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September 2022 - Newsletter

Presidents Message

Joe Starr

As summer winds down, we have seen kids go back to school in the last few weeks to continue their education. This has made me reflect on my youth and when I was in grade school and high school. I do not remember basic ecology ever being a part of any type of science curriculum. Other than camping, I never remember taking any field trips to see the woods and what is going on out there. I knew loggers worked out in the woods, but did not truly have a clue what they were doing other than cutting trees to feed sawmills; and never understood what was going on behind the scenes. Especially, in our rural communities. I feel this is something that all students should get exposure to at least on a small introductory scale. Fire's have destroyed communities in Northern California and everyone has been affected by fire in some way. This is a platform that can be used to get students exposure to some scale of forest management. I know educational programs do exist, but I know not every school participates. There are so many opportunities to educate students on what is happening in their backyards and what can be done to prevent it from happening again and who is working on these issues.

With the school year starting, I encourage everyone to engage in events or programs like Forestry Challenge, the SCLC education, in-woods days, Scouts of America, 4-H and FFA, or any other educational outreach available. Talk to educators and encourage involvement in the above mentioned programs. Ask about additional opportunities to give presentations in the classroom and encourage field trips or even start new programs. I believe it is important to try and educate our youth as much as possible about forest management. At the high school level, I feel it is very important to get the message out there about career opportunities. The more exposure we can give to the younger generation about trees and forests and how it all ties together and can relate to science and climate change the more successful this profession will be.

With that said, I encourage the CLFA membership to reach out to us here on the CLFA board about what educational opportunities we can provide to current resource professionals to also make this profession more successful.

I hope everyone enjoys their Labor Day and has a good transition into fall.





Forest Practice—BOF

Andrea Eggleton—Regulatory Rep to CLFA

The Board of Forestry and Fire Protection met on August 16-17, 2022 in-person at the new Natural Resources building in Sacramento. The next scheduled meeting is on September 20-22 and will be held in-person. This is a designated travel meeting which will be held in Redding with a field tour at La Tour Demonstration State Forest. The ability to participate remotely via webinar is being maintained (not including the field tour). The agendas for meetings are available at: <https://bofdata.fire.ca.gov/business/meeting-agendas-and-annual-schedules/>

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

Forest Practice Committee 8/16/22

1. NSO Definitions – Revisions to NSO Habitat definition suggested per the ACF letter were made. An ISOR has also been drafted. This rule package has not yet been brought to the Full Board, but is not expected to undergo substantial further revision and may go to the full Board for a vote in September. There was discussion of adding language to permit use of Autonomous Recording Units brought forward by CLFA/ACF, but after some follow up research, the Board Staff did not recommend including this language at this time.
2. NSO Survey Info Guidance Doc from CAL FIRE was presented again with little discussion. Some minor edits were made by CAL FIRE from the version presented at the July Board Meeting. This document was emailed to CLFA members for comment, and no comments or concerns were raised. CAL FIRE is working to finalize and publish this guidance document.
3. Slash Disposal – CAL FIRE brought this issue to the attention of the Board in their Annual Report to the Board on Suggested Rule Modifications. A slash pile along a public road that was left in hopes of a chip market became a problem in the Dixie Fire. No particular language is being contemplated; the committee is beginning a general discussion of the issue and consideration about whether or not it needs to be addressed via rulemaking, and if so, how.
 - A. Board Staff prepared a list of all of the existing Slash Treatment Requirements within the FPRs and there was discussion of current extent of slash treatment within typical Timber Operations
 - Definition of lopping: is this really an effective fuels reduction method? Some opinion that it may not be adequate to reduce fire hazard. Allowance for lopping suggested to be eliminated in certain areas. I.e. 100ft of public roads due to lack of adequacy. Board members state this may vary by the region.
 1. Lopping defined differently 895.1 depending on district.
 2. Vs. fuel hazard reduction
 3. Need to define consistently.
 - B. Issues raised in CAL FIRE's letter that were discussed: Timing requirement of 917.2 only pertains to treatment for piles, not unconsolidated slash. Otherwise, slash within Hazard Treatment Zones could also sit on land for 7 years. Consider if requirements need to be changed or added such as:
 - More roads be included in Hazard Treatment Zones. Possibly all private roads need to have slash requirement within 50 feet, with rationale being that of firefighting aid. This would be a substantial broadening of rules.
 - Acknowledgment that this would be a significant change in rules and cost.
 - Suggestion that grants could absorb some of the cost of roadside slash treatment rather than place upon landowner. Obvious problems with this approach.
 - Review team can make suggestions for fuels reduction and slash treatment.
 - CAL FIRE is planning a meeting within Forest Practice program staff to survey the Units regarding slash in order to see if there are other issues out there or if this was an isolated incident.
 - C. Additional Stakeholder comments included the following points:
 - Historically, slash has been left to wait for market and/or operator availability.
 - There are nuances to this topic, including beneficial uses of slash piles for wildlife, landscape specific; suggested balance for fuels reduction and wildlife.
 - Many other industry comments discussed potential challenges with cost, lack of biomass markets and operators, other considerations, etc.
 - Slash can also aid in ecosystem services such as water filtration, erosion control, and moisture retention within soil. Can review previous monitoring research documents for successes and failures.
 - D. Next Steps: Use Board field trip at La Tour in September to view impact of slash from harvest plan, standard applied, method of harvesting, and resulting slash to inform discussion and impact in different subdistricts. Want to assess multiple examples across the State. Include what treatments the RPF had suggested or prescribed within the Plan.



Forest Practice/BOF cont.

Management Committee 7/12/22

1. Review of Maximum Sustained Production (MSP) concept in Forest Practice Rules
 - A. Maximum Sustained Production of high-quality timber products is the intent of the Forest Practice Act, per PRC 4513. The Board Staff presented a [report](#) providing the history of the development of the concepts and standards surrounding MSP. This is a very interesting 3-page report that I recommend reading, especially for those who were too young to be practicing forestry in the 90s.
 - All aspects of the FPRs have been developed through this lens.
 - The MSP rules within 913.11 are distinct from this overarching statutory intent.
 - B. The reason for the Committee bringing it to high priority is that CAL FIRE has had it in their response to the Call for Regulatory Review for many years after concern by some stakeholders that CAL FIRE was not closely enough monitoring growth and yield on Option A documents, SYPs, and NTMPs. Another reason is to provide greater opportunity for promotion of forest stand resilience (ie lower stocking) in light of mega fires and research that historic stand structures were much more open.
 - C. The intent of this meeting was to review the history of MSP, and the next meeting will have additional discussion about if there is anything else that needs to be considered by the Board.
 - D. The following points were discussed:
 - Consider forming more concrete standards within 913.11 (per CAL FIRE's report).
 - Some work has already been done within revision of evenaged stocking standards, and more recently, unevenaged stocking standards. More revision of unevenaged standards might be considered – large landowners are going to make considerations for fire in their Option A document/SYP, but small landowners have to use Option C, so potentially need some additional leeway in the stocking standards.
 - The Alternative Prescription is theoretically another way to address the goal of incorporating greater resilience/lower stocking, but it has issues. CAL FIRE also has requested the Committee review AP rules as a separate issue. This is something that will be discussed in more detail in future meetings.

Discussion of Silvicultural Methods allowed within the Coastal Commission Special Treatment Area Rules

- A. During the July BOF meeting held in Santa Cruz County, the Board heard a lot from local stakeholders about challenges working within the Coastal Development process when projects are in the Coastal Commission Special Treatment Areas (CCSTAs), so the Board is looking into some issues that were raised.
- B. THPs provide the only pathway for vegetation management without a Coastal Development Permit (CDP) within the Coastal Zone
 - The Board would like to facilitate vegetation management permitting pathways without the need for a CDP.
 - Exemptions under the FPRs, CFIP projects, building fuelbreaks, etc require a CDP! Coastal Commission defines “removal of major woody vegetation” as “development”
- C. The [Board Staff presented a report](#) regarding Silvicultural Limitations within the Special Treatments Area of the FPRs. Also provided a list of [existing related FPR language](#) and [documentation from the old rulemaking file on the topic](#).
 - These rules generally pre-date special prescriptions such as the Fuelbreak Silvicultural Method
 - Board Staff believes there is some opportunity within their own authority to update the FPRs in order to expand opportunities for vegetation management without the need to obtain a Coastal Development Permit.
 - Board of Forestry has the exclusive authority to update Forest Practice Rules that apply to the Special Treatment Areas, but the Board has a responsibility to engage with other agencies and has reached out to the Coastal Commission to work on this together.
- D. The Committee desires to develop new tools for use within the Special Treatment Area, such as exemptions and expanding silvicultural methods
- E. Comments from Coastal Commission
 - They adopted their guidelines in the 1970's, still relevant and important yet agree that they need to be updated to deal with wildfire risk.
 - Encourage the Board to work with the Santa Cruz RCD, which has a Public Works Plan which is approved by the Commission to provide a streamlined process for Forest Health projects.
 - Not all agencies use the same language and thus needs to be considered in what language is used in addressing problems, setbacks, and problems (ie varying definitions of “fuelbreak” etc.)



Forest Practice/BOF cont.

F. Next Steps:

- Draft plead for CCSTA rule revisions
 - i. Try to achieve consistency across stocking standards between the CCSTAs and the Southern Sub-district of the Coast, etc.
 - ii. Add in other silvicultural prescriptions to support wildfire resilience and ecological function
 - iii. Plan field trips to show each type of proposed silvicultural method to the Coastal Commission and Board

Full Board Meeting 8/17/2022

Regular Session:

Announcement of Action(s) Taken in Executive Session: no reportable actions.

Monthly Board Reports

- Chairman's Report (Chair Gilles): nothing to report
- CAL FIRE Director's Report (Joe Tyler):
 - ◆ <200,00 acres burned this year. 1.5million acres last year at this time last year
 - ◆ 20 additional heavy use helicopters added to fleet this year.
 - ◆ Wants to reintroduce prescribed fire and cultural burning, yet does not believe it's the right time.
 - ◆ 149 arson arrests that had occurred last year, 108 this year
 - ◆ CAL FIRE and CAL OES have entered into a new collaborative effort called "FIRIS", which provides real-time recon over fires to dictate and direct resources. AlertWildfire has 172 cameras now.
 - ◆ Continued investments in C130 program. Governor invested in 10 more exclusive use helitankers.
 - ◆ Staffing shortages in the Forester series
 - ◆ Within fire staffing, there are issues with hiring and training processes. Working to reduce time in academies and training with fire resources.
 - ◆ Continued investments in community wildfire training.
 - ◆ CALMapper, public viewer to see where tax dollars and work are focused.
 - i. Currently shows CAL FIRE work and grantees work.
 - ii. Next month, an interagency viewer will be added to provide a transparent public database.
 - iii. Proposed to add county and regional district agencies work combined together to oversee all projects across the state.
- Wildfire preparedness: Damage inspection
 - i. 181 single family homes damaged and inspected listed in report
 - ii. Oak Fire, Mariposa County- 124 homes destroyed, 66 others damaged
 - iii. McKinney Fire, Siskiyou County - 118 homes destroyed, 4 commercial destroyed, 163 other damaged
 - iv. Success reported - fire in Colfax in mid-August (also called the Oak Fire) sent spots a mile out from only a 20 acre fire and it landed within American River canyon fuel break (CAL FIRE and Placer RCD) and was easily reduced and extinguished.
- Entomology and pathology: emerald ash borer spotted in Oregon, implementing task force to respond to possible movement into CA.
- Grants: 100's of millions of dollars continued for 2023.
- Internal audit: audit grantees.
- Ampine Forest Products facility in Jackson, CA was lost to fire July 25th. A sawdust pile caught on fire and burned down the plant.
- Kelly Welchin to be new Legal Council to CAL FIRE, coming from DOJ.

Consent Calendar Items –Motion confirmed unanimously to approve consent calendar including the RPF-CRM Vital Statistics, approval of meeting minutes of June 8th and July 14th, review of rulemaking matrix, and appointment to the Effectiveness Monitoring Committee recommended nominee Dr. Michael Jones to a seat representing the monitoring community. Dr. Jones is the University of California Cooperative Extension Forest Advisor for Mendocino, Lake, and Sonoma Counties.



Forest Practice/BOF cont.

Executive Officer Legislative Report—Edith Hannigan:

- Report on interagency collaboration related to wildfire planning in the WUI – the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research released the Fire Hazard Technical Assistance document today, which will be significant for local governments in community planning and wildfire hazard protection, especially in conjunction with the Board’s passage of the Fire Safe Regulations (see below).
- Changes to defensible space regulations Title 14 Sections 1299 – will go off of the agenda for a few months while it is being reviewed by the Department of Finance, look for them to come back for possible approval for 45 day notice in the winter.
- Updated legislative document with bills that the Board is watching (see link above). Current status of legislature - close of session, 2 year bill movement.

Report of the Regulations Coordinator –

- Consideration of CEQA applicability to the Rulemaking titled “State Minimum Fire Safe Regulations, 2021” and the applicability of CEQA Exemptions
 - i. Board Staff prepared a Resolution and the Board’s Consultant, Wildfire Planning International, prepared a memo with more information. The Board moved to adopt the Resolution.
 - ii. Final rule text was adopted.
 - iii. Final Statement of reasons, motion passed and adopted.
- A number of comments were made, as well as the following written comment
 - i. Ventura County FD comment letter
- Notice of Intent Amendments, 2022 – minor revisions to requirements for information contained within Notices of Intents for THPs. Rulemaking action brought March 2nd, all noticing is complete. Motion to adopt the Final Rule Text and the FSOR passes. The rule text will go into effect on January 1, 2023.

Report of the Standing Committees

- Forest Practice and Management Committees – see details above in this report.
- Resource Protection Committee – 1) Zone 0 Defensible Space Regulations – ISOR and Plead are in draft form, will be undergoing internal review, expect to go to 45-day notice in December. 2) Land Use Planning program update by CAL FIRE Chief Matt Damon, FireWise Community Certification is gaining a lot of popularity 3) Subdivision Review Program update – many fire departments reviewed 4) Safety Element Review – City of Palmdale

Project Update: Effects of Forest Management and Wood Utilization on Carbon Sequestration and Storage in California. Presented by Kendal DeLyser, American Forests, Director, Climate Science

- Studying impacts of tree planting, forest protection, and forest management on environment, carbon, and economics.
 - i. Partners in 7 states, MD, PA, MN, MI, WI, OR & CA, modeling carbon impacts of forest management and wood utilization.
 - ii. CA context: CARB draft 2022 scoping plan: first time modeling working forests, one million acre strategy: increasing “beneficial fire”, forthcoming reforestation strategy: identifies post-fire reforestation needs.
 - iii. CBM-CFS3 model of forest ecosystem carbon dynamics at various levels. Links to ANSE Framework for Harvested Wood Products. Model is spatially referenced, can reference types of stands using classifiers (Forest type, ownership, stocking class, site productivity, slope class, ecoregion). Model is not predictive.
 - ◆ Inputs: inventory, volume-age curves, volume-biomass conversions, management schedule, natural disturbance trends, land-use trends. Produces harvested wood products: timber products, commodity proportions, end-of-life fate.
 - iv. Business-as-usual assessment: Based on historical averages/2000-2021, USFS activities, THP’s, NTMPs, and CAL FIRE treatment polygons. Overlaid with classifiers, NLCD time-series comparison 2001-2019 (released every 5 years).

Report of Board’s Advisory Committees

- Effectiveness Monitoring Committee, Dr. Elizabeth Forsburg Pardi, Co-Chair
 - i. Call for applicants
 - ii. Research Themes and Critical Monitoring Questions – public comment period is open.
 - iii. Strategic plan being revised open for comment until August 31st
 - ◆ Will be reviewed/approved September 28th
 - i. Research project proposals due by September 14th. Will be reviewed September 28th. \$130k available.



Forest Practice/BOF cont.

Range Management Advisory Committee, Dr. Marc Horney, Chair, Dr. Kristina Wolf, Board Staff

- Subcommittee meeting September 4th, open for public comment.
- July 21st meeting: more Certified Rangeland Managers, CRM education pathways, update on community grazing summit, bilingual grazing manager option.
- RMAC meeting September 16th.
- Looking for alternative methods of funding.

Joint Institute for Wood Products Innovation – Katie Harrell, Board Staff

- Update: Contracted projects
 - i. Wood Works for tall wood sign will inform prairie projects
 - ii. Tall Wood: mixed species, will white fir work well with CLT projects
 - iii. OSU collaborative: low carbon footprint limestone for concrete. Wood fiber as additive. And working on testing reinforced concrete
 - iv. All projects posted to Joint Institute website for review and comment.
- The Institute is now the work group lead on Sustainable Wood Products within the Forest Management Task Force.
- Working on a salvage wood handout at the request of OES
- New social media pages. FB, Instagram, Twitter to increase public availability and education.
- August 26th, next meeting, virtual.

CALTrees demonstration – Shawn Headley, Forest Practice Administration Program Manager, CAL FIRE

- Update no demo available: all THP documents available for viewing, supporting info, status, public comments, and review team.
 - i. Can submit Emergency Notices through the system right now.
 - ii. Can submit public comments online right now.
 - iii. Currently working on online THP submission, early next year estimate. RPF will not be required to submit online, both options will be available.
 - iv. Finalizing, data governing online.
 - v. Revision THP form, will incorporate new online forms.
 - vi. NTMP submissions will follow, to be submitted online.
 - vii. Completion and stocking available online and updating that form.

Public Hearing “[Spotted Owl Resource Plan Amendment, 2022](#)” The proposed action amends the definition of “Spotted Owl Resource Plan” to clarify that they can be used by nonindustrial timberland owners to meet the regulatory requirements for surveys and take avoidance of Northern Spotted Owls. See the [ISOR](#) for more information.

- Agency comment: Tim Ryan, CDFW.
 - i. Promising pathway for private landowners to move forward and manage lands.
- No public comment
- Move to prepare FSOR and rulemaking.

Public Forum: No request for comment.



Licensing Update

George “YG” Gentry

The Professional Foresters Examining Committee met on August 23rd. Much of the meeting was devoted to closed session items, which included review of the upcoming October exam, and approval of applicants to sit for exam.

When open session convened the first topic was discussion of the [Apprentice Professional Forester](#) program. As you may know, the program is a CLFA-led endeavor to create a new specialty under licensing law (similar to Certified Range Manager). This program would grant a right to title, plus enrollment in a program to provide additional training for prospective Registered Professional Foresters. Although all details are still under discussion, a possible incentive would be that successful entry into the program would allow for a more focused exam instead of the current one. The traditional pathway would not be affected, and would still exist as an alternative.

Discussion continued with a review of [RPF examination performance](#) and possible improvements. The last exam had a higher pass rate than previous exams, and the factors that led to that outcome were discussed. The committee looked at education background and experience, and looked at trends in which exam questions actually get answered.

The next exam is scheduled for Friday, October 7th and over 40 applicants have been accepted.

SAVE THE DATE

CLFA Fall Workshop—Topic is Botany

November 18, 2022

Gaia Hotel & Spa in Anderson

Flyer & Registration will be posted by October 15th

MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO ATTEND!



Legislation

Jason Wells—Chair

Climate Change Bills Dominate as Legislature Adjourns 2022 Session on a Hot Night

Now that the dust has settled on the 2022 legislative session and the Legislature has adjourned until December 5th, it's a good time to assess what key bills passed and which ones stalled. On August 31st legislators raced against the clock to push out a last-minute climate change proposed by Governor Newsom just before the midnight deadline. Some legislators reluctantly voted for the climate bills even though significant policy was being rushed in the last three days of session and were only in print for 72 hours as required under the state's constitution.

Overall, the Legislature sent nearly 900 bills on various subjects to the governor, and he will now have until September 30th to either sign or veto them. For his climate package, the governor secured more wins than losses, including passage of legislation that provides interim accelerated goals for clean electricity; mandatory setbacks for oil production; codification of the 2045 carbon neutrality goal; and a framework for carbon capture and storage technology. The Governor took one loss - a bill that sought to provide a 15% increase in the state's greenhouse gas reduction goal from 40% of 1990 levels by 2030 to 55%. The biggest and most controversial bill (SB 846 – Dodd) to the governor's desk provides state authorization allowing PG&E to extend operation of the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Plant for another five years until 2030, provided the plant obtains federal approval for seismic safety issues and meets other ratepayer protections. To no surprise, Governor Newsom immediately signed the bill on September 2nd to address concerns about energy reliability as the backdrop of an excessive heat wave and potential rolling blackout concerns blanketed the state.

In addition, the Legislature passed some additional budget bills that provide more resources for climate change, forest management and fire prevention programs. While the budget bills take effect immediately, most other policy bills signed into law will take effect January 1, 2023, unless they are deemed urgency measures which would take effect immediately. In the area of forestry and resources, several bills passed the Legislature and are now awaiting the governor's action, but a few failed due to concerns expressed by legislators and stakeholders. Below are some of the key bills CLFA monitored:

- **AB 179 (Ting)** end-of-session budget appropriation bill, which among other things, 1) provides \$10 million to CalFire for the Forest Improvement Program (CFIP) for small farmers; 2) appropriates \$13 million for CalOES to fund home hardening; 3) provides \$4 million to CalFire and University of California for land use planning and public outreach related to wildfire prevention; 4) \$5 million to CalFire for State demonstration forests; 5) \$20 million to the Department of Conservation for regional forest capacity; and 6) \$4 million to CARB and State Water Board for prescribed fire and water permitting. **Status: Signed by Governor. Status: Watch.**
- **AB 211 (Ting)** end-of-session budget trailer bill which, among other things, 1) extends, for an additional three years (until 2026) a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption for prescribed fire, thinning, or fuel reduction projects on federal lands; and 2) requires a local agency to designate moderate and high fire hazard severity zones within 120 days of receiving recommendation from the State Fire Marshall. **Status: Governor's Desk. Position: Watch.**
- **AB 267 (Valladares)** extends for an additional five years (until 2028), a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption for prescribed fire, thinning, or fuel reduction projects on federal lands (Note: see AB 211 which includes similar language and takes effect immediately). **Status: Held on Senate Inactive File (Dead). Position: Support**
- **AB 522 (Fong)** extends the forest fire prevention exemption from five years after the effective date of emergency regulations adopted by the Board of Forestry (BOF), which is February 19, 2024, until January 1, 2026. **Status: Governor's Desk. Position: Support**
- **AB 1154 (Patterson)** exempts from CEQA an egress route project to improve emergency access to and evacuation from a subdivision without a secondary egress route if the subdivision has been identified by the BOF, and the BOF recommends the creation of a secondary access to the subdivision. **Status: Held In Senate Appropriations (Dead). Position: Support**
- **AB 1717 (Aguiar-Curry)** beginning January 1, 2024, expands the definition of public works, for which prevailing wage must be paid to workers, to include publicly funded fuel reduction work paid for in whole or in part by public funds as part of a fire mitigation project. This would include residential chipping, rural road fuel breaks, fire breaks, and vegetation management. **Status: Governor's Desk. Position: Oppose**



Legislation cont.

- > **AB 2278 (Kalra)** requires the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency to prepare and submit, beginning on or before March 31, 2024, an annual report to the Legislature on the progress toward achieving the goal to conserve 30% of state lands and coastal waters by 2030, as established by Governor Newsom's 2020 executive order. **Status: Governor's Desk. Position: Watch**
- > **AB 2322 (Wood)** requires the Building Standards Commission (BSC) to adopt, approve, codify, and publish mandatory building standards for fire resistance based on occupancy risk categories in very high, high, and moderate California fire severity zones in state responsibility areas, and local responsibility areas. **Status: Governor's Desk. Position: Watch**
- > **AB 2377 (Muratsuchi)** requires the Secretary of Natural Resources to be responsible for consulting with the State Water Board, Department of Fish and Wildlife, CALFIRE, and the Board of Forestry in coordinating and synchronizing all necessary permits and agreements for forest management, wildfire prevention, and fuel reduction, including a goal of treating 500,000 acres annually by 2025. **Status: Held in Senate Appropriations (Dead). Position: Watch**
- > **AB 2878 (Aguilar-Curry)** establishes the Forest Biomass Waste Utilization Program to develop an implementation plan for using biomass waste, including requiring the CPUC to adopt measures to use biomass waste that could support rural microgrids; provide incentives for electricity and pipeline interconnection for forest biomass projects; and consider increasing the megawatt cap of the Bioenergy Market Adjusting Tariff. **Status: Held In Senate Appropriations (Dead). Position: Recommend Support**
- > **SB 396 (Bradford)** would have established a process for an electrical corporation that owns, controls, operates, or maintains an electrical transmission and distribution line to cut, fell, or trim trees where the electrical corporation does not have existing rights or express permission to do so. While amendments in the bill would have required that all cutting be done in compliance with the Forest Practice Act (FPA) and Forest Practice Rules (FPRs), several forest industry groups continued to oppose the bill because the sponsor (PG&E) was noncommittal in its public statements that it would comply with the FPA and FPRs in instances involving vegetation management work done on privately owned timberlands. **Status: Held On Senate Inactive File (Dead). Position: Oppose**
- > **SB 926 (Dodd)** requires CALFIRE, on or before January 1, 2023, to establish the Prescribed Fire Liability Pilot Program (PFL Pilot Program) and a \$20 million Prescribed Fire Claims Fund (Fund) to support coverage for losses from permitted prescribed fires by individuals and nonpublic entities. The Legislature enacted FLC-supported prescribed burn liability relief bill in 2021 (SB 332 – Dodd), so this funding for a pilot program would help implement that legislation. **Status: Governor's Desk. Position: Support**
- > **SB 1109 (Caballero)** extends requirements on electrical corporations and community choice aggregators (CCAs) to procure energy from biomass generating electric facilities by five years and requires extension of existing contracts by five years. While recent amendments deleted the increase of the additional 100 MW due to concerns raised by utilities and the Senate Energy Committee, it is still a good bill. Status: **Governor's Desk. Position: Support**

Please see the attached CLFA letter opposing SB 396 which died last week!!!



Water/Wildlife/Botany

Mark Pugsley — Committee Chair

State Water Resources Control Board - **Drought Information and Updates** - The Board last met on August 16th in Sacramento. The Board readopted emergency regulations for curtailment of water rights in the Mill and Deer Creek watersheds. Agenda. The next meeting is scheduled for September 7th; the agenda is not yet available.

Region 1-North Coast - The Board last met on August 4th in Santa Rosa. The Board held a special meeting in Eureka on August 30th to discuss the TMDL for the Upper Elk River. Agenda. The next meeting is scheduled for August 8th in Santa Rosa; the agenda is not yet available.

Region 2- San Francisco Bay - The Board last met on July 13th in Oakland. No forestry action items were on the agenda. Minutes are not yet available, but the agenda is. Agenda. The next meeting is scheduled for September 14th in Oakland. Agenda

Region 3-Central Coast - The Board last met on August 13th in San Luis Obispo. No forestry action items were on the agenda. Minutes are not yet available, but the agenda is. Agenda. The next meeting is scheduled for October 13th in San Luis Obispo; the agenda is not yet available.

Region 5-Central Valley - The Board last met on June 9th in Rancho Cordova. No forestry action items were on the agenda. Minutes are not yet available, but the agenda is. Agenda. The next meeting is scheduled for October 13th location in Redding; the agenda is not yet available.

Region 6-Lahontan - The Board last met on July 11th via teleconference. No forestry action items were on the agenda. Minutes are not yet available, but the agenda is. Agenda. The next meeting is scheduled for September 14th in Bishop; the agenda is not yet available.

WILDLIFE

California Fish and Game Commission - The Commission last met on August 17th in Loleta. No forestry action items were on the agenda. Minutes are not yet available, but the agenda is. Agenda. The next meeting is scheduled for October 12th in Kings Beach.

Wildlife in Acton—Lu the bottle baby—who believes she is a dog.





CAL POLY



Help guide the economic future of Urban & Community Forestry in California by completing a confidential 20-minute survey.

California ReLeaf, with support from CAL FIRE and the USDA Forest Service, has partnered with North Carolina State University, Virginia Tech, and Cal Poly, to perform a new study on the impact of urban and community forestry on California's economy.

As part of this analysis, we are conducting a survey of public, private, non-profit, higher education, and utility sector enterprises involved in growing and managing urban trees. Your response is critical as we gather information that will guide future efforts to support urban and community forestry businesses and activities throughout California.

We invite the person in your organization most familiar with your financial operations to complete our voluntary survey. All responses to this survey are confidential and no personally identifying information will be recorded. **Information collected from this survey will be aggregated with other respondents for analysis and will not be reported in any way that may reveal the identity of you or your organization.**

For more information about the study, please visit California ReLeaf's website www.californiareleaf.org/survey.

If you have any questions about the study, please don't hesitate to contact Cindy Blain of California ReLeaf (cblain@californiareleaf.org), Walter Passmore, California State Urban Forester (walter.passmore@fire.ca.gov), or our lead researcher Dr. Rajan Parajuli (urban_forestry@ncsu.edu). We hope you will take part in this important survey.

Thank you so much for your time and assistance,

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To participate in the survey, please click here.



Forestry Challenge Update

by Diane Dealey Neill

We are only a few weeks away from the beginning of the fall event season. Numbers are high, so high in So Cal, that we're adding a second session the week after the first. Here are some news items for September:

Mentor Foresters Needed: Many teachers request foresters to visit campus prior to their event to help prepare the students. Thank you to the following foresters who are already assigned to schools:

Adiran Poloni
Ariel Roughton
Bill Snyder
Brady Dubois
Brandon McClintick
Brian Rueger
Caleb Vierra
Dan Craig
Darrik Carlson
David Haas
David Thompson
Frank Barron
Frank Mulhair

Henry Herrera
Ian McBride
J Lopez
Jan Francis
Jim Chapin
Jimi Scheid
Joey Gentry
John Kessler
John Nicoles
Josh Soderlund
Justin Kephart
Kathleen Edwards
Kelly Sypolt

Leana Satian
Len Lindstrand
Len Nielson
Mark Mueller
Mike DeLasaux
Mike Goodner
Renaldo Arroyo
Ricky Satomi
Robert Little
Russell Garrison
Samantha Conn
Ted James
Tom Francis

These foresters and a few other volunteers are helping a total of 65 schools, but there are a few more schools that don't have foresters yet:

Bradshaw Christian School, Sacramento
Don Pedro High School, LaGrange
Learning for Life Charter, Marina
Orland High School, Orland
Ross School, Ross
The Cottonwood School, El Dorado Hills
Venture Academy, Stockton
Weed High School, Weed
West Campus, Sacramento

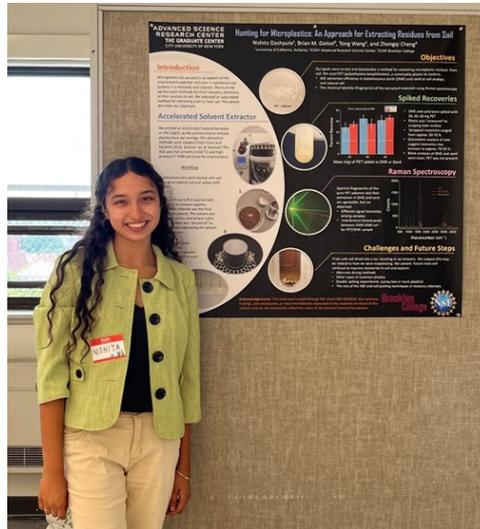
If you can make one or two visits to any of these schools, please contact me at dianedealeynell@gmail.com. Here is Tyler Hullquist working with students at Weed High School:





Volunteer at a Forestry Challenge event: We are definitely in need of volunteers at all events. Even if there's a chance you will have to cancel at the last minute due to a fire or other emergency, we encourage you to sign up. Volunteers are needed for many "jobs". Some require only a few evening hours of your time. To sign up, go to the [volunteer sign up form](#) on the website.

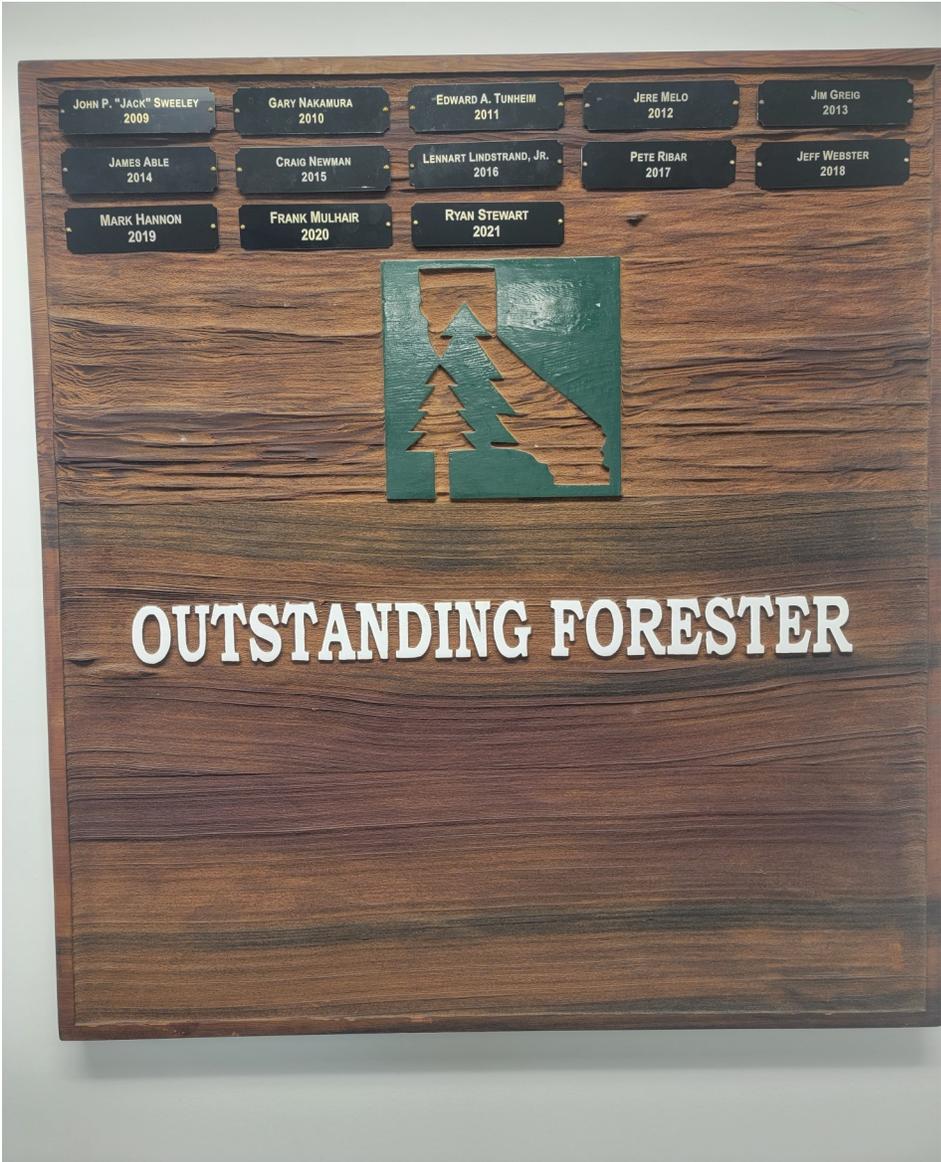
Scholarship Awards: We are pleased to announce two Forestry Challenge alums who are winners of the both the Redwood Empire and Los Angeles Hardwood Lumberman's Club Scholarships, with \$1,500 and \$500 awards respectively. Autumn Pecarovich is a junior at Humboldt State and Nishita Dashpute is a sophomore at UC Berkeley. We congratulate these outstanding students and wish them the best of luck as they pursue their forestry studies.



Over the summer, Nishita was an intern for the National Science Foundation in Brooklyn, New York.

Outstanding Forester Plaque

This plaque hangs on the wall at the California Forestry Association office in Sacramento.





2022/2023 CLFA BOARD MEETING WORKSHOP/CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

BOARD MEETINGS

2022

- ◆ September 20, 2022—GoToMeeting—6:00 pm
- ◆ October 18, 2022—GoToMeeting—6:00 pm
- ◆ November 17, 2022—Gaia Hotel & Spa, Anderson—11:00 am
- ◆ December—Board is Dark

2023

- ◆ January 14, 2023—Granzellas, Williams—9:00 am
- ◆ February 21, 2023—GoToMeeting—6:00 pm
- ◆ March 1, 2023—Gaia Hotel & Spa, Anderson—11:00 am
- ◆ April 18, 2023—GoToMeeting—6:00 pm
- ◆ May 19, 2023—Granzellas, Anderson—Audit—6:00 pm
- ◆ May 20, 2023—Granzellas, Anderson—9:00 am

CLFA WORKSHOPS / CONFERENCES

2022

- ◆ October 3-7, 2022—5-day Initial Archaeology, Gaia Hotel & Spa—*Class is Full—no options for enrollment*
- ◆ November 9 & 10, 2022—Archaeology Refreshers, Gaia Hotel & Spa, Anderson—*spots open to attend*
- ◆ November 18, 2022—Botany Fall Conference, Gaia Hotel & Spa, Anderson

2023

- ◆ March 2 & 3, 2023—Spring Conference, Gaia Hotel & Spa, Anderson
- ◆ March 6—10, 2023—5-day Initial Archaeology, Courtyard Marriott, San Luis Obispo
- ◆ April 25 & 26, 2023—Archaeology Refreshers, Courtyard Marriott, San Luis Obispo
- ◆ October 2-6, 2023—5-day Initial Archaeology, Gaia Hotel & Spa, Anderson
- ◆ November 8 & 9, 2023—Archaeology Refreshers, Gaia Hotel & Spa, Anderson

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