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BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

Sacramento, CA
October 10, 2012

BOARD OF FORESTRY MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD OF FORESTRY MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

BOARD STAFF:

George Gentry, Executive Officer
Matthew Dias, Executive Officer, Forester's Licensing
Linda Cano, Executive Assistant

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF:

Janet Barentson, Chief Deputy Director
Bill Holmes, Northern Region Chief
Caroline Godkin, Deputy Director Legislation
Janet Upton, Deputy Director Communications
Bill Snyder, Deputy Director, Resource Management
Giny Chandler, Chief Counsel
Duane Shintaku, Asst. Deputy Director, Forest Practice
Russ Henly, Asst. Deputy Director, Resource Protection
Dean Cromwell, Chief of Planning and Risk Analysis
Phyllis Banducci, Chief, Fire Planning
Helge Eng, State Forest Program Manager
Chris Browder, Deputy Chief, THP Administration
Pete Cafferata, Forest Hydrologist

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.

Call to Order

Chairman Dixon called the October 10, 2012 meeting of the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to order.

Announcement of Actions Taken in Executive Session

In the matter of **Civil Penalty -10-12, Michael Easley**, pursuant to Title 14 CCR Section 1057.2:

"If the petitioner fails to file a Notice of Defense/Request for Hearing within the time period referenced in Section 1057.1 of this article, the Board shall adopt the Director's Complaint and Proposed Order without hearing."

The Board found that Mr. Easley failed to file the above notice, and adopted the Proposed Order in the amount of \$47,000.

Approval of Minutes

Member Wade noted that the motion on the JAG charter was incorrect, and asked for it to be edited.

10-12-01 Member Saito moved to approve September 2012 Minutes. Member Gilles seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MONTHLY BOARD REPORTS

Report of the Chairman.

No Report

Report of the Director/Department. Full Report available on the Board's website.

Chief Deputy Director Barentson for Director Pimlott:

- **Capitol Christmas Tree:** CAL FIRE accompanied two Department of General Services representatives to LaTour Demonstration State Forest on September 14, 2012 to select the Capitol Christmas Tree. The tree will be harvested and transported around Thanksgiving.
- **Acquisition of PG&E Lands:** CAL FIRE staff met with Pacific Forest Trust, the Pacific Forest and Watershed Stewardship Council, and PG&E to discuss the development of the conservation easement for the 7,000 acre PG&E Pit-Tunnel properties in Shasta County. A field trip to Pit-Tunnel and LaTour Demonstration State Forest is scheduled for late October 1, 2012.
- **Fire Salvage/Emergency Notices, THPs/Northern California Significant Timber Fires as of September 28, 2012:** The Ponderosa, Bagley, Chips, Barry Point, North Pass and Mill fires have burned over 255,000 acres (57,000 SRA acres) to date and have burned through all or portions of 18 THPs either approved or under review and 1 approved 1998 NTMP. 40 Emergency Notices have been received to date, due to the August fires; 17 for the Ponderosa, 7 for the Barry Point, 7 for the Bagley, 5 for the Chips, 1 for the Mill Creek, 2 for the Ward, and 1 for the Power Fire. One Emergency has been received, due to the Windy Fire in Tehama County earlier this year.
- **Southern CA "Forest Care" fuel hazard reduction harvesting:** Our Fresno office expects approximately 500 additional Exemption Notices (1038c) to be submitted this year in San Bernardino Co. under the USFS *Forest Care Program*; to date this year Fresno has received 766 exemptions. The exemptions are, and will continue to be, submitted at the rate of about 10-15 exemptions per day. In addition Fresno has received 45 Fuel Hazard Reduction Emergency Notices, mostly all from San Bernardino Unit. The Forest Care program ends at the end of the next

federal fiscal year and new projects will not be accepted after March/April 2013 timeframe. Until then, there is a group of 8-10 RPFs writing exemptions and making the required maps for landowners under the program. The following is the web link to information on the forest care program <http://www.nationalforestassociation.org/forestcare.php>

- Staff continues to work with CDCR to address AB 109 inmate population impacts through a contract back option where Local Government contracts with CDCR to provide custody of low risk inmates at a CAL FIRE Conservation Camp.
- The Department is working with federal partners to renew the federal/state cooperative agreement due to expire December 31, 2012.
- The EMS policy draft is complete and is being circulated through Executive for approval. The goal is a comprehensive policy to cover all CAL FIRE EMS operations and will be covered in the 7200 handbook.
- Deputy Director for Communications, Janet Upton, gave an overview on the Department's use of social media. This includes Twitter, You Tube, and Facebook. Such media usage allows the Department to provide breaking news on incidents and educate members of the public on important issues. Currently, these approaches are receiving a positive response and appear effective.

Report of the Regulations Coordinator.

George Gentry reported that the final re-adoption of emergency regulations for the Fire Benefit Fee was accomplished earlier this week.

Report of Executive Officer.

Mr. Gentry gave a brief overview of the Board's responsibilities and duties. Also gave an overview of the Priorities Report and the Annual Report process that is submitted to the legislature. The Executive Officer would like to see a robust discussion and input by Board members on what should go into the Annual Report.

Report of the Standing Committees

Forest Practice, Mark Andre, Chair

No action items

- Discussed Northern Spotted Owl rules, it will be continued in November.
- Draft Modified THP, proposed increasing the acreage.
- Review and consideration of the responses to the Del Norte Co. rezone proposal. It was decided to review the entire policy rather than recommend approval of an addition to the policy. The proposal may be put out for 45 day notice at the November Board meeting.
- Cumulative Effects Guidance was deferred to the November committee meeting.
- Discussed Road Rules, focused on rule #5. The committee is closer to resolving that piece of the rules.

Resource Protection, Bruce Saito, Chair

- George Gentry gave an update on Nursery policy.
- George Gentry gave a report on PRC 4290.
- Covered a review of the Fire Safe Regulations.
- Reviewed the Permanent Regulations for SRA Benefit Fee.
- Doug Wickizer gave a report on VTP EIR.
- Discussed 2012 priorities, moving forward to 2013.

Report of Board's Advisory Committees

- **Forest Pest Council-**
 - **California Oak Mortality Task Force (COMTF) – Katie Palmieri**
 - **A shipment of 75 walnut logs being delivered to Orange County, CA from Yankton, South Dakota** for wood crafting was stopped at California's Yermo Border Protection Station when pest samples collected from the logs revealed the presence of the Cerambycidae (longhorn beetles).
 - **The UC Berkeley Garbelotto lab is conducting community indoor and outdoor** meetings this fall at locations where SOD Blitzes were held last spring. Indoor "Results" meetings will update community members on the 2012 SOD Blitz results, and outdoor "Field" meetings will present SOD management options and demonstrate treatment techniques.

- **Monitoring Study Group- Pete Cafferata**
 - The MSG met on September 19th at the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Office in Redding. There were 29 people in attendance, plus 7 people on a webinar/conference line.
 - Mr. Jim Harrington, DFG Projects Leader/Water Quality Biologist, provided a PowerPoint presentation titled "2012 Biological Assessment Overview."
 - Dr. Gordon Grant, Research Hydrologist, U.S. Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station, provided a PowerPoint presentation titled "The Ultimate Hydrologic Sponge: How the Plumbing System of the Cascades Controls Streamflow, Geomorphology, and Response to Disturbance."
 - Pete Cafferata provided a brief PowerPoint update on Anadromous Salmonid Protection (ASP) Rule Section V Technical Advisory Committee (VTAC) activities.
 - George Gentry announced that the MSG and the BOF will actively work to establish its Effectiveness Monitoring Committee in January 2013.

- **Research and Science Committee- George Gentry**
 - Looking at setting a meeting at the end of October, beginning of November. The location will most likely be in Davis. George Gentry will notify Board members when the details are finalized. Discussions will include the Board's bi-annual report on research needs for the State of California.

- **Committee on Criminal Trespass- George Gentry**
 - No report

- **Range Management Advisory Committee- George Gentry**
 - Looking at setting a meeting in November in Sacramento to discuss range issues. Asked board members if they would like to offer suggestions to the Range Advisory Committee.

- **Professional Foresters Examining Committee – Matt Dias**
 - Attended the Certified Range Management panel meeting in September.
 - Licensing News was in the process of being printed and mailed. It is his first edition of Licensing News as the new Licensing Officer.
 - Matt Dias was asked to participate at Humboldt State University in the 471 Forestry Administration class, he gave a presentation on Professional Foresters law and answered general questions on what it means to be an RPF in the state of California. He had a chance to meet with faculty and talked about possible ways to promote the RPF within the academic ranks of the university.

SPECIAL BOARD HEARINGS/REPORTS

Presentation of the Francis Raymond Award for 2012. Recipient: Jere Melo. Accepting: Madeleine Melo.

Mr. Melo was nominated for the award by the Society of American Foresters and the California Licensed Foresters Association. The award was named after Francis H. Raymond who was the Director of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection from 1953 to 1970, and 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. Anne Heissenbuttel, representing the Society of American Foresters, stated the following:

“...the Francis H. Raymond Award is presented to “the individual(s), organization, agency or company who has contributed the most to the management and increased awareness of California’s forested resources over the past five years.” Throughout his nearly 50-year career, Jere Melo has contributed all this and much more. On behalf of the Northern California Society of American Foresters, I am proud and honored to support the presentation of this award to Jere’s wife, Madeleine, whom I know was such an important part of his life. I thank you, Madeleine, for sharing your great man with all the rest of us.”

Discussion of possible revisions to the charter for the Jackson Advisory Group.

10-12-02 Member Ostrowski moved to approve revisions with minor edits. Member Andre seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Background on approaches to the Research Planning Team concept for the JDSF management plan related to research.

Mr. Gentry reviewed the history and evolution of research planning for the state forest system.

Unit Fire Plan Implementation Update- Phyllis Banducci, Chief, Fire Planning. CAL FIRE. Units presenting will be San Mateo/Santa Cruz (CZU) and San Luis Obispo (SLU).

SLU presenters: Chief Rob Lewin, Forester Allan Peters, and Pre-fire Engineer Greg Alex
Unit focused on making the Unit Plan a Community Wildfire Protection Plan. This allows its use throughout the community both as a resource for planning, but as a basis for leveraging grant funding.

CZU presenters: Chief John Ferreira and Fire Captain John Martinez.
Unit used a collaborative approach to garner wide acceptance. Board of Supervisors for both San Mateo and Santa Cruz approved.

CONCLUSION

Public Forum

Jim Little, would like to see the Board take a more active role in issues such as climate change and urban interface as these greatly influence fire behavior and strategies. Also asked the Board during SRA deliberations to consider the contribution local government and taxpayers make toward fire prevention and suppression in their districts.

Bill Keye, encouraged the Board to think about what the Executive Officer suggested in regard the Board’s input into the annual and legislative reports and their priorities.

New and Unfinished business

None

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,



George D. Gentry
Executive Officer

ATTEST:



Stan Dixon
Chairman

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