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**MINUTES
BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION
FULL BOARD OF FORESTRY MEETING**

Sacramento, CA

May 3, 2007

BOARD OF FORESTRY MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stan Dixon, Chairman
David Nawi
Jim Ostrowski
Bruce Saito
Doug Piirto
Tom Walz
Lloyd Bradshaw
Gary Nakamura

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Pam Giacomini

BOARD STAFF:

George Gentry, Executive Officer
Eric Huff, Executive Officer, Forester's Licensing
Anita Ruud, Staff Counsel
Chris Zimny, Regulations Coordinator
Carol Horn, Executive Assistant

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF:

Crawford Tuttle, Chief Deputy Director
Kate Dargan, State Fire Marshal
Russ Henly, Asst. Deputy Director, Resource Management
Duane Shintaku, Asst. Deputy Director, Resource Mgmt.
Wayne Mitchell, Office of the State Fire Marshal
June Ilijana, Electronic/Print Information Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dixon called the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to order.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Dixon announced that there would be no Executive Session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 5, 2007

05-07-05: Member Ostrowski moved to approve the April minutes. Member Nawi said he would second the motion if the Executive Assistant incorporated his minor edits into the minutes. Member Ostrowski accepted Member Nawi's amendment. All were in favor of the motion.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Dixon introduced the Board's two new members who were recently appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger- Dr. Doug Piirto, who filled a public seat, and Mr. Tom Walz who filled an industry seat.

Chairman Dixon said the Board's four committees had been revised to accommodate the four new Board members. The Forest Practice Committee will consist of: Member Nawi (Chair), and Members Bradshaw, Nakamura, and Ostrowski. The Management Committee will consist of: Doug Piirto (Chair), Members Giacomini and Walz. The Policy Committee will consist of Member Ostrowski (Chair), and Members Nawi, Bradshaw, and Piirto. The Resource Protection Committee will consist of Member Giacomini (Chair), and Members Saito, Nakamura, and Walz

Chairman Dixon asked for a moment of silence for CALFIRE Chief Bryan Zollner, who recently lost his life in automobile accident. Chairman Dixon introduced Ms. Anita Ruud, who was filling in for Deputy Attorney General Teri Ashby, Board Counsel.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR/DEPARTMENT

Mr. Crawford Tuttle, Chief Deputy Director welcomed new Board members, and said he looked forward to working with them. Mr. Tuttle said Governor Schwarzenegger had declared the week of May 6th through 13th as Wildfire Awareness Week. CAL FIRE's new emblem will be unveiled during Wildfire Awareness Week to better reflect its broad mission. Mr. Tuttle said Resources Agency Chrisman had asked departments to put together ideas of key challenges ahead, key points envisioned for the next four years. Mr. Crawford said Director Grijalva was very interested in the integration of the Department's key elements, and looked forward to clarifying the mission of the department. Succession planning continues, and the Department is in the process of preparing a new group of leaders for the Department. Mr. Tuttle said troop strength remains a big issue, and they are working on 3-person staffing on engines. Training is an important challenge for CAL FIRE. The SFM would like to expand their defensible space inspections, and expand and improve arson measures. The Department will look into how to grow trees faster to store more carbon. Mr. Tuttle said Region 5 Forest Service was interested in working with the Department on climate change initiatives. Mr. Tuttle said fire training was going on now at Ishi Conservation Camp, and he asked the Board if they could schedule their May 2008 meeting in the Red Bluff Area so they could attend the training next year. Mr. Tuttle said he was pleased with the work done by the Board's Technical Advisory Committee, and said the Department had committed \$50,000 for the scope-of-work for the TAC, and they would maintain funding if the project goes into next fiscal year. Mr. Tuttle said they were looking at late-summer or early fall for completion and issuance of a contract. Mr. Tuttle said the request for bid would go out in July, and they would give one month for contractor's to submit bids, and then there would be a period of time for the Board to make a selection

Member Nawi said that would put us at August and awarding the contract would take about one month. Member Nawi asked if the contractor would start immediately or gear up and get personnel in place. .

Mr. Tuttle said the Board and Department would decide when the contractor begins.

Member Nawi said the TAC felt they need more than \$50,000, and he asked if that amount could be increased.

Mr. Tuttle thanked Member Nawi for his comment.

Chairman Dixon said when he and Chief Deputy Director Tuttle discussed this issue yesterday the discussion had to do with elements beyond the process that we are talking about right now, namely roads and cumulative effects. Chairman Dixon said that Mr. Tuttle indicated that a BCP would be the appropriate method to follow. Chairman Dixon asked if the Board and Department could start the process soon. Chairman Dixon asked if the Department would be willing, after the bids go out, to begin planning for the next elements the Board feels are critical.

Mr. Tuttle said they all support a high quality product, and the Department would be delighted to sit down with Board staff to flesh out a BCP for consideration. Mr. Tuttle concurred with Chairman Dixon that the process should begin in the very near future.

Member Nawi said he would like to have the work completed before Christmas, and would like to award the contract sooner. Member Nawi said he would talk to Mr. Tuttle in more detail at a later time.

PRESENTATION BY THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL ON THE FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE MAPPING PROJECT

State Fire Marshal Kate Dargan welcomed the new Board members. Chief Dargan and Chief Mitchell gave a PowerPoint presentation on Fire Hazard Severity Zone Remapping. A copy of their presentation was in the Board binder.

Ms. June Iljana, the Department's Electronic/Print Information Manager, distributed public information packets, which were developed to disseminate information on fire hazard severity zones, California's new building codes, how to determine if property is in a fire hazard severity zone, and how to view and download maps. This information is available on CAL FIRE's website.

Chief Mitchell said the SRA FHSZ maps were released to CDF units and contract counties on May 1-8. UC Berkeley Fire Center website will be activated on May 11. Training for CAL FIRE Hearing Officers will be held May 15-25. Stakeholder briefings will be held May 28 through June 15. SRA FHSZ hearings in SRA counties will be held June 18 through July. Training classes for building code regulations will be held in summer and fall. Additional outreach to local agencies for LRA VHFHSZ will be held June through August 15. The revised LRA VHFHSZ proposal for local validation will be September. Title 14 SRA FHSZ regulations will be completed in December. The LRA VHFHSZ recommendations will be given to local agencies in January 2008.

Member Piirto asked how insurance rates would be affected.

Chief Dargan said rates would probably not change a lot, because the insurance companies are already using that information.

Member Nakamura asked if the regulations apply to existing structures or just new construction.

Chief Dargan replied the regulations only apply to new construction.

REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA OAK MORTALITY TASK FORCE (COMTF)

Mr. Mark Stanley, Chairman of the California Oak Mortality Task Force gave an update on COMTF. Copies of Mr. Stanley's presentation are contained in the Board binders.

REPORT OF BOARD'S ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Range Management Advisory Committee

No report was given.

Monitoring Study Group

Mr. Pete Cafferata gave update on the Monitoring Study Group. Copies of Mr. Cafferata presentation were in the Board binders. The next meeting of the MSG has been tentatively scheduled for July 24, 2007 in Redding.

Professional Foresters Examining Committee

Mr. Eric Huff, Executive Officer for Forester's Licensing, said 40 applicants qualified to take April PFEC exam, seven deferred, and 33 actually took exam. PFEC Chairman Mike Stroud had been diagnosed with a significant health problem, and Mr. Huff was not sure how much time he would be able to spend working with the committee.

REVIEW OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DEIR) FOR JACKSON DEMONSTRATION STATE FOREST (JDSF) DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN

Dr. Russ Henly explained to the new Board Members the process the Board and Department had followed for the draft environmental impact report (DEIR) for JDSF's Draft Management Plan and what needed to be done to have the plan certified. Dr. Henly said the Department was in the process of preparing Alternative G for recirculation. Dr. Henly said he met last week with Member Nawi and they reviewed the timeline for completion of the process for a certified Final EIR and Final Management Plan. They also discussed wording for Alternative G. A copy of the timeline was distributed to Board members. Dr. Henly said they are on track to complete the document for recirculation of a 45-day notice. Dr. Henly spoke to Executive Officer Gentry about taking public comment on the recirculated Alternative G, possibly in Fort Bragg next month.

Member Nawi felt more time would be needed between the public comment period and recirculation, and suggested adding an additional month between public comment and Board direction. Member Nawi

reiterated the need to adhere to the timeline. Member Nawi said the Board and staff had worked closely with CALFIRE Chief Counsel Giny Chandler, who said it was only necessary to notice Alternative G for recirculation, not the entire document.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Bill Keye, representing California Licensed Foresters Association, said they were worried that there might be additional delays, but after reviewing at the timeline that did not seem to be the case. Mr. Keye asked the Board to stick to the timetable.

PRESENTATION BY DR. LEE BENDA ON EARTH SYSTEMS INSTITUTE'S (ESI) NETMAP WATERSHED CATALOGUE AND SOFTWARE TOOLS

Dr. Lee Benda, representing Earth Systems Institute (ESI), gave a PowerPoint presentation on Netmap Watershed Catalogue and Software tools. A copy of Dr. Benda's presentation was contained in the Board Binder.

Chairman Dixon complimented Dr. Benda on his interesting and informative presentation, and suggested he follow up with meetings with the Board's Management Committee.

PRESENTATION ON THE BOARD'S DRAFT POLICY STATEMENT

Executive Officer Gentry said he had been working on the Board's Policy Statement for over two years. The first year focused on what framework to use, and conducting hearings to receive input from stakeholders. The last year and a half, the Executive Officer looked at strategies and actions, and how to piece them together. Mr. Gentry said he tried to avoid making a Statement that would just sit there and do nothing. The first step will be to evaluate the indices, there are around 70 indices. Each element, there are seven, will need a Work Plan for the Board to evaluate and prioritize

Chairman Dixon asked Member Ostrowski if the Policy Committee had any suggestions.

Member Ostrowski said the Policy Committee had recommended that the Board adopt the policy statement.

05-07-13: Member Ostrowski moved that the Board adopt the Policy Statement. Member Nawi seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Chairman Dixon said he looked forward to seeing the work plan that the Committee would develop.

REPORT OF THE BOARD'S COMMITTEES

Report of the Forest Practice Committee

Member Nawi, Chair of the Forest Practice Committee, said they met yesterday morning. The first item they discussed was the Statement of Work by the Technical Advisory Committee, chaired by Member Nakamura. The FPC had a good discussion and a favorable report from Mr. Zimny and Member Nakamura regarding the process. Chairman Nawi said they were told that the TAC, who put the

document together, went back again and looked at it critically to see if they had missed anything, and the Statement of Work came back with a clean bill of health. Member Nawi said the Fish and Game representative, Marty Berbach, had left DFG, and felt it appropriate for the Board to appoint a replacement, and he was told that the replacement should be Curt Babcock. There was one issue of change in Task 5, one sentence was removed, and the elimination of Task 5.1. It was a process issue that provided for an interim report by the Contractor to the full Board and the FPC decided it was inappropriate because work would still be in progress. Chairman Nawi said there was one other issue that Member Ostrowski and Mr. Zimny were going to work on for an additional sentence in Task 3.1 that had to do with the Access data base, and they are going to ask the Contractor to develop the data base rather than hand it to them.

Member Ostrowski said they were going to review the language for clarity to be sure it was adequate, there may be changes.

Member Nawi said with the clarification, it was the unanimous feeling of the Committee that the Board should approve the TAC's Scope of work.

05-07-14: Member Nawi moved that the Board approve the Technical Advisory Committee's Scope of Work. Member Ostrowski seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Member Bradshaw said there was one other definition, Meta primer, would be included in a footnote.

Member Nawi said there would be that editorial correction and the Members of the TAC would be identified and the authors of the primers would also be identified. Member Nawi said those changes in the motion would be to support improving the statement.

Member Ostrowski seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

Chairman Nawi said the FPC wanted to express their gratitude to Member Nakamura and Mr. Zimny and members of the TAC for all of their work.

Chairman Nawi said the next item the FPC discussed concerned riparian values. Two representatives from the State Water Resources Control Board, in addition to Gaylon Lee, were present. They presented an informational document, dated March 2007, entitled "The Public Scoping Meeting Proposal" that went in the SWRCB Riparian Area Protection Policy. The genesis of the document was a policy allowing the State Water Board to fill any potential gaps left by Supreme Court decisions limiting the definition of Waters of the United States that would be protected under provisions of the Clean Water Act administered by the Army Corp of Engineers. The informational document contains four alternative proposals and brief descriptions of the proposals to address riparian wetlands protection. The SWRCB, based on comments received, intends to decide on an alternative, develop that alternative, and then follow the process for environmental review under CEQA and recommend adoption. The initial comment period was mid-April but was extended to mid-May. Member Nawi said the FPC would like to see increased participation with SWRCB and the Board of Forestry on this issue. The document would be issued in the form of General Policy from the State Board, and would provide guidance to Regional Boards as they prepare their Basin Plans. Chairman Nawi said the FPC would like for the Board to designate two Board Members as a subcommittee to work with the Department, in particular Mr. Clay Brandow. Chairman Nawi felt it was important to increase coordination on regulations of the same interest.

Chairman Dixon said he would be happy to appoint two members as a subcommittee, and would consult with Member Nawi after the meeting.

Chairman Nawi said the FPC discussed the La Malfa legislation, AB 1515, for emergency exemption regulations. The Committee members were informed by staff that the La Malfa legislation cleared the Assembly Committee with no substantive change. Chairman Nawi said the FPC felt that staff should follow the La Malfa legislation more closely with the Legislature in a stakeholder process that would include industry groups who they have already spoken to, as well as environmental groups to try to come up with a consensus positions that would be reflected in legislation. Chairman Nawi said the FPC recommended that staff work and try to come up with changes that would make the Board's regulations consistent with any amendments to the La Malfa legislation that the Legislature would adopt.

Under "New Business", Mr. Shintaku of CDF reported on one CDF lookout tower located in Siskiyou County which cannot function as well as it should because of impaired vision caused by large trees. The trees are on land owned by a private landowner, who does not have a THP in process to allow the trees to be removed. CDF had looked at alternatives that would allow the trees to be cleared and there was no there was no regulatory path to get that going. Chairman Nawi said the last thing the Board would want is a situation where a fire protection and response measures were impaired by a few trees. Chairman Nawi said Mr. Shintaku wanted to bring this to the attention of the Board, and have it agendized for the Forest Practice Committee.

Mr. Duane Shintaku said late last week Northern Region Office called and said the Unit Managers said local fire officials decided the trees were becoming a nuisance and needed to be removed. Mr. Shintaku said this was mainly a northern California issue, and may occur more often. A conversion permit was not appropriate. The Board has some latitude under 1052 emergency regulations. Mr. Shintaku said the situation needed to be dealt with before fire season, and the Department asked the Board to agendize this issue for the Forest Practice Committee. Mr. Shintaku said in the meantime staff would talk to the unit to make sure something had not been missed and they will bring that to the Committee.

Chairman Dixon said agendizing for the Forest Practice Committee was the appropriate way to proceed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Paul Mason, representing Sierra Club, said he objected to the process of the public having access to the final Scope of Work. Mr. Mason pointed out that no one but the TAC had read the document. Mr. Mason said a 3-day review period would not help credibility of process, and there needed to be a static document. Mr. Mason said the public did not know what changes had been made, and they would have to read the document. Mr. Mason felt the document was to lay out the cornerstone of a process which many people view as a step in setting up the framework to attempt to weaken the T/I Rules.

Member Nakamura, Chairman of the TAC, said process was to be as transparent as possible. Only substantive changes were referenced, and the document had been out on the Board's website for about a month. The only substantive changes had been the addition of literature and references. Member Nakamura said the basic structure of the Scope of Work and definitions and primers.

Report of Policy Committee

Member Ostrowski, Chair of Policy Committee, reported that they met yesterday with new Board Member Dr. Piirto in attendance, as well as Members Nawi, and Bradshaw. The Committee reviewed the Strategic Plan, and they looked at the next steps needed to implement the Plan. Work plans will need to be developed, and Member Ostrowski said it would likely be a multiple-year process. The Committee also needs to set priorities. Member Ostrowski said the Committee had begun developing their agenda for the coming year. Member Ostrowski said there would be a lot of components to the strategies; it would almost be ongoing project. Member Ostrowski said it was noted in the meeting that the Board needed additional staff, and recommended the Executive Officer begin working on a BCP for additional staffing. Member Ostrowski said the Committee recommended that the Board look at additional issues they have been dealing with, such as greenhouse gasses and climate changes issues, as well as some of the key issues outlined in the Policy Statement that the Board pursue the budget change process as quickly as possible.

Chairman Dixon said a formal motion was not necessary, that after hearing the Policy Committee report the Executive Officer would include in the BCP he was preparing relative to future planning of the TAC and a number of issues related to staffing.

The next agenda item the Committee discussed was the Joint Policy for Anadromous Salmonids. Member Ostrowski said they discussed possible formats and outlines of what a policy might look like, and felt that the Executive Officer was on the right track with the joint policy. Progress has been made, but it will be an ongoing effort. Executive Officer Gentry will meet with Fish and Game Commission's Executive Officer.

Member Ostrowski said the Committee received an update of the Department's Climate Change and Biomass activities. The Committee realized that they did not have a uniform understanding of how the forestry sector plays into the equations for greenhouse gas, and it may be a good opportunity to have a presentation presented to the full Board. Member Nawi attended a forum on climate change in forestry, sponsored by the California Legislative Rural Caucus and the Forest Foundation, and the Policy Committee wondered if they could repeat something like that for the full-Board. Member Ostrowski asked the Executive Officer to look into scheduling presentation for the Board.

Member Ostrowski said the Policy Committee reviewed the progress the MSG had made on their subcommittee.

Member Ostrowski said the Committee looked at possible scheduling of topics for the Policy Committee, and policy agenda items that need to be taken care of this year. A couple of topics that surfaced were the need for a bi-annual research report that the Board should prepare for the Legislature. Member Ostrowski said the Board in its existing policy references a research advisory committee to the Board.

Member Ostrowski said the Policy Committee would look at the Board's current policies and assign them to relevant committees for their review.

The Policy Committee would like to start review the status of recent, as well as all rules that the Board has, to see if the rules are doing what they were intended to do.

Report of Management Committee

Member Doug Piirto, chaired the Management Committee which met yesterday with Member Walz in attendance. Member Giacomini was not present. The first agenda item was an update on the status of

PTEIR Guidance Document. Staff was directed to continue working with Mr. Allen Robertson (CDF) on draft PTEIR Guidance Document for presentation at the June 6, 2007 Management Committee meeting. The draft document will be properly agendized for Committee discussion and posted on the Board's website in advance of the June meeting.

The second agenda item was an update on the status of the Department's draft Non-industrial Timber Management (NTMP) Growth and Yield guidelines document. Chris Browder provided a brief history of the item and identified the next steps toward a final draft of the document. Mr. Browder will provide a status report on the draft document at the July 11, 2007 Committee Meeting. The items will be agendized for discussion at the July Management Committee meeting.

Under New and Unfinished Business, the Committee discussed the Demonstration State Forest Management Plan Update. Staff recommended that this item be agendized for the June 6, 2007 Committee Meeting. State Forest Program Manager, Dr. Helge Eng will present an update at that meeting. The Committee discussed Sustained Yield Plan (SYP), and staff reported that the SYP Rule review will follow that of the PTEIR/PTHP Rule, but will not be undertaken until completion of the PTEIR Guidance Document. The Committee directed staff to investigate utility and feasibility of possible solicitation of landowners' perspectives on current long-term management vehicles (PTEIR/SYP), and to report their findings at the June 6, 2007 Committee Meeting.

Report of Resource Protection Committee

Member Saito, who filled in for Chairman Giacomini, said Resource Protection Committee met yesterday with Member Walz in attendance.

Member Saito said the first agenda item was on update on the California Fire Plan, including review of findings and recommendations on Wildland Fire Protection Fiscal Issues from the 1996 Fire Plan, and discussion of Wildland Fire Protection by Chief Wayne Mitchell and Tom Lutzenberger, CDF Finance Officer.

The second agenda item was an update on General Plan Safety Element Reviews. Member Saito said there were no plans up for review for approval. The Committee discussed the challenges and delays in reviewing plans. The RPC agreed with Mr. Zimny that he would come up with a standard review process to the keep the process moving along.

Member Saito said there was no discussion of the VTP Process/Framework for Policy Review; however, there was a comment from the public that they hoped that the process did not remain dormant.

The last agenda item was a presentation by Wayne Mitchell and Dean Cromwell on the Fire Hazard Severity Zone Mapping Project.

REPORT OF THE REGULATIONS COORDINATOR

Regulations Coordinator Zimny said there were three regulations that were at OAL for a notice for public hearing. The three regulations were the T/I Extension, 2007; RMP, 2007; and Coho ITP Assistance 2007. The second hearing date for all three regulations will be July 12, 2007.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Executive Officer Gentry distributed a copy of Senate Bill #466, introduced by Senator Steinberg, which he said had been amended slightly yesterday. The bill would authorize the Board to hire professional and administrative staff to provide scientific, legal and other services to the board, either as employees or contractors. The bill would state the Legislature's intent that the Board's budget be proposed and accounted for in a manner separate and distinguishable from the department's budget. This bill would require the Board to convene a working group consisting of specified members, to consider and recommend to the Board and the Legislature by January 1, 2009, a proposal that would authorize a longer-term, watershed-based timber harvesting plan that was designated to reduce the timber harvesting plan regulatory compliance costs of landowners and provide more comprehensive environmental information to regulatory agencies and the public. This bill would require rules and regulations to become effective on the next April 15 or November 15, not less than 30 days from the date of the Office of Administrative Law's approval of those rules and regulations. This bill would specify the manner by which the environmental effects, including climate change effects, of forestland and timberland conversions, may be mitigated for purposes of the Act and regulations adopted by the Board pursuant to the Act. The bill would authorize the Board to adopt implementing regulations. This bill would provide that no reimbursement be required by this Act for a specified reason. Executive Officer Gentry said this was an important piece of legislation that could potentially affect the Board.

Executive Officer Gentry said he would defer the discussion of the proposed memorial trees for Air Attack 410 to June's Board meeting.

Pursuant to the Board's instructions the Coho ITP Assistance, formerly known as 2112 and Strawman, held a hearing in March in the Resources Auditorium, Executive Officer Gentry said the rule package had been reviewed, and modifications were made while still satisfying the Department of Fish and Game's requirements for ITP. Copies were made available to the Board and public yesterday. Executive Officer Gentry said it was not "official" until OAL publishes it, so there was a chance that there could be some small tweaks to it. The definition of watersheds with Coho had been changed to watersheds documented to be stocked by DFG since 1990. There are five rule sections, two of those sections were T/I sections. Those T/I Rules for riparian zones would then be made permanent in watersheds with Coho. Instead of using the improvements that DFG and CDF worked on, they are now a verbatim copy of the existing T/I Rules. Executive Officer Gentry said they are identical to the T/I Rules with a couple of small exceptions. There were a couple of T/I provisions that were blended in - dealing with passage of all lifecycles of fish. There was a section for enhancements for riparian zones, by the specific request of the Fish and Game Commission in their recommendations to DFG. There was also an enhancement for roads. DFG developed those based on the recommendation of the Fish and Game Commission to put out guidelines consistent with the range of the Forest and Ranch Road Handbook. The other remaining section was monitoring, and there were some modifications that staff had worked on, primarily, that long-term monitoring was to be done in a cooperative fashion with the landowner. Long-term monitoring adaptive management was revised to reflect the responsibility of the Board and its partners, not the landowner. The T/I Rules have their options to the T/I Rules and various actions. Gate B, Gate C, and Gate D were built into those areas in the T/I Rules.

Executive Officer Gentry said at the beginning of last year the Board asked him to analyze the policy questions as they related to Coho. The first policy question put before the Board was "should the Board continue its work toward adopting FPRs that address Coho ITP?" The answer from the Board at that time was "yes, they should begin work on those issues first as an important first step toward developing the overall policy."

The second policy question was “how should the Board engage in Coho recovery strategy, including adaptive management and training?” Some of those issues are already on-going, some of those issues are in front of the Policy Committee, in terms of the Policy Statement.

The final policy question put before the Board at that time was “the Coho Watersheds are a subset of the T/I watersheds, how should the Board deal with its ongoing review of the T/I Rules?” The Technical Advisory Committee has the Scope-of-Work now, only for the riparian aspect of the T/I Rules. That was the third step in the process. Executive Officer Gentry said where the Board goes from there would be the Board’s decision. In terms of hearings, Fish and Game will have a hearing on June 22 in Sacramento in the auditorium of the Resources Building. Board Staff will participate in the joint hearing, and Executive Officer Gentry asked Board Members to attend if possible. The Executive Officer said the regulations were submitted to OAL on Tuesday (May 1). DFG submitted concurrently with CDF the 787 Process Regulations. They, too, made some alterations to the 787 Regulations, they are moving on a parallel path, but basically it is DFG’s hearing on June 22, but CDF would be participating in it on the joint matter. Executive Officer Gentry said it was clear on the notice that went out Tuesday that hearing was not for the Board’s regulatory action. The Board would not be substituting their normal adoption hearing process. If the Board decides to adopt, an adoption hearing would be held on July 12 as part of the regularly scheduled Board Meeting. The close of the comment period would be prior to that, but people won’t be precluded from providing comment. Executive Officer Gentry asked for comment as soon as possible to get them to the Board Members rather than having it come all at the last second.

Executive Officer reviewed the package with Chairman Dixon, and the Chair approved it. An ISOR and Notice were prepared. Staff were suggesting that DFG hold a second hearing, concurrent with the Board.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Richard Geinger congratulated Member Nawi on his reappointment, and new Board Members Lloyd Bradshaw, Gary Nakamura, Doug Piirto, and Tom Walz on their appointment. Mr. Geinger said the Mattole PTEIR was coming along, and they had their first public meeting in Whitethorn. Mr. Geinger asked if the Management Committee and the Policy Committee could meet jointly on the issue of sustained yield.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Dixon adjourned the May 3, 2007 meeting of the Board of Forestry.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

George D. Gentry
Executive Officer

Stan Dixon
Chairman

Copies of the attendance sheets can be obtained from the Board Office.