

## BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

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### BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION FULL BOARD OF FORESTRY MEETING

Sacramento, CA  
APRIL 4, 2012

#### BOARD OF FORESTRY MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stan Dixon, Chairman  
Bruce Saito  
Mark Andre  
Jim Ostrowski  
Susan Britting  
J. Keith Gilless  
Mike Miles  
Richard Wade

#### BOARD OF FORESTRY MEMBERS ABSENT:

#### BOARD STAFF:

George Gentry, Executive Officer  
Matthew Dias, Executive Officer, Forester's Licensing  
Eric Huff, Regulations Coordinator  
Linda Cano, Executive Assistant

#### DEPARTMENTAL STAFF:

Ken Pimlott, Director

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Dixon called the April 4, 2012 meeting of the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to order.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No session was held.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 04-04-01**      **Member Ostrowski moved to approve January, February and March 2012 Board Meeting Minutes. Member Saito seconded the motion. All members were in favor of the motion.**

## **REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN**

Executive Officer Gentry, Chairman Dixon and PFEC Chair Ferrier interviewed candidates for the PFEC Licensing Officer position.

## **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR – Ken Pimlott**

- Department uniformed staff wearing shrouded badges in honor of David Bailey who died in the line of duty.
- Testified in front of the House Interior Sub Committee on environment and other programs, in support of the Interior's budget on state Fire Assistance Program, Urban Forestry, Forest Inventory Analysis and Research. Director Pimlott had the opportunity to articulate the issue of the Gold Spotted Oak Borer and Sudden Oak Death and why funding of Forest Health programs is critical in California.
- Fire season: The department is in communication with the administration regarding the upcoming fire season. Janet Barentson will meet with the Department of Finance to discuss early staffing requests. January – March there were 631 fires for a total of 756 acres burned.
- Governor's office announced the reappointment of Deputy Director of Communications, Janet Upton.
- Redding pilot project: The Governor's office has reached out to a number of stakeholders regarding Timber Harvest reform.
- Northern Spotted Owl: working with the Fish and Wildlife Service to develop a one year process for review of the determined take avoidance.
- George Gentry asked the Director for the department's assistance with a presentation on safety measures and procedures that field staff can utilize when encountering marijuana cultivation in the field.

## **REPORT OF THE REGULATIONS COORDINATOR – Eric Huff**

The work on Title 14 1270 Fire Safe, Title 14 1299 Fire Clearance, and Sudden Oak Death regulations are on going.

## **REPORT OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Cooperators meeting on May 11: SPI (Sierra Pacific Industries), United States Forest Service and Cal Fire. Discussing with Janet Barentson regarding a Board Field trip to the Ishi Exercises.

## **Forest Practice – Mark Andre**

No Action items

Presentation on activities on road related issues

Class II L regulation review

## **Resource Protection – Bruce Saito**

No Action Items

Presentation by Bob Roper on SRA fees and a potential SRA fee reduction for contract counties. Update on permanent regulations on SRA fees by George Gentry. Discussed new legislation introduced by Assemblymember Chesbro on SRA fees.

## **REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

### **FOREST PEST COUNCIL**

Hearing – Report by the Council on the Goldspotted Oak Borer, and recommendations for Policy. Annual Report, Tom Smith.

04-04-02      **Member Andre moved to adopt the Pest Management Policy on Goldspotted Oak Borer. Member Ostrowski seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **CALIFORNIA OAK MORTALITY TASK FORCE (COMTF) – Mark Stanley**

See Report

### **MONITORING STUDY GROUP – Pete Cafferata**

See Report

### **RESEARCH AND SCIENCE COMMITTEE – George Gentry**

Developing paper on adaptive management and one for strategic research at Jackson Demonstration State Forest.

### **CRIMINAL TRESPASS COMMITTEE**

No report

### **RANGE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RMAC)**

RMAC meeting planned for the near future.

### **PROFESSIONAL FORESTERS EXAMINING COMMITTEE (PFEC)**

No Action Items

Eric Huff introduced Matt Dias as the new Executive Officer for Foresters Licensing. There will be a PFEC meeting in June.

## **SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS**

**Hearing: Road Rules 2011. Possible Action Item:** The Board may adopt regulations. The Board is proposing a regulation to revise and improve upon existing protections of the aforementioned resources, most notably water resources, from the potentially adverse impacts associated with roads, landings, and watercourse crossings. In addition, the regulation is intended to reorganize all Forest Practice Rule sections associated with roads, landings, and watercourse crossings into a more coherent and useful format and location for the benefit of the regulated and regulator alike.

### **Public Comment:**

Duane Shintaku, CAL FIRE: Department generally supports the rule package, and suggest some non-substantive changes for clarity.

Dick Butler and Dan Wilson, NOAA Fisheries: General support for rule package, particularly hydrologic disconnection, assessment, and wet weather provisions. 36 of 44 items outlined in Federal Register have been addressed. They would like to see maintenance and training for operators addressed as well.

Dave Fowler, NCRWQCB: Beneficial uses relating to 303(d) listed watersheds should be improved.

Rob DiPerna, EPIC: Supports a comprehensive approach to roads, including management plans.

Pete Ribar, Campbell-Hawthorne: Recommends taking more time to review interpretations and avoid unintended consequences. More time necessary to review costs. Recommends review of a possible BMPs manual.

Jodi Friediani, Sierra Club: Premature to approve this rule package.

Mike Tadlock, Campbel-Hawthorne: Recommends reviewing the hydrologic disconnection definition.

Richard Gienger: Recommends a more comprehensive approach, and further review.

Justin Augustine: Believes the adjectives minimize, feasible, etc. should be better defined.

Frank Barron, Crane Mills: Recommends the rules be returned to committee for further work.

**04-04-03 Member Ostrowski moved to close public hearing. Member Andre seconded the motion. All members were in favor of the motion.**

**04-04-04 Member Andre moved to remand Road Rules 2011 package back to committee for further review. Member Britting seconded the motion.**

**Chairman Dixon called for a roll call vote:**

<b>Ostrowski</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Saito</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Britting</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Andre</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Gilless</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Miles</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Wade</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Dixon</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**Motion passed unanimously.**

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

## **NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

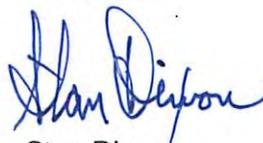
The Chairman adjourned the April 4, 2012 meeting of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,



George D. Gentry  
Executive Officer

ATTEST:



Stan Dixon  
Chairman

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