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Board of Forestry and Fire Protection



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Dr. William J. “Bill” Libby to Be Honored For Outstanding Contributions to California Forestry

Sacramento – The California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection will present Dr. William J. “Bill” Libby with its highest honor, the “Francis H. Raymond Award for Outstanding Contributions to California Forestry.” The presentation will be made during the Board Meeting on Wednesday, October 7, 2009 in the first floor auditorium of the Resources Building located at 1416 9th Street in downtown Sacramento.

Dr. Libby is Professor Emeritus of Forest Genetics having taught forestry at the University of California, Berkeley between 1962 and 1994. His pioneering work in the field of forest tree genetics is internationally recognized and respected. Dr. Libby has practiced forestry on several continents and is well known for his work with California’s coast redwood and Monterey pine trees. Though he officially retired in 1994, Dr. Libby has continued to educate and enlighten across the borders of country and perspective. He currently sits on the Board of the Save the Redwoods League with a focus on promoting research on redwood forest disturbance effects and the impacts of climate change on California’s coast redwood and giant sequoia forests. Dr. Libby’s observations on state and national forest policy are reflective of his insight and intellectual curiosity. His dedication in service to the forests of California and elsewhere is inspirational.

“Dr. Libby’s contributions to decades of forestry students and fellow researchers cannot be measured,” said George Gentry, executive officer for the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection.

The award is named for Francis H. Raymond who was the Director of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection from 1953 to 1970. Mr. Raymond was one of the primary advocates for the passage of the Professional Foresters Law in 1973. Since 1987 it has been awarded to a group or individual who has achieved excellence in forestry in California.

Who: The California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection

What: The Francis H. Raymond Award

Where: Resources Building – 1st Floor Auditorium, 1416 9th Street, downtown Sacramento

When: Wednesday October 7, 2009

(Presentation to occur sometime between 8:00-9:00 am.)

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