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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT AND AGENDA

Announcement Date: June 27, 2008

FULL BOARD:

EXECUTIVE SESSION

July 8, 2008

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: Resources Auditorium
1416 Ninth Street
Sacramento, California

REGULAR SESSION

July 9, 2008

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Location: Resources Auditorium
1416 Ninth Street
Sacramento, California

COMMITTEES:

FOREST PRACTICE COMMITTEE

July 7, 2008

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Resources Auditorium
1416 Ninth Street
Sacramento, California

FOREST PRACTICE COMMITTEE

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

July 8, 2008

Time: 8:00 a.m. – Noon

Location: Resources Bldg.
15th floor, Room 1506-12
Sacramento, California

POLICY COMMITTEE

July 8, 2008

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Resources Bldg.
15th floor, Room 1506-12
Sacramento, California

RESOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

July 8, 2008

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Resources Auditorium
1416 Ninth Street
Sacramento, California

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

July 10, 2008

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Intersection of Highways 89 and 36
Initial Meeting Point
Chester, California

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

The Board's Mission:

To lead California in developing policies and programs that serve the public interest in environmentally, economically, and socially sustainable management of forest and rangelands and a fire protection system that protects and serves the people of the state.

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 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 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.

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BOARD AGENDA

EXECUTIVE SESSION

July 8, 2008

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: **Resources Auditorium**
1416 Ninth Street
Sacramento, California

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. (The Executive Session may be reconvened if determined necessary.) **Environmental Protection Information Center and Sierra Club v. California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, and Does 1-30**, San Francisco County Superior Court; **Campaign to Restore Jackson State Redwood Forest, et al v. California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, et al**, Mendocino County Superior Court Action no. SCUJ CVPT 0289022; **Scott R.J. Feller v. California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, and Does 1-20**, Del Norte Superior Court Case No. CVPT08-1122; Petition for reinstatement of professional registration, **Case 306, Bill Pollard, RPF No. 1065**.

REGULAR SESSION

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Location: **Resources Auditorium**
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3. Reconvene Regular Session
4. Announcement of Actions taken in Executive Session
5. Approval of Minutes from June, 2008.
6. Report of the Chairman.
7. Report of the Director/Department.
8. Report of the United States Forest Service. Jim Pena, Deputy Regional Forester for State and Private Forestry, Region 5

9. Address by California Air Resources Board Chair, Mary Nichols (Invited)
10. Department Report to the Board on an Initial Draft of a Plan to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions in California (AB 32 Scoping Plan).
11. Update on the Dept. of Fish and Game's report on the Petition to list the Pacific Fisher (*Martes pennanti*) as a Threatened or Endangered Species.
12. Report of Board's Advisory Committees
 - California Oak Mortality Task Force (COMTF)- Mark Stanley
 - California Forest Pest Council- Bob Rynearson
 - Monitoring Study Group – Pete Cafferata
 - Professional Foresters Examining Committee- Eric Huff

Note: The Executive Officer for Professional Foresters Registration will report on ongoing PFEC matters. **Possible Action Items:** Issuance of RPF Licenses/CRM Certifications, Withdrawals, Reinstatements, Voluntary Relinquishments, Suspensions, Revocations, or other Actions.

13. **Action item:** The Board will consider the adoption of responses to comments, a final statement of reasons, and the final adoption of a regulation to the Forest Practice Rules (FPRs) to amend sections related to "Protection and Restoration in Watersheds with Threatened or Impaired Values", generally termed Threatened or Impaired rules (T/I rules). The hearing for this regulatory package was conducted at the regularly scheduled June meeting of the Board. The proposed regulatory amendments entirely and solely involve changing the expiration date of the regulations to December 31, 2009.
14. **Hearing (Possible Action Item): Amend 14 CCR § 1038(i) Exemption.** The California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) is promulgating a regulation to clarify fire hazard reduction treatment standards and eliminate redundant language for this section. Changes are generally non-substantial revisions. The Forest Fire Prevention Exemption exempts persons who conduct timber operations from preparing and submitting Timber Harvest Plans, completion reports, and stocking reports when harvesting trees and other commercial forest products for the purpose of reducing the rate of fire spread, fire duration and intensity, fuel ignitability, and ignition of tree crowns.
15. **Hearing (Possible Action Item): Amend 14 CCR § 1052.4 Emergency Notice for Fuel Hazard Reduction, 2008.** The California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) proposes amendments to regulations for timber harvest practices that reduce wildfire threat and hazardous fuel conditions in the State's private timberlands. The amendments proposed clarify fire hazard reduction treatment standards and eliminate redundant language for this section. Changes are generally non-substantive revisions.
16. Review of the Department's Draft Initial Study/CEQA Checklist for the Draft Boggs Mountain Demonstration State Forest Management Plan Update. **Possible Action Item:** The Board may approve the Initial Study and CEQA Checklist, and provide additional direction to the Department.
17. Discussion of the Board's and Fish and Game Commission's Joint Policy for Anadromous Salmonids. **Possible Action Item:** Board may vote to adopt the Joint Policy.
18. Discussion on the 1996 California Fire Plan Review and Fire Plan Steering Committee Charter. **Possible Action Item:** Board may vote to adopt the Review and Charter.

19. 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 which are incorporated as though fully set forth herein.)

20. 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.

21. 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. The Board may act in response to requests of the Executive Officer on items presented in the report.

22. Public Forum

Note: 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.**

23. New and Unfinished business

24. Adjournment

COMMITTEE AGENDAS

FOREST PRACTICE COMMITTEE

July 7, 2008

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: **Resources Auditorium**

1416 Ninth Street

Sacramento, California

1. Threatened or impaired watershed regulations review (T/I rules). Evaluation of Group 3 “Cumulative Impact” sections of the T/I rules. Continue evaluations of “Geographic Scope”, “Plan Preparation”, “Intent /Goal and Definitions” sections of the T/I rules. Develop alternative rule language.

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.

FOREST PRACTICE COMMITTEE

July 8, 2008

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2. Discussion and update of the Threatened or Impaired Watershed literature review.
3. Threatened or impaired watershed regulations review (T/I rules). Evaluation of Group 3 “Cumulative Impact” sections of the T/I rules. Continue evaluations of “Geographic Scope”, “Plan Preparation”, “Intent /Goal and Definitions” sections of the T/I rules. Develop alternative rule language. Introductory meeting on Group 4 “Operational Requirements” sections of T/I rules.
4. Fire Inspection Precautions regulatory proposal. **Possible Action Item:** recommendations for 45-Day Notice of rule language amendments to Board.
5. Civil Penalties for Fire Prevention Requirements regulatory proposal: **Possible Action Item:** recommendations for 45-Day Notice of rule language amendments to Board.
6. Department request for possible non-substantive change to 14 CCR 1032. Proposal to change location of Southern Region review from Riverside to Fresno. **Possible Action Item:** Recommendations to full Board.
7. New and Unfinished Business

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

July 8, 2008

Time: 8:00 a.m. – Noon

Location: Resources Bldg.
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Sacramento, California

1. Review of the Department’s Draft Initial Study/CEQA Checklist for the Draft Boggs Mountain Demonstration State Forest Management Plan Update. **Possible Action Item:** The Committee may provide a recommendation to the full Board.
2. Discussion of a Modified Timber Harvest Plan (MTHP) Regulatory Proposal for Streamlined Permitting of Landscape Fuel Hazard Reduction.
3. Status Report on Public Comment to Date on the LaTour Demonstration State Forest Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration.
4. New and Unfinished (Review of Committee Work Plan/Tracking Table)

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

July 8, 2008

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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1. Discussion/update of the Joint Policy for Anadromous Salmonids. **Possible Action Item:** Recommendations to full Board on adoption.
2. Discussion on Initial Draft of the AB 32 Scoping Plan.
3. Report from the Department on current NSO procedures and review.
4. Review of NSO regulations, potential development. Discussions on 14 CCR 919.9, 919.10, and definitions for “breeding season”, “activity center”, and “qualified spotted owl consultant”. **Possible Action Item:** Recommendations for 45-Day Notice of rule language amendments to Board
5. Discussion and update on legislation of interest to the Board.
6. New and Unfinished Business: Review of potential rules development; Monitoring and Tracking Committee.

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

RESOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

July 8, 2008

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Resources Auditorium
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1. Subcommittee report and discussion regarding the California Fire Plan. **Possible action item:** Recommendation by Resource Protection Committee of adoption of 1996 California Fire Plan Review.
2. Discussion of issues and coordination with federal forest land management and fire policy.(Jim Pena, Deputy Regional Forester for State and Private Forestry, Region 5
3. Update on VTP EIR.
4. Discussion on exemptions pursuant to 1038 (c): “Fire Safe” exemptions.
5. Review and discussion of the Resource Protection Work Calendar (Fire Emphasis).
6. Review of Legislative Proposals of concern to the Resource Protection Committee
7. New and Unfinished Business.

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.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
July 10, 2008
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: **Intersection of Highways 89 and 36**
Initial Meeting Point
Chester, California

SYP Field Workshop Discussion Topics

Historical Context

- What was the original purpose/intent of the SYP?
- How many land managers originally attempted to prepare one? How many completed one?
- What obstacles prevented more land managers from completing SYPs?
- How many are still valid today?

Agency Perspectives

- Is your agency supportive of this type of document/process?
- If so, how can your agency accomplish its goals & objectives better and/or in a more cost effective manner with this type of long term, landscape level planning document & how can the SYP process be improved to help meet your objectives?
- If you are supportive of this landscape level planning document, what are ways in which you can utilize it to reduce duplication of other regulatory permits (e.g. 1600, WQ waivers or WDRs, Special Status species consultations etc.)?

Land Owner Perspectives

- Is your land owner supportive of this type of document/process?
- What are your goals & objectives with this type of long term, landscape level planning document & how can the SYP process be improved to help meet your forestland management objectives?
- Companies can give a brief summary of the process they undertook to prepare their respective SYPs and what they accomplished.

Next Steps

- Is the SYP a worthwhile process (given what we know today vs. 10 years ago)?
- If so, what can be done to encourage its use?
- What can the companies do to improve the effectiveness of their SYP?
- What can the agencies do to improve the effectiveness of the SYP?
- What can the Board of Forestry & Fire Protection do to improve the effectiveness of the SYP (e.g. policy direction to CAL FIRE, rule improvements, recommendations to the legislature etc?)

Note: Transportation and Food will not be supplied. Those attending should be prepared to make their own arrangements. Please notify Eric Huff at 916-653-8031 or eric.huff@fire.ca.gov if you plan to attend. The tour will depart no later than 0810. Those arriving later may be able to locate the tour by following posted signage.

Announcement

Francis Raymond Award Dinner

Mr. Scott Johnson is to be the recipient of the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection's highest honor, the Francis H. Raymond Award. 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 and one of the primary advocates for the passage of the Professional Foresters Law in 1973. Since 1987 it has been awarded to 24 individuals or organizations that have demonstrated excellence in California forestry.

The awards dinner will begin at 6:00 PM at Lucca Restaurant on July 8, 2008. The restaurant is located at 1615 J Street, Sacramento, CA (on J between 16th and 17th). Those wishing to attend should contact Kirsten Vann or Eric Huff at 916-653-8031 prior to July 7, 2008.