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BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION
MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT AND AGENDA

Announcement Date: September 1, 2006

FULL BOARD:**EXECUTIVE AND REGULAR SESSION**

Location: **Redding City Hall
 Council Chambers**
 777 Cypress Avenue
 Redding, California

September 14, 2006**Time: 8:00 a.m.****FIELD TRIP**

Location: **Red Lion Hotel**
1830 Hilltop Drive
 Redding, California

September 13, 2006**Time: 8:00 a.m.****COMMITTEES:****FOREST PRACTICE COMMITTEE**

Location: **Redding City Hall
 Community Room**
 777 Cypress Avenue
 Redding, California

September 12, 2006**Time: 8:00 a.m. - noon****MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Location: **Redding City Hall
 Caldwell Room**
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September 12, 2006**Time: 8:00 a.m. - noon****POLICY COMMITTEE**

Location: **Redding City Hall
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September 12, 2006**Time: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.****RESOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

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Note: Those requiring further information regarding this meeting notice may contact George D. Gentry, Executive Officer, State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, P.O. Box 944246, Sacramento, CA, 94244-2460, (916) 653-8007. This meeting notice is also available in electronic format at:
http://www.fire.ca.gov/bof/board/board_current_docs.html

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Note: The Board may take any non-hearing agenda item out of order as time permits and may discuss agenda items scheduled for committees, including legislation. **The Board may act on recommendations by its committees on items listed in their respective agendas, including recommendations for 45-day notice of rulemaking.** If you wish to speak on a specific agenda item, please fill out a card provided for this purpose at the sign-in table and hand it to a member of staff, preferably prior to the meeting. Those wishing to speak on particular agenda items may do so when they are heard by the Board. The Board reserves the right to solicit additional public comment if the need arises for a particular agenda item.

BOARD AGENDA

EXECUTIVE AND REGULAR SESSION

Location: **Redding City Hall
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Redding, California

September 14, 2006

Time: 8:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Adjourn to Executive Session

Executive Session: (Closed to the Public) Discussion of Matters Related to Foresters Licensing such as Certifications; Voluntary Relinquishments; and/or Revocations of RPF Licenses/CRM Certifications Under Section 11126 (c)(1), (c)(2), (c)(3) of the Government Code; Employee Evaluation Under 11126 (a)(1); also Discussion of Pending and Potential Litigation Under Section 11126 (e) of the Government Code. Cases to be discussed are: **Gualala Redwoods, Inc. v. California State Board of Forestry, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Andrea Tuttle, and Does 1 through 10**, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 02-CS00356, **Big Creek v. Santa Cruz**, (The Executive Session may be reconvened if determined necessary.)

3. Reconvene Regular Session
4. Announcement of actions taken in Executive Session
5. Approval of Minutes from July and August 2006.
6. Consent Calendar – see attached Consent Calendar for actions to be considered under this agenda item. Consent Calendar items are expected to be routine and non-controversial. The Board will act upon them at one time without discussion. If any Board Member, staff, or interested person requests that an item be removed from the Consent Calendar, it will be taken up in the regular agenda order.
7. Report of the Chairman.
8. Report of the Director/Department.
9. Report of the California Oak Mortality Task Force (COMTF).
10. Report of Board's Advisory Committees
 - Range Management Advisory Committee
 - Monitoring Study Group
 - Professional Foresters Examining Committee. Update on the ***Policy Statement on the Practice of Forestry as it relates to Other Professions.***
Possible Action Items: Issuance of RPF Licenses/CRM Certifications, Withdrawals, Reinstatements, Voluntary Relinquishments, Suspensions, Revocations, or other Actions.

11. Report of the United States Forest Service. Presentation by Tom Tidwell and Mike Chapel on Federal Staffing issues relating to Federal Direct Protection Areas.
12. **Hearing: Aspen Restoration, 2006.** The Board is considering adoption of a regulation to amend Forest Practice Rules (FPR) Title 14, Chapter 4, Subchapter 4, 5, and 6, Article 9, § 939.15 Protection of Wildlife Habitat [Northern], and § 959.15 Protection of Wildlife Habitat [Southern]. The proposal addresses restoration of aspen tree species by allowing the removal of conifer trees near aspen stands with exemption from conifer reforestation requirements of the FPRs. **Possible Action Item.** Information at:
http://www.fire.ca.gov/CDFBOFDB/board/board_proposed_rule_packages.aspx.
13. **Hearing: Road Management Plan, 2006.** The Board is considering adoption of a regulation to amend the Forest Practice Rules (FPRs) for development of a *Road Management Plan (RMP)* as a supplement to the Timber Harvest Plan (THP) process. The RMP provides a means for addressing long-term issues of sustained timber production and cumulative watershed effects from the transportation system on fish, wildlife, the beneficial uses of water, and watersheds on a landscape basis. **Possible Action Item.** Information at:
http://www.fire.ca.gov/CDFBOFDB/board/board_proposed_rule_packages.aspx
14. **Hearing: The Changing California.** Presentation on the Board's Draft Policy Statement. The Board will take public comment pursuant to PRC §4789.4. The Statement may be found at:
http://www.fire.ca.gov/CDFBOFDB/board/board_current_docs.aspx
15. Update on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for Jackson Demonstration State Forest (JDSF) Draft Management Plan. Presentation by Bill Stewart and Russ Henley on Board's request for a possible alternative reflecting research mission. **Possible Action Item:** Board may give direction to staff and Department on the EIR. Information on the DEIR may be found at:
http://www.fire.ca.gov/php/rsrc-mgt_jackson_deir_2005.php
16. Update by the Departments (CDF and DFG) on Coho/Fish and Game Code §2112 regulations. Information at: http://www.fire.ca.gov/CDFBOFDB/board/board_proposed_rule_packages.aspx
17. Report of Forest Practice, Policy, Management, and Resource Protection Committees. **Note:** Committee Chairpersons will report on the outcomes of Committee meetings. The Board may act in response to Committee recommendations. **Possible Action Items:** Recommendations to Board (See Committee Agendas).
18. Report of the Regulations Coordinator. **Note:** The Board's Regulations Coordinator will report on ongoing regulatory matters. The Board may act in response to requests of the Regulations Coordinator on items presented in the report. **Possible Action Items:** Recommendations to Board for Regulatory Actions (See Committee Agendas).
19. Report of Executive Officer. **Note:** The Board's Executive Officer will report on ongoing administrative matters, proposed state or federal legislation or programs, or new items coming before the Board. **Possible Action Items:** The Board may act in response to requests of the Executive Officer on items presented in the report.
20. **Public Forum:** Members of the public may address the Board on any topic within its jurisdiction not otherwise on the agenda. Submittal of written comments is encouraged to ensure that all comments will be included in the record before the Board. Please be prepared to summarize comments to three minutes in length, or otherwise at the discretion of the chairman. **Submit your request to address the Board under this item via supplied speaker cards prior to the item being called.**
21. New and Unfinished Business
22. Adjournment

COMMITTEE AGENDAS

FOREST PRACTICE COMMITTEE

Location: **Redding City Hall
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September 12, 2006

Time: 8:00 a.m. - noon

1. Consideration of Threatened or Impaired Watershed Regulations, Discussion of process and timing of Board literature review. Consideration of the Technical Advisory Committee. **Possible Action Item:** Recommendation to full Board for the TAC and Scope of Work.
2. Consideration and discussion of ***Watercourse Rules Streamlining, 2006***. **Possible Action Item:** Recommendation to full Board for changes.
3. Discussion of the MOU for the Lake Tahoe Region, and the associated Budget Change Proposal.
4. New and Unfinished Business (Updates on: Interagency Road Rules Task Force, Board of Equalization Timber Advisory Committee.).

Note: The Forest Practice Committee may continue discussion of items included in its agenda, or the full Board agenda, if the Board recesses or adjourns.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Location: **Redding City Hall
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September 12, 2006

Time: 8:00 a.m. - noon

1. Discussion of response to Mendocino Redwood Company letter on the Program Timberland Environmental Impact Report. (**Possible Action Item:** recommendations to full Board for response to Mendocino Redwood Company)
2. New and Unfinished Business: Status report on the Stewardship Non-Industrial Timber Management Plan, Long-Term Management Vehicles (SYPs, PTEIRs)

Note: The Management Committee may continue discussion of items included in its agenda, or the full Board agenda, if the Board recesses or adjourns.

POLICY COMMITTEE

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September 12, 2006

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

1. Update on ***A Roadmap for the Development of Biomass in California*** and on the development of Urban Forestry Protocols for the Climate Registry. (Doug Wickizer).
2. Discussion of the Monitoring Study Group Strategic Plan. **Possible Action Item:** Recommendations to full Board on revisions.
3. Discussion and review of CDF reporting and evaluation of Forest Practice Rules (MOU). **Possible Action Item:** Recommendations to full Board on possible revisions.
4. Discussion of a proposal for Forest Practice Monitoring.
5. New and Unfinished Business (Draft Board Policy Statement, Performance-Based Pilot Project, Joint Policies)

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RESOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

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1. Update on California Fire Plan.
2. Update on General Plan Safety Element Reviews: Cities of Truckee and Sonora. **Possible Action Item:** Recommendations to the Cities of Truckee and Sonora.
3. Discussion of the VTP Process/Framework for Policy Review. Update on VTP EIR.
4. Discussion of Utility Clearance regulations for large stems, hazardous tree, and guidelines. **Possible Action Item:** recommendations to full Board for 45 day notice for rulemaking.
5. New and Unfinished Business (Update/Report on 4291 Program and Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement).

Note: The Resource Protection Committee may continue discussion of items included in its agenda, or the full Board agenda, if the Board recesses or adjourns.

FIELD TRIP
September 13, 2006
Time: 8:00 a.m.

Location: **Red Lion Hotel**
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- 0800 Depart Red Lion parking lot
- 0845 Overlook of PG&E lands in the Cow Creek Watershed. Presentation on proposed acquisition by RCD and future management plans by Bob Harris of the Cow Creek Watershed Management Group and Fire Safe Council.
- 0945 Depart to 2003 Whitmore Burn. Presentation on effects of biomass thinning on wildland fires by Chantz Joyce.
- 1200 Lunch at LDSF Headquarters. Update on projects at La Tour by Bruce Beck Forest Manager.
- 1300 Depart LDSF Headquarters to 1978 Whitmore burn. Carbon sequestration presentation by Tim Robards.
- 1500 2004 Fuel Hazard Reduction Exemption. Jamie Shermin owner Rough Diamond Ranch.

Approximate cost of lunch will be \$10.00. If you desire a lunch, please notify the board staff so that provisions will be made. THE DAY PRIOR TO THE FIELD TRIP, you will need to provide payment and finalize your arrangements.

Members of the public should be prepared to provide their own transportation. All participants are advised to wear clothing appropriate for hiking over uneven terrain.

CONSENT CALENDAR

RPF VITAL STATISTICS

For presentation to the
State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection
September 2006

No items to report