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Mr. Stan Dixon, Chair Emeritus  
California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection  
Sacramento, CA

Dear Chairman Dixon,

After almost 15 years of continuous service, today is your final day on the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (BOF). CLFA can't let this moment pass without thanking you on behalf of state licensed, registered professional foresters and all the people of California.

Yours has been a voice of moderation and consensus seeking, but also of individual conscience and striving to do the right thing. You have always been a good listener, and unusually responsive to voices that sometimes get drowned out. Yours has been an individual vote and not rigidly partisan or, for that matter, predictable.

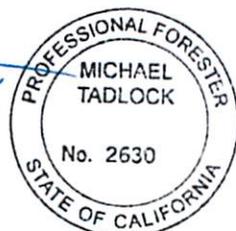
As BOF Chairman, you guided this body through years of highly contentious debates and pressure tactics from both within and outside of government. Probably the most notable of these conflicts was the protracted struggle over updating forest practice protection standards for listed fish species, which climaxed in the passage of the Anadromous Salmonid Protection rule package in 2009, your tenth year on the BOF.

Chairman Dixon, you have shown that integrity, dedication and backbone can make a difference. Now, entering 2014, our state's long-depressed forestry sector continues to struggle, but there are reasons for hope, even optimism. Your service during difficult times helped all of us – activists, loggers, regulators, landowners, foresters – weather the many storms. You have set an example of public service that current and future BOF Members can rightfully aspire to.

CLFA wishes you the very best in the future and hopes that you enjoy your new-found freedom, knowing that California forestry is in better shape now than when you began this journey.

Sincerely yours,

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