and likely several other events over the next year. Although it does take time away from work, or even our precious personal time, giving back to the profession is becoming increasingly more important. I am sure that all of us can think back to when we were young, looking out into the world, and had very little knowledge of the forestry profession. And during that time, I am sure that we can focus on a small subset of people that truly guided us along our path, acting as a mentor as we navigated through the walls of shrubs, watercourse zones that never seemed to end, and days that just never seemed to end. I remember mine. My first forestry position was with the USFS Pacific Southwest – Davis. Our task my first summer was to look for regeneration in 10 year old, large high severity patches. By the end of the field season, I was wearing shin guards because my legs were black and blue from boot-line to knee cap. My two mentors were Brandon Collins and Gary Roller (also an RPF). The most memorable line from Brandon: "If you can make it through this summer, you will never want to do anything else other than forestry." He was not wrong. It was the start of my unique path to become a forester. Gary was my field mentor. The wealth of information that I learned from him in the field set the standard, and his patience while I was learning, and failing, and learning some more, is the same way I teach new foresters now.

The CLFA membership has also provided its Board with an opportunity that has not been seen in CLFA history. The unprecedented success of our Spring Conference Auction and Raffle, as well as the generous donations from members, means that our Outreach Committee not only gets to fulfill our Roy Richards, CLFA and Harold Biswell Scholarships, but also create a new scholarship. Like most associations, we are looking to the future with our new scholarship. With that in mind, and an amazing example of documentary work by a high school student I met last spring, we are pursuing an additional scholarship that will target the participants of events such as Forestry Challenge, Watershed Education Summit, or WoodEd. The scholarship will also be the largest that we've ever offered, and it will be awarded to the best group video of forestry in action. All total, we will offer almost \$10,000 in scholarships over the next year.

Hazel Jackson Scholarship.

Most importantly, was the naming of our new scholarship. It did not take long for us to come up with a name that is more than deserving. A name that represents the forestry profession, and CLFA. The countless hours and dedication that were put in could not be put into a monetary value.



President's Message cont.

Many of us know her, many of us have worked with her, and there is no way we can put into words how grateful CLFA and the forestry profession is for the wisdom, guidance and hard work that was for years the standard of CLFA. Our new scholarship will be named in recognition of the numerous years of leadership and guidance for professional foresters and the opportunities for new cohorts of the forestry field. Our new scholarship will be named the **Hazel Jackson Scholarship**. The CLFA Board would truly like to express its gratitude toward Hazel and her hard work, and there seemed to be no more fitting way than a scholarship that defines "Giving Back."



2018 Watershed Education Summit in the Crystal Basin. Students learned about watershed ecology, and forest management across large landscapes.

CLFA E-Mail

As you are aware CLFA recently changed our long standing email to Gmail.

If someone in your office or another RPF you know is not receiving emails, please have them call or email Kathleen directly so she can figure out what their email issue is.

Please send all email to admin@clfa.org

Thank you.



Forest Practice—BOF

Andrea Eggleton—Regulatory Rep to CLFA

See the agenda for the August meeting in Sacramento on August 20-21 for topics covered:
<https://bofdata.fire.ca.gov/media/8872/8-revised-final-august-2019-agenda.pdf>

The September meeting will be held in Fresno, CA, including a field tour which will cover items related to the CAL VTP.

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

FULL BOARD MEETING

In July, CLFA presented a letter of support for the CAL FIRE Archaeology program to the Board of Forestry, and expressed regret that the Initial Arch Training Course had to be cancelled for Fall 2019 due to archaeological staff shortages. At the August meeting, CAL FIRE Director Thom Porter announced that every effort would be made to re-schedule the course for November or December 2019.

CLFA's letter to the Board is posted on the CLFA website and on the Board of Forestry website: <https://bofdata.fire.ca.gov/media/8848/full-12-clfa-archaeology-support-letter.pdf>

The Board of Forestry won their recent case brought against them by the Coast Action Group regarding the Working Forest Management Plan.

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. There is no current consensus or direction on which provisions to focus – Committee will re-visit the item in November meeting

FOREST PRACTICE COMMITTEE MEETING

- 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/8879/fpc-2-draft-feller-buncher-white-paper.pdf>
- CAL FIRE Annual Exemption Monitoring Report to the Legislature – the draft report will be available for public review by October or November.
- 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.

RESOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

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



Legislation Jason Wells —Committee Chair

First off, I would like to apologize for neglecting to include developments on AB 5 (Gonzalez) in last month's newsletter. This bill has been getting decent attention in the news due to its implications for "gig-economy" jobs like UBER, LYFT, and GrubHub. The bill also has major implications for independent contractors in the forest products industry: RPFs, LTOs, and truck drivers included. Within the bill's definition for what would constitute an employee, AB 5 would essentially prevent employers from hiring independent contractors from performing work duties that the employer is currently capable of doing in-house. CLFA sent a letter in July to the author of AB 5 explaining the potential problems that could arise for consulting foresters, and others in the industry, that work contractually with large ownerships that often have their own forestry/biological staff and potentially logging sides. AB 5 was amended in Committee on August 30th, but the amendments did nothing to address our concerns, the bill was approved by Committee has since been sent to the Senate floor. Currently CLFA opposes the bill until it is satisfactorily amended, unfortunately the last day for floor amendments is September 6th.

SB 182 (Jackson) is a bill that CLFA has been loosely monitoring since the beginning of the year. The bill is aimed at local government planning, zoning regulations, and home hardening/ defensible space. The bill wasn't of much interest to CLFA until recent amendments that proposed to pay for home hardening work with funds from CAL FIRE's portion of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds, drawing funding away from the current grant programs CAL FIRE offers. The State Department of Finance opposed the bill, largely because of the significant costs the bill would incur, and the impact the bill would have on CAL FIRE's healthy forest and fire prevention programs. The bill passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee at the end of August, with amendments, so it is now on its way to the Assembly Floor. The Committee did not indicate what the amendments were, and the amended bill is not currently available at the time of this writing.

The Assembly Appropriations Committee voted to place SB 69 on the "suspense" file to make it a 2-year bill. So it will be back again next year, but for now it's out of sight. CLFA moved to neutral on this bill due to significant changes made at the request of this organization and our numerous partners.

Bills that have not made it out of committee will not be voted on this year, they are either moved to suspense file or dead. The last day for amendments on the floor is September 6th, and the last day to vote is September 13. The Governor will then have until October 13th to sign bills prior to becoming law. The following list are select bills CLFA has been tracking, and their current status:



Legislation cont.

Bill	Author	Subject	Description		Status	
AB 5	Gonzalez	Worker Status: Employees and Independent Contractors	Redefines the definitions of employee and independent contractor.	Amended August 30, 2019	Senate Floor	Oppose Unless Amended
AB343	Patterson	Biomass	Requires Natural Resource Agency to develop and implement a fuels transportation program that provides competitive grants or other incentives for projects in eligible communities to offset transportation costs to biomass energy, mass timber, or innovative forest product facilities. Authorizes the agency to allocate moneys from the GGRF.	Amended April 1, 2019	Held Under Submission	Support
AB394	Oberholte	Fire Safety Exemptions	Exempts from CEQA projects recommended by BOF that improve fire safety of existing subdivision if conditions are met. Requires lead agency to hold public comment prior to exempt determination.	Amended June 13, 2019	Senate Floor	Support
AB616	Patterson	Fire Safety: Carbon Plan Report	Requires Resource Agency and Cal EPA prepare and submit progress report on policies and resources needed to meet the objectives of the Forest Carbon Plan.	Amended April 2, 2019	Held Under Submission	Support
SB1	Atkins	Environment, Public Health, Workers Defense Act	Requires specified agencies to maintain certain federal requirements. Bill is to protect environmental standards from Trump administration, will be inoperative January 20, 2025 and repealed January 1, 2026.	Amended July 1, 2019	Assembly Floor	Oppose
SB62	Dodd	Accidental Take. Agriculture	Permanently extends exemption for farms and ranches to incidental take of species under ESA. Extends California Safe Harbor Agreement Act to 2024.	Amended April 4, 2019	Signed by Governor	Support if Amended
SB69	Weiner	Ocean Protection	Requires Board of Forestry evaluate current anadromous salmonid rules and update FPRs based on the evaluation if the findings require additional protections. THPs filed on or after January 1, 2020 in or adjacent to ASP watersheds would require an erosion control plan. No operations on Extreme EHR unless the THP has been reviewed by CGS.	Amended July 11, 2019	Assembly Appropriations	Moved to Neutral
SB182	Jackson	Local Government: Planning and Zoning: Wildfire Risk	Requires general plan update to include safety element related to housing hazard mitigation as it pertains to wildfire risk. Draws funding from CAL FIRE's GGRF programs to pay for home hardening.	Amended July 3, 2019	Assembly Floor	Oppose Unless Amended
SB226	Nielsen	Watershed Restoration: Wildfires: Grant Program	Requires Nat. Resource Agency to implement a watershed restoration grant program to assist eligible counties with watershed restoration projects in watersheds affected by wildfire.	Amended July 3, 2019	Assembly Appropriations	Watch
SB462	Stern	Community Colleges	Summary: Would require the Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges, working in collaboration with the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges, to establish a model curriculum for a forest and woodlands restoration and fire resiliency workforce program that could be offered at campuses of the California Community Colleges.	Amended June 13, 2019	Assembly Appropriations	Support



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 17-18 in Weaverville; 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 July 10-11 in Bishop; no forestry items were on the agenda. Minutes from the meeting are available: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/board_info/agenda/2019/jun/2019_june_minutes.pdf

The next meeting is scheduled for September 18-19 in South Lake Tahoe; the agenda is not yet available:

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

The Board last met on July 18-19 in Santa Barbara. Minutes from the meeting are not yet available but the agenda is: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board_info/agendas/2019/2019_agendas.html

The next meeting is scheduled for September 19-20 in Watsonville; 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 August 7-8 in Sacramento. Minutes from the meeting are not yet available but the webcast is: <http://videobookcase.org/california/fish-game-commission/aug-7-8/>

The next FGC meeting is scheduled as a Teleconference September 3; the agenda is not yet available:

Noted items voted on during the August Meeting:

- **San Bernardino kangaroo rat:** FGC determined listing may be warranted. The San Bernardino kangaroo rat is now a **Candidate Species**.
- **Mountain Lion:** the FGC accepted the petition to list the Mountain Lion and approved DFW's request for a 30-day extension on petition review.



Licensing

Ricky Shurtz—Committee Chair

The CLFA would like to congratulate the new Registered Professional Foresters who passed the exam April. The CLFA will be sending out welcome letters to extend their fee annual membership.

Congratulations to:

- Anthony Melia - RPF No. 3078
- Meghan Breniman - RPF No. 3079
- Cory Drenon - RPF No. 3080
- Allison Erny - RPF No. 3081
- Lindsey Holm - RPF No. 3082
- Aaron Sawyer - RPF No. 3083
- Timothy Moreno - RPF No. 3084
- Jeremiah Steuterman - RPF No. 3085
- Brady Dubois - RPF No. 3086
- Kyle Mills - RPF No. 3087
- Jonathan Fitch - RPF No. 3088
- Ethan Coonen - RPF No. 3089

Outreach

Tony Gomez—Committee Chair

Summer is just about over, so that means logging is in full swing, seasonal technicians are heading back to school and days are getting shorter. Just a reminder that the deadline for the Harold Biswell Scholarship is quickly approaching, please help get the word out to any new student looking to pursue a forestry career. The flyer with all the information is posted on the website.

Since everyone was very generous at the CLFA conference, the Board has decided to add an additional scholarship. We are currently working out the details for it. We anticipate releasing the details by September 15th, so stay tuned for the roll out of the **Hazel Jackson Scholarship**.

One last reminder, Forestry Challenge is always looking for volunteers. If you are available please sign up on their web site forestrychallenge.org The dates and locations for this year are

- Shasta September 25-28
- Santa Cruz October 9-12
- El Dorado October 23-26
- San Bernardino November 6-9
- Championship April 16-18,



RX Fire on Private Lands 2019 Fall Workshop Series



Sonora, **October 8, 2019**
Sutter Creek, **October 10, 2019**
Meadow Valley, **October 18-19, 2019**
Shaver Lake, **November 5-6, 2019**

Landowners, managers, students and natural resource professionals looking to apply prescribed fire are invited to join our upcoming two-day workshops. (*Workshops on 10/8 and 10/10 will have a burn day during the last week of October*)

Workshops will be held in several locations across northern California and include both classroom instruction and hands on education with a prescribed fire (permit and weather allowing). The first day will consist of classroom lecture, instruction, and exercises. The second day will include a field trip to view lands actively managed with prescribed fire and take part in a prescribed fire, permit and weather allowing.

This workshop is open to participants of all skill levels.

Featured Workshop Topics:

- Permitting and Legal Considerations
- Cal Fire Vegetation Management Program
- Fire Weather Forecasting and Online Tools
- Air Quality and Smoke Management
- Prescribed Burn Association
- Local Fire History
- Fire Terms and Fire Behavior
- Burn Plan Development
- Burn Unit Preparation
- Tools and Equipment

Registration opens 9/15

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Forestry Challenge Update

School is now in session and many foresters are already working with the schools they are mentoring. We are almost finished finding foresters for schools, and appreciate the following who have already stepped up:

*Renaldo Arroyo
 Gary Brittner
 Bob Broderick
 Theron Cheatham
 *Samantha Conn
 Kevin Conway
 *Jarrod Dowden
 *Brady Dubois
 Mike Duffy
 Rhianna Dutra
 Kathleen Edwards
 Tom Francis
 *Dennis Garrison
 *Russell Garrison
 *Joey Gentry
 *Matt Greene
 David Haas
 *Ben Haupt

Russ Henly
 Henry Herrera
 Tyler Hullquist
 *Bob Hutcheson
 *Zachary Jones
 Justin Kephart
 John Kessler
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 John LeBlanc
 Len Lindstrand
 Robert Little
 Darren Mahr
 Ian McBride
 *Tim Montgomery
 Tim Morin
 Samuel Neill
 Kelly Palvica
 Mark Pritchard
 Chris Quirnbach

*Jeremy Ravenscroft
 Tim Robards
 Ariel Thomson Roughton
 Glen Rouse
 Brian Rueger
 Ricky Satomi
 Jimi Scheid
 *Kirsten Sequoia
 Jerry Sharp
 *Stephen Smith
 *Bill Snyder
 Dan Stapleton
 Bryan Taylor
 Dennis Thibeault
 David Thompson
 Tim Treichel
 Matt Waverly
 *Sam Wheeler
 Ryan Wimmer

*An asterisk is next to those who have volunteered since the last newsletter.

Mentor foresters have already been matched to all schools attending the Shasta and Santa Cruz events, but the following schools are still in need of a forester:

Event	School	County
El Dorado	Antioch	Contra Costa
10/23 to 10/26	Argonaut	Amador
	Fusion Charter	Stanislaus
	Placer	Placer
San Bernardino	Arlington	Riverside
11/6 to 11/9	Calvary Chapel	Orange
	Citrus Hill FFA	Riverside
	Orange Vista High School	Riverside
	San Jacinto Valley Academy	Riverside
	San Pasqual High School	San Diego
	Sonora	Orange

If you are able to make one or two visits to one of these schools between the time school begins and their event date, please email Diane at dianedealeynell@gmail.com Thanks!

Also, we will be sending a notice soon asking everyone to come to an event for Ask a Forester, to help with field training, and/or judge presentations. To volunteer now, use the easy [online registration form](#).



2018/2019 CLFA BOARD MEETING WORKSHOP/CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

BOARD MEETINGS

- ◆ September 21, 2019 –Sonoma—Location TBD—9:00 am to 3:00 pm
- ◆ October 12, 2019—GoToMeeting—9:00 am to 12:00 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
- ◆ March 6 & 7, 2020—Spring Workshop—Gaia, Anderson

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

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