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**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT**

*-Meeting Held August 5, 2008-*

**MEETING ATTENDANCE**

Committee Members Piirto, Walz, Giacomini; Wayne Connor, Kimberley Sone, Helge Eng, Mike Chuchel, Bruce Beck, Bill Snyder, Giny Chandler, Chris Browder (*CAL FIRE*); Rhianna Lee (CDFG); Arne Hultgren (Roseburg Resources); Richard Gienger (Humboldt Watershed Council); Tim Feller (Sierra Pacific); Bob Rynearson (Wm. Beaty & Associates); Bill Keye (CLFA).

**AGENDA ITEM 1: REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT'S INITIAL STUDY/CEQA CHECKLIST FOR THE DRAFT BOGGS MOUNTAIN DEMONSTRATION STATE FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE**

Kimberley Sone, Assistant State Forest Manager for Boggs Mountain led a review of the revised Initial Study/CEQA Checklist with specific attention to the changes requested by the Committee during the July meeting. Following discussion of the revisions, Member Giacomini moved to recommend that the Board accept the Initial Study and Checklist, and direct the Department to prepare a Mitigated Negative Declaration for Committee/Board review at the September Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Walz and passed unanimously.

**BOARD ACTION ITEM**

- 1. The Committee recommends that the Board approve the Initial Study/CEQA Checklist.**
- 2. The Committee recommends that the Board contract with the Department to produce a Mitigated Negative Declaration in support of the updated Boggs Mountain Demonstration State Forest Management Plan.**

**AGENDA ITEM 2: REVIEW OF MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM IN SUPPORT OF THE LA TOUR DEMONSTRATION STATE FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE**

Helge Eng, State Forest Program Manager reported that aside from a letter of support from the California Licensed Foresters Association (CLFA), no agency or public comment was received during the 30-day public comment period. Helge then reviewed the minor editorial revisions to the updated Management Plan and presented the proposed Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program—a required companion to a mitigated negative declaration. Following discussion and one minor editorial revision, Member Walz moved to recommend that the Board approve the project. Member Giacomini seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**BOARD ACTION ITEM**

- 1. The Committee recommends that the Board approve the Mitigated Negative Declaration, Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and the updated Management Plan, thereby Approving the Project.**
- 2. The Committee further recommends that the Board direct the Executive Officer to file a Notice of Determination with the State Clearinghouse and submit payment of the Department of Fish and Game filing fee.**

**AGENDA ITEM 3: DISCUSSION OF A MODIFIED TIMBER HARVESTING PLAN (MTHP) REGULATORY PROPOSAL FOR STREAMLINED PERMITTING OF LANDSCAPE FUEL HAZARD REDUCTION**

Staff presented a draft Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR) and accompanying draft regulatory language for consideration by the Committee. Following extensive discussion amongst the assembly, staff was directed to revise the draft ISOR and regulatory language consistent with the suggestions of the assembly. Staff will then present a revised ISOR with regulatory language for further review and discussion at the September Committee meeting. Staff was also directed to seek further input from state/regional water quality and Department of Fish and Game representatives.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: DISCUSSION OF THE SYP WORKSHOP AND NEXT STEPS IN THE REVIEW OF THE REGULATION**

Staff presented the Committee's notes from the SYP workshop as well as the suggestions for regulatory language provided by the California Forestry Association. Discussion then focused upon the identified issue of SYP renewal. Following extensive discussion, staff was directed to request legal review of the SYP statute and regulations by Board Counsel for the purpose of responding to a series of questions identified by the assembly. Board Counsel will be asked to provide this review for the benefit of the Committee at the September meeting. Staff was further directed to work with CAL FIRE personnel to identify possible solutions to administrative issues related to implementation of the regulation. Staff and CAL FIRE representatives will provide a report on identified possible solutions at the September meeting.

Giny Chandler, CAL FIRE Chief Counsel then provided a legal analysis of the recent Supreme Court decision in the litigation concerning the former Pacific Lumber Company SYP. Upon conclusion of considerable discussion, Counsel Chandler was asked to attend the September Committee meeting to allow for her further participation in the review of the SYP regulation.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No new or unfinished business.

**POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER COMMITTEE MEETING:**

- 1. Review of the Department's Draft Initial Study/CEQA Checklist, Mitigated Negative Declaration, and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Boggs Mountain Demonstration State Forest Management Plan Update. (Committee and Full Board)**
- 2. Discussion of a Modified Timber Harvest Plan (MTHP) Regulatory Proposal for Streamlined Permitting of Landscape Fuel Hazard Reduction.**
- 3. Presentation and review of Draft PTEIR Guidance Document.**
- 4. Continuing Review of the statute and regulations for Sustained Yield Plans (SYP).**