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Draft Minutes
BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

Sacramento, CA
March 5, 2014

BOARD OF FORESTRY MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair, J. Keith Gilles
Mark Andre
Bruce Saito
Rich Wade
Susan Britting
Mike Miles
Stuart Farber
Mary Rickert

BOARD OF FORESTRY MEMBERS ABSENT:

BOARD STAFF:

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

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF:

Ken Pimlott, Director
Janet Barentson, Chief Deputy Director
Janet Upton, Deputy Director of Communications
Duane Shintaku, Deputy Director, Resource Management

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

Chair Gillless called the meeting of the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to order.

Announcement of Actions Taken in Executive Session-

No actions were taken

Approval of Minutes

Deferred until next meeting

MONTHLY BOARD REPORTS

Report of the Chairman

The Chair acknowledged Board Counsel, who announced that after 8-9 years, the May meeting would be her last with the Board, and that she would be replaced by Steve Lerner. The Chair also acknowledged the re-appointment of Rich Wade to the Board.

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

- Fire activity: there have been 643 fires with 1344 acres burned as of January 1, 2014 compared to last year's 215 fires with 900 acres burned during the same time period. The average is approximately 200 fires with 600 acres burned. It is an increase of 200% over the past 4 years. Cal Fire has been working closely with administration on larger augmentation requests to provide additional resource.
- Staffing changes: Andy McMurry, Deputy Director, Fire Protection has retired as of January 31, 2014. Claire Frank was appointed to Deputy Director, Fire Protection. Chris Avina was appointed to Assistant Deputy Director, Fire Protection. Region Chief Doug Wenham announced his retirement effective May 1, 2014.
- Budget: Budget Change proposal Cal Fire has reassumed 91,000 acres in the areas of Lake Arrowhead, Big Bear and San Jacinto Mountains and the Tahoe Basin from DPA Federal lands. It will provide an opportunity to provide state programs for SRA. Cap and Trade BCP, Cal Fire will be receiving \$50 million this year and \$50 million next year, The department continues to work with stakeholders to refine the 7 key elements of the budget change proposal for implementation which includes a strong urban forestry component and a rural forest sector component for a variety of initiatives including pre commercial forest management, CFIP program activities, conservation easements, PTEIR's and other activities. They will keep the Board updated, as they work through the process.
- Fire Stepp is being implemented; there have been several hires in Resource Management under the program throughout the state. As new staff are placed and began to build program activities, the focus will be to allocate monies to the field units and contract counties for projects on the ground.
- The department is in the process of hiring defensible space inspectors. If weather conditions continue they will ask for support to keep the inspectors for a longer period.
- Senate Bill 1241, staff is working on the implementation of the bill. There will be a report on the intent and how the interaction with the department and the Board to ensure an effective process for land use planning review public safety element
- Wildfire Awareness Week, May 4-10, the kick off will be May 5, at McClellan
- SRA bills were sent out the week of March 3.

Report of the Regulations Coordinator- George Gentry

Road Rules and MTHP amendments will be done within the next few weeks

Report of Executive Officer.

Shasta Dam Fish Passage evaluation, He was asked by the Bureau of Reclamation if species should be reintroduced above Shasta Dam how it would ASP regulation affect that area.

03-14-01 **Member Miles moved to direct Executive Officer to draft comment letter to North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board on the proposed Water Temperature Policy. Member Andre seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

03-14-02 **Member Rickert moved to direct Executive Officer to draft a CPUC comment letter regarding CPUC's letter to utilities. Member Saito seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Forest Practice, Mark Andre, Chair

Discussed the Department of Forestry & Fire Protection's proposal to amend 14 CCR § 1052 to require Native American Notifications.

03-14-03 **Member Andre moved to put out for 45-Day Notice proposal to amend 14 CCR § 1052 to require Native American Notifications. Member Britting seconded the motion.**

Chair Gilles called for a Roll Call vote

Britting	Yes
Andre	Yes
Wade	Yes
Saito	Yes
Rickert	Yes
Farber	Yes
Miles	Yes
Gilles	Yes

The Motion passed unanimously.

Discussed Oak Woodlands Resoration and possible regulatory development.
Discussed proposal the treatment of slash following timber operations.

Resource Protection, Bruce Saito

Reviewed AB 744 Regulatory language

03-14-04 **Member Saito moved to put out for 45-Day Notice AB 744 Regulatory Language. Member Rickert seconded the motion.**

Chair Gilles called for a Roll Call Vote

Britting	Yes
Andre	Yes
Wade	Yes
Saito	Yes
Rickert	Yes
Farber	Yes
Miles	Yes
Gilles	Yes

The Motion passed unanimously.

There was an update on the PRC 4290 rules proposal
Reviewed the Guidance Document and Program Development for SB 1241
There was an update on the Vegetation Treatment Plan
There has been a Sudden Oak Death finding in Trinity County

Management, Stuart Farber

Reviewed the Soquel Demonstration State Forest Management Plan

03-14-05 **Member Farber moved to instruct staff and the Department to begin work on the initial studt for the Soquel Demonstration State Forest Management Plan. Member Rickert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Report of Board's Advisory Committees

- **California Oak Mortality Task Force (COMTF) Full reports can be found on the Board of Forestry website.**

February

In California, SOD survey results from 2013 that have been laboratory validated

are now being accepted for inclusion in the 2014 SODmap (www.sodmap.org). Both positive and negative plant, soil, and water findings will be accepted. Use the Instructions for Submission of Data to SODmap along with the SODmap Submission Form for 2014 for logging results prior to submission. All submissions for SODmap are due via email by March 15th to dschmidt@berkeley.edu.

March

Sudden Oak Death (SOD) has been confirmed in Trinity County according to the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA). The pathogen was first found there by UC Cooperative Extension, Humboldt and Del Norte County personnel less than 600 yards over the Humboldt County line into Trinity County on an 80-acre Bureau of Land Management parcel adjacent to the Six Rivers National Forest. The nearest known infestation is 0.4 miles west in Humboldt County.

In addition to the COMTF Report Katie Palmieri gave an GSOB update and a report on the Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer.

Public Comment

Gary Ryneanson, Green Diamond Resource Company, reported on the SOD outbreak on Green Diamond lands and how they are treating it.

Report of Board's Advisory Committees

Monitoring Study Group- George Gentry (Full report can be found on the BOF website)

The next MSG meeting will be March 20 in Ukiah. There will be two presentations, Mr. Randy Klein, Redwood National and State Parks (retired), titled "Logging and Turbidity in the Coastal Watersheds of Northern California—Updated Information", and a presentation by Mr. Jack Lewis, USFS PSW (retired), titled "Results from a Decade of Watershed Monitoring in Elk River and Freshwater Creek, Humboldt County, California." The meeting will be offered as a webinar

Range Management Advisory Committee- Kevin Conway

RMAC Meeting, March 18 and 19 (the Agenda can be found on the BOF website under Board Commitees). It will include discussions on:

- Cal Fire Vegetation Management Program update.
- Discussion of statewide grazing waiver.
- Discussion of rangeland conversion to solar projects. Department of Conservation plans to provide multiple benefits from land conversions to solar.
- Public land grazing leases update

Professional Foresters Examining Committee – Matt Dias

The following Registered Professional Foresters have failed to renew their licenses.

RPF 1885 – Thomas D. Kenyon

03-14-06 Chair Gilless moved to approve revocation of license 1885. Member Andre seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Office of Professional Foresters Registration notes the RECENT PASSING of the following Registers Professional Foresters:

RPF 826 – Ross Johnson
RPF 1978 – Richard Schell

Public Comment

Richard Gienger, gave a brief statement on the passing of Ross Johnson.

Currently there are 27 applicants sitting in for the April 11, 2014 RPF examination.

One Registered Professional Forester requested license WITHDRAWAL:

RPF 2925 – Katherine Goslee

03-14-07 Chair Gilless moved to approve withdrawal of license 2925. Member Saito seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The following Registered Professional Forester indicated a desire to VOLUNTARILY RELINQUISH their license to practice forestry due to retirement:

RPF 1831 – Greg Peterson
RPF 2349 – William Delaney

There are 1221 valid RPF's and 81 valid CRM's

Public Forum

Richard Gienger, announced the Salmonid Restoration Federation Conference, March 19-22, Santa Barbara. Redwood Forest Foundation will giving a series of restoration workshops on April 23, 2014. Presentations include: Mattole River Baker Creek Project with Tasha McKee (Sanctuary Forest), Sam Flanagan (Bureau of Land Management -- BLM), Campbell Thompson (Mattole Salmon Group -- MSG), and Allan Renger and Sean Gallagher of the California Department of Fish & Wildlife (CDF&W) presenting the results of their spawning population survey work (5 to 10 years?) in the Eel River watershed and the Mendocino Coast. The fourth Klamath Fire Ecology Symposium will be held April 15-17, 2014 in Orleans.

Eric Carlson, referenced an article by the Associated Press, "Poverty Drives Some to Mar Ancient Trees." Expressed concerns with issues timber operators have had receiving their LTO license renewals.

Mike Tadlock, CLFA announced their Annual California Licensed Foresters Association Conference March 7. Keynote speaker will include J. Keith Gilles. Commented the Class II L Rule package was a success.

New and Unfinished business

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:



George D. Gentry
Executive Officer

Keith Gilles
Chairman

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