



# Director's Report to the Board of Forestry

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September 2012 Board Of Forestry Report

## Resource Management

### • State Forest Report:

- **The Jackson Demonstration State Forest Advisory Group (JAG):** The first item of discussion is the approval of three reappointments, and three new appointments to fill vacancies on the JAG. The second item, is to request approval of changes to the JAG Charter, the modifications to the Charter primarily reflect a change in duties following the completion of the initial implementation period.
- **LaTour Demonstration State Forest:** Has been chosen to provide a Christmas tree for the State Capitol this year, the search for a suitable 60 foot tree is underway.
- **State Forests staff are characteristically busy this time of year, with the following:**
  1. Fire incident response duties – In capacities ranging from Planning Section Chief to fire line suppression repair.
  2. Timber harvest and research: The FRIF fund will run a small surplus again this year, which we expect to be able to carry over to next year.
  3. Currently working on fee title transfer of PG&E watershed lands with stakeholders, PG&E, the Stewardship Council and the Department of General Services.

### • Resource Protection and Improvement:

- **CAL FIRE's recommendation for the establishment of a Zone of Infestation for the gold spotted oak borer in San Diego County:** This is an important step forward in addressing the very damaging invasive species. The Department staff will be present to provide you with a full briefing of the proposed recommendation.
- **The Board's Nursery Policy:** At this month's Resource Protection Committee meeting, the Department will initiate a discussion with the Board regarding updates to the Board's Nursery Policy. This is a welcome discussion due to a number of important changes, such as last year's closure of the Magalia Reforestation Center, the ongoing development of a new "reforestation services" approach by the Department in collaboration with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the many reforestation issues raised by climate change adaptation and mitigation concerns.
- **Urban Forestry:** I had the opportunity to participate in an urban forestry event in Oakland with US Forest Service Chief, Tom Tidwell and Region Forester, Randy Moore in August. The event was to honor the work of Urban ReLeaf, an Oakland-based nonprofit that works in the East Bay, with a particular focus on blighted urban neighborhoods. Chief Tidwell presented Urban ReLeaf with a grant for \$181,000 and the group planted a number of trees. Oakland Mayor Jean Quan also participated in the event.

- Timber Harvest Plan Activity (THP):

**CALENDAR YEAR 2012**  
**TIMBER HARVESTING INFORMATION THROUGH AUGUST**

*Note:* This information is for Timber Harvesting Plans, Exemptions, Emergencies, and Nonindustrial Timber Management Plans submitted to the Department during a calendar year. The numbers are the cumulative totals for the calendar year as of the specific date

Year Comparison	Santa Rosa		Redding		Riverside		Fresno		Totals		
	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	
THPs Received	80	85	53	34	0	0	22	15	155	134	
THPs Rejected for Filing (Returned)	20	19	10	8	0	0	7	4	37	31	
THPs Pre-Harvest Inspections	92	95	44	36	0	0	17	15	153	146	
THPs with NON-Concurrences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
THPs Denied	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
THPs Approved	91	96	65	77	0	0	12	9	168	182	
Acreage in Approved THPs	21,537	20,150	47,390	66,616	0	0	6,683	6,339	75,610	93,105	
NTMPs Received	8	11	3	0	0	0	0	0	11	11	
NTMPs Rejected for Filing (Returned)	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	
NTMPs Pre-Harvest Inspections	5	12	3	0	0	0	0	0	8	12	
NTMPs with NON-Concurrences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
NTMPs Denied	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
NTMPs Approved	11	7	0	1	0	0	0	4	11	12	
NTMPs Approved Acres	10,131	1,434	0	320	0	0	0	705	10,131	2,459	
NTMP Notice of Timber Operations Received	56	62	6	15	0	0	8	6	70	83	
Exemption Notices Received	226	168	525	649	406	562	203	142	1,360	1,521	
Emergency Notices Received	5	3	12	14	37	22	6	4	60	43	
<b>Exemption Types Received 2012</b>	<b>&lt; 3 Acre Conversions</b>		<b>Fire Hazard</b>		<b>Fuel Hazard</b>		<b>Slash Removal</b>		<b>Other Exemp</b>		<b>Rec'd 2012</b>
<b>Santa Rosa</b>	28		97		3		1		97		226

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<b>Redding</b>	66	156	14	0	289	525
<b>Riverside</b>	1	385	19	0	1	406
<b>Fresno</b>	27	66	2	0	108	203

<b>Emergency Types Received 2012</b>	<b>Fire</b>	<b>Fuel Hazard</b>	<b>Insect</b>	<b>Wind</b>	<b>Other Emerg</b>	<b>Total Rec'd 2012</b>
<b>Santa Rosa</b>	3	1	1	0	0	5
<b>Redding</b>	4	4	3	1	0	12
<b>Riverside</b>	0	36	0	0	1	37
<b>Fresno</b>	1	1	2	2	0	6

- **Redding Pilot Program update (March 19, 2012 – August 24, 2012):** There have been 12 THPs submitted in the Redding Pilot Project area since commencement of the pilot on March 19, 2012; 8 standard THPs, 3 Programmatic THPs, and 1 Modified THP. PHIs have been conducted on 7 of these THPs to date (attendance: CAL FIRE=7, DFG=3, CVWQCB=4, CGS=1) with 4 departures from the legal time frame of conducting the PHI within 10 days of the date of THP filing. The RPF was responsible for 1 departure, CAL FIRE was responsible for 2 departures, and CVRWCCB was responsible for 1 departure. Two THPs have been approved to date and 1 THP was withdrawn prior to approval because it was burned over in the Ponderosa Fire.
- **Nonindustrial Timber Management Plans (NTMPs):** There have been 2 NTMPs submitted at the Redding Pilot Project area since March 19, 2012. PHIs have been conducted on both of these NTMPs to date (attendance: CAL FIRE=2, DFG=1, CVWQCB=2, CGS=0) with no departures from the legal time frame of conducting the PHI within 10 days of the date the NTMP was filed. Neither NTMP has been approved to date.
- **Substantial Deviations (SDs):** There have been 15 SDs submitted in the Redding Pilot Project area since March 19, 2012. PHIs have been conducted on 5 of these NTMPs to date (attendance: CAL FIRE=5, DFG=0, CVWQCB=1, CGS=3) with no departures from the legal time frame of conducting the PHI within 10 days of the date the SD was filed. 2 SDs have been approved to date and 7 have been downgraded to a minor amendment at first review.
- **Fire Salvage/Emergency Notices, THPs/Northern California Significant Timber Fires as of August 28, 2012:** The Ponderosa, Bagley, Chips, Barry Point, North Pass and Mill fires have burned over 255,000 acres (57,000 SRA acres) to date and have burned through all or portions of 18 THPs either approved or under review and 1 approved 1998 NTMP. No Emergency Notices have been received to date, due to the large August fires; however, Redding Forest Practice is expecting to start receiving Emergency Notices the week of Sept 3rd for the Ponderosa and Chips Fires. One Emergency (54 acres) has been received, due to the Windy Fire in Tehama County earlier this year.
- **NTMP Waiver-Erosion Control Plan (ECP)/THP/1600 template:** The North Coast Regional Water Quality Board is in the process of revising their “Categorical Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges related to Timber Harvest Activities on Non-Federal Lands in the North Coast Region.” Through this process, the NCRWQCB, CAL FIRE, DFG, and private RPFs have explored a process to potentially streamline the ECP, THP, NTMP, and 1600 permit processes. The agency reps and private RPFs have collaborated on a draft “Work Order” Table that can be utilized as a template for each and all of the permit processes. It is currently being reviewed by the respective agencies, and participating RPFs, with the intention of vetting this among a broader audience of RPFs for comment.

- **Monthly Timber Harvesting Statistics:** The number of THPs received has increased from 134 to 155 over last year at this time. The number of THPs approved is down from 182 to 168. The number of acres in approved plans has also decreased from last year – 93,105 acres to 75,610 acres. The number of NTMPs received and approved remains relatively the same from last year but the number of acres in approved NTMPs has increased significantly from 2,459 acres to 10,131 acres. The number of exemptions is down 11% and the number of emergencies is up 40% (primarily in Fuel Hazard Reduction Emergencies).

Fire Protection

CSR Units and Contract Counties	Total
Defensible Space Inspections	57,786
Number of 4291 violations	4,723
Number of 4291 citations	1,191
Number of hours of fire prevention education	17,674

- Inmate crew negotiations with CDCR continue.
- Negotiations continue for cooperative fire agreements with San Miguel, Paradise, and Morgan Hill.
- The California Fire Management Agreement (CFMA) expires by year end, and is currently being negotiated with federal partners.
- The Academy has filled the Academy Administrator, Director of Fire Training, Director of Law Enforcement Training positions.
- The Law Enforcement and the Cost Recovery Programs will transition from the OSFM to Fire Protection on September 17, 2012.
- From June 1, 2012 – June 31, 2012: Aviation fleet flew 1,594.95 hours.
- The number of Teams is being reduced from 10 to 6 in 2013.

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- **Summary of Wildland Prevention Engineering Activities:** Stakeholders to provide consistency in Title 14, 19 and 24 concerning fire safe regulations, access water supply, fuel modifications and WUI building construction standards.

Fire Prevention for FY 2011/2012

CNR Units and Contract County	Total
Defensible Space Inspections	13,294
Number of 4291 violations	2,197
Number of 4291 citations	8
Number of hours of fire prevention education	19,630

- **Fire Prevention Field Guides:** Revisions are complete; the Guide is 90% completed, the vendor will be formatting and editing them for posting, the predicted posting time line is November 2012.
- **Predictive Services:** Work is continuing with predictive services program, USFS, GAC, PSU and DRI to develop map/tool with burning index / ERC/SC for use by private industry/other agencies in determining fire danger.
- **Update Interagency Fire Prevention (IFPC) website:** The contract is in place, work continues in formatting and editing guides, developing online forms and bringing in CWCG agencies.
- **Law Enforcement Activities:** Program transitions underway, in August, CAL FIRE released the Annual Focus on Safety Memo, in its section addressing "Field Accountability and Personal Safety in the Wildland". This message aims to address many of the issues identified after the shooting death of Forester, Jere Mello.
- **Fire Plan/CAIRS:** Presentation of Strategic Fire Plan Annual Report will occur at the September Board meeting; SLU and CZU will present their Unit Fire Plans at the October 10, Board Meeting.
- **SRA Fee Implementation:** Legislation to repeal fee - Advance "post cards" and bills are being sent out at the rate of 10,000 per weekday; assuming the fee is not repealed. The "Post cards" are currently being revised by BOE due to concerns of graphics and language. As of August 31, 2012, the call center is close to approximately 6000 calls.

Future Full Board Briefings

- Civil Cost Recovery Program Overview
  - Civil Penalties Overview
  - Department Social Media Resources
- Vegetation Management (VMP) Annual Update